Reviewer's report

Title: Magnitude of sexual abuse among male high school students in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Minor Essential Revisions:
The paper is improved, but I have still some comments related to the authors’ response.

1) I asked about how many percent of male 18 year old youth attend senior secondary school. If there are many 18 year old who do not attend regular (day time) senior secondary school, this should be mentioned in the paper, this would be a limitation of the paper as we don’t know how the prevalence of sexual abuse for these males is. If most 18 year old males do attend regular (day time) senior secondary school, this would be a strength of the paper.

2) Please mention in the text that one school (private) did not agree to participate in the study and was replaced by another school using simple random sampling.

3) P.6-7 Questionnaire: I asked for the number of questions in the questionnaire, but cannot find it in the text. Is the exact wording of the example-questions given in the paper?

4) I understand that the authors want to understand whether variables such as family size or monthly HH income were related to the outcome variables, but why? Is there any evidence from previous research that these variables are related to the experience of sexual abuse? If yes, please mention this in the Introduction.

5) Please add in the text (p.10, paragraph 3) that hopelessness and decreased school performance were reported as consequences of the sexual abuse.

6) It is still not clear what “nearly two-third of all male sexual abuse were due to the involvement of pornography” (p.13, paragraph 2) means. Does it mean that people raped others because they had seen pornography?

7) Please replace the term “living outside parents”, for example by “not living with both parents”.

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