Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and severity of anemia among school children in Jimma Town, Southwest Ethiopia

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Major compulsory revisions

In the abstract, and on page 6 and in Table 1, the calculation of anaemia prevalence in each age group is inappropriate. The manuscript states: 'The prevalence of anemia among the age group of 6-11 years was 118(77.6%) while it was 34(22.4) among the group of 12-14 years old children'. This is because the column percentages have been calculated (which is inappropriate). Row percentages should be presented to show how many 6-11 years were anaemic as a proportion of all 6-11 year olds.

ie. the prevalence of anaemia in 6-11 year olds should be calculated as 118 out of 291 (total n of children 6-11 years old) which is 40.5%; the prevalence of anaemia in 12-14 year olds should be 34 out of 113 which is 30.1%.

These figures must be checked and corrected before publication.

Minor issues not for publication

The writing could be improved in places to improve the meaning and correctness of English grammar. It is recommended that the authors seek assistance with proof reading.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare no competing interests