Author's response to reviews

Title: Determinants of Maternal Health Care Utilization in Holeta Town, Central Ethiopia

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Author's response to reviews: see over
**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Determinants of Maternal Health Care Utilization in Holeta Town, Central Ethiopia  
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**Reviewer:** Valerie R. Louis

**Reviewer's report:**  
The authors have included most changes requested by the reviewers. The English has been significantly improved and the document now reads smoothly. A few minor typos (see list below) should be corrected.  
The conclusion reads like an abstract (with detailed repetition of results). It could be shortened and strengthen by emphasizing the key points leading to the statements of the last paragraph.  
**Corrected as the reviewer suggested** It is now shortened and emphasizing only the key points

The paper can be accepted for publication (after small corrections)  
Minor comments/corrections/typos:
- ensure that the “p” of the p-value is consistently in miniscule
- spell out HI, DC and ANC the first time they are used (also in abstract) *corrected
- multi-stage *corrected to multi-stage
- respectful for them: respectful OF them (p 8) *corrected
- in table, define “RC” as footnote or in the legend *RC defined as a foot note

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**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

** Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**  
I declare that I have no competing interests

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**Reviewer:** Maurice Yé

**Reviewer's report:**  
Major compulsory revisions: no compulsory revisions needed, as author provided requested responses to my queries  
Minor Essential revisions: according to BMC reference style in the main document, it should be in bracket e.g [4, 5, 6] and not [4, 5 and 6], this should be corrected in the text *corrected as the reviewer suggested*  
Discretionary revisions: no comments

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Reviewer: Maurice YE

General remarks
The study addresses the determinants of Maternal Health Care Utilization in Holeta Town in Ethiopia with emphasis on factors underlying home delivery.
A substantial effort was made by the authors to improve the overall form and content of the paper in trying to provide responses to the previous issues that I highlighted before.
I’m satisfied with the correction made through the whole paper.

Major compulsory Revisions
Background: study objective was now clear to me and clearly stated in the background. The requested correction was made.

Methods section
-the study design was made clear now as a cross sectional one combining both qualitative and quantitative one. Corrective actions were made satisfactory.
- The sampling and sample size determination is now clear in my mind. Corrective responses were made in the paragraph 3 as recommended

Discussion section
The discussion section appears to be more concise now and more structured. I’m quite satisfied with that revision.

Minor revisions: all recommended informations to update were taken into account by the author.

Research questions: the research question is now clearly stated in the document
Paragraph 2 of methodology section about the study subjects is now clear in my mind as corrective informations were provided

Paragraph 1 of results section: Demographic profile was changed to socio demographic profile as I recommended

Paragraph 1 of results section: correction was made to misspelling of antenatal care

Results section
Paragraph 1 harmonization in the rate of antenatal users was made in both abstract section and results section in the main document.
Reference: missing reference N 18 was added
However, BMC reference style should be observed in the main document e.g. insert reference format as [4, 5, 6] and not [4, 5 and 6]

Limitations of the work: the limitations of the work were clearly mentioned in the required section. I’m fine with the elements added.

Policy implication and the added value was now addressed by the author to my convenience