Reviewer's report

Title: Association of Khat and alcohol use with HIV infection and age at first sexual initiation among youths visiting HIV testing and counseling centers in Gamo-Gofa Zone, South west Ethiopia

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Editorial Revisions: E.g. first paragraph under background: words such as deferent and reliving should be checked in relation to the intent (first sentence); Page 3, last paragraph under sample size…r…should be taken off. Under results section, paragraph 2, first sentence… (Grammar).

2. Reference writing: Requires correction in regards to maintaining consistency and in accordance to the Journal’s recommendation. For example references 2 and 3 are not written accordingly and not consistent with other references with Ethiopian names as authors. Use the same standard for all.

Discretionary revisions

3. It is good if the authors include the objective of the study in the abstract

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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' below