Reviewer's report

Title: Anemia and associated risk factors among school age children in Filtu town, Somali region, Southeast Ethiopia

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Major compulsory revisions:

The description of the methodology is very brief. Determination of sample size and systematic sampling techniques are described clearly.

How was the accuracy and consistency of the HaemoCue was made?

In taking height measurement what key reference points were taken to assure repeatability.

The discussion part is not well written. e.g. paragraph 2; No evidence is given to assume that socio-economic status as the reason for the difference.

Page 9 paragraph 2, last sentence: Vitamin A is not a cause for anemia.

What was done (treatment?) for patient with anemia? It is an ethical issue.

In the conclusion part: last sentence: There is no evidence from the study to suggest micro-nutrient for evaluation.

minor: Table 5: Family size: where will you put family size of 5 (it is neither <5 or >5)

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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