Reviewer's report

**Title:** Knowledge and performance of the Ethiopian health extension workers on antenatal and delivery care: a cross sectional study

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**Reviewer:** Henriette Svarre S Nielsen

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Thank you for the possibility of reviewing this manuscript. I have not considered whether the format conform with the journals criteria. This is a clearly written manuscript on a very important subject. The study is a cross sectional study on the knowledge and performance of HEW using mobile phones for data collection.

**Major**
1. Is the data normally distributed to allow using the mean? If not please change to median
2. The mean number of births assisted by HEWs was 5.82 births within six months. This sentence is not clear. Within six month a HEW assisted in 5.8 birth in average?
3. In discussion please add a sentence regarding 27% of eligible HEW not interviewed.

**Minor revisions:**
4. Page 2 line 3: Please change very little to few
5. Page 2 line 5: specially? Please describe instead HEW with a 1 year training in ...
6. Page 3 line 6 Is favorable the right word? Could relevant or appropriate be more correct?
7. Please use the abbreviation HEW consistently after definition
8. Table 1. Full stop is used after some of the sentences not all. Please be consistent.
9. Table 1." HEWs that assisted at least one" please add birth after this sentence

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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