Author's response to reviews

Title: Information needs and Seeking Behavior among health professionals working at governmental hospital and health centers in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia.

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Editors’ minor comments/questions were the followings:

1. In the abstract, include a statement that describes the purpose of the study.
2. On page 5, paragraph three, cite the related papers that were used to develop the questionnaire.
3. On page 6, paragraph three, check whether none participatory method is correct, and provide reference for the method.
4. Edit the language using experienced editors.

Answers for the given comments are as follows:

1. The purpose of the study was to assess information needs, seeking behaviors and factors associated with seeking behaviors of health care professionals in the study area. (See the abstract paragraph 1, line 4-6).

2. Questionnaire for quantitative data was developed by referring various related papers. The most important once were cited as (18-22); see methodology, page 5, paragraph 3, line 1-3.

3. Concerning qualitative data collection method, page 6, paragraph 3 is completely changed or edited from “None participatory observation method using observation checklists was used to collect qualitative data by principal investigators. The observation technique was mainly focused on observing the presence of HIRs, information searching activities of HPs and the overall setup/infrastructure of hospitals and health centers in the study area. The objective of having qualitative data was to support or fill gaps shown by quantitative method. None participatory observation method was done using observation checklist (annex 1) to collect data to support data collected using questionnaire. Observation was done for consecutive three days to see everything what it looks like. Observation was mainly focused on infrastructure of health facilities, information seeking activities of HPs, availability of HIRs and actual trends on information sharing practices among staffs.”

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“None participatory observation method was used to collect qualitative data using observation checklist (annex 1). The purpose of collecting qualitative data was to support the findings of quantitative method. The observation technique was mainly focused on observing the presence of HIRs, information seeking behaviour of HPs and the overall setups of the health facilities. Principal investigator did the observation for consecutive three days to observe matters related to the organization of health information system. The tool was by referring various papers that have similar objective to the current study [18-20, 22].” See page 6, paragraph 1.

4. Concerning language edition, the manuscript was sent to Dr. Thomas Syrei, he is an American citizen. He is an American and Ethiopian medical journal editor and manuscript preparation
coordinator in Gondar University. He tried to see each paragraph in detail and gave us several valuable comments or language corrections on each part of the manuscript. It is then, corrected based on those comments. He was also agree with our corrections that we made.

5. We, the three authors (Mr. Mulusew Andualem, Dr. Gashaw Kebede and Dr. Abera Kumie) have tried to edit the whole part of the manuscript it individually. Then, we came together with our individual comments and edit it again with hot discussion on the issue. Honestly, we did our best in all part of the manuscript and we hope it will be better compared to the previous work. You can check it by selecting sample paragraphs starting from abstract to end from former and the revised one. I hope, it will be our last work for us on this manuscript.

6. For evidence to our work, I have tried to attach one sample-edited manuscript with its all comments as it is to you.