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Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer # 1 (Rena Greifinger)

Major compulsory revisions

We have revised in our manuscript yours very helpful comments in this revised one starting from the introduction up to conclusion. Please kindly check the improvements we had made.

The details of each comments and questions were answered as much as possible in this revised manuscript. We are very happy to include any other comments you feel to be further revised. Thank you very much for your constructive comments and suggestions and taking your time in reviewing this manuscript.
Reviewer # 2 (Tizta Tilahun)

Major Compulsory Revisions

Abstract:
Method: How did you conduct multistage sampling technique; **we have clearly stated how we conduct a multi stage sampling technique in the methods part.**
Conclusion: The first sentences appears as in the result section rather than conclusion. **We have revised it.**
- The sentence “Therefore, an integrated effort needs to be initiated through school-based information, education, and behavioural…..” – the word integration….how it could be implemented? **We have refreeze it the word integration**

Methods
- Why you used P-value from Malaysia while there are studies conducted in Ethiopia and these studies showed us the prevalence the problem among youths? You also put the prevalence of premarital sex in the case of Ethiopia from EDHS in the discussion section? **Sorry for this we have used a p-value from Ethiopia, studies conducted from Awi zone of Amhara region**

Results
- This paper has an important message but my major comment for this section is lack of clarity in writing sentences. **We have tried to clarify it as much as possible**
- First of all I wonder why you put qualitative and quantitative results separately? Do you think the way you put qualitative and quantitative findings separately gives more comfort to the reader? I would rather suggest triangulation of both findings. **You are correct in this aspect, we have tried to triangulate in the discussion part. As you know it varies from reviewers to reviewers we keep it; if you feel uncomfortable in this revised manuscript we will triangulate it in the result part as well.**

The details of each major and minor comments and questions were answered as much as possible in this revised manuscript. We are very happy to include any other comments you feel to be further revised. Thank you very much for your constructive comments and suggestions and taking your time in reviewing this manuscript.
Reviewer # 3 (Legese Alemayehu A Mekuria)

1) Major Compulsory Revisions

- I didn't see any abstract attached. If the authors have not yet prepared any, please, let them know to prepare one. **We have attached the abstract part in the submission upload separately in the previous manuscript. Now we have uploaded it together with the other components of the manuscript**

- The manuscript truly suffers from poor quality of written English. I tried to make corrections here and there (as a track change), and I want the authors to correct it further. I will not be willing to see this manuscript again unless corrections are made accordingly. Please, give your attention to my comments on the draft manuscript as a 'track change' and 'comment.' **We have included your constructive comments to improve the quality of written English as much as possible in this revised manuscript. Thank you very much for your valid comments to improve its quality from introduction to end.**

- The Methodology section, particularly the sampling process and questionnaire validation, lacks clarity and important references are missing. Please, have a look at the attached manuscript for detailed comments. **We have revised the sampling technique and procedures as well; you can see the revised manuscript.**

- The way the 'Results' and 'Discussion' sections are written needs to follow scientific paper writing protocols. Please, have a look at my comments on the manuscript for detail. **We have tried to revised based on your comments in the draft manuscript**

- The 'Results' and 'Discussion' section lacks coherence. Statements and paragraphs should be written in a very coherent way so that prospective readers easily understand it and are not lost in the middle. **We tried to make it coherent as much as possible.**

The details of each major and minor comments and questions were answered as much as possible in this revised manuscript. We are very happy to include any other comments you feel to be further revised. Thank you very much for your constructive comments and suggestions and taking your time in reviewing this manuscript.