Reviewer's report

Title: Premarital Sexual Practices and its Predictors among in-School youths in Shendi Town, West Gojjam Zone, North Western Ethiopia

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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.
   - 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.'
   - 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.
   - 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.
   - 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.
   - I didn't critically see the statistical analysis. I promise to critically examine it once the corrected version is sent to me back again.

2) Minor Essential Revisions
   - There are spelling and grammar errors here and there. I tried to correct some of them as a track change. Please, correct them and others meticulously.
   - All references should be cited based on the Vancouver style, or other well known referencing citation styles which the RH journal recommends.
   - The number of references are relatively very small. Please, try to look for additional papers in a similar topic.

Once all the major and minor comments are corrected and the manuscript meticulously revised, I am willing to see it again to decide whether to accept or reject for publication.

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

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**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.