Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessment of the magnitude and determinants of abortion among Wolaita Sodo female university students, Wolaita zone, Ethiopia.

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Dear reviewer and team,

Our Sincere Greetings,

We would like to kindly thank the reviewers and the team or the kind reviews and the follow up.

We addressed all the issues raised and revised the manuscript as per the review provided and we believe the manuscript is ready for publication. The specific changes made are provided below.

Minor changes:
1. Page- 5: paragraph
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Page- 6, paragraph
Apart from the comment, paragraph 6 was erroneously introduced from the first draft and therefore, was taken out fully. [The association between alcohol and abortion was addressed in page 6 paragraph 1]

Page-5; 2nd last paragraph
Table 3 below depicts the complete list of conditions with their respective percentages.
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References: Reviewed, based on the journal style

Kindly Yours,

The Research team,