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We would like to thank the reviewer for a careful and thorough reading of this manuscript and for the thoughtful comments and constructive suggestions, which help to improve the quality of this manuscript. We have revised the manuscript as advised and changes made are shown in track changes. Point-by-point response for the reviewer’s comment is given below. We hope the revision undertaken has improved the manuscript to a level of your satisfaction and we request your editorial hand.

Response to Editor Comments

Comment 1: A professional English copyedit is necessary before your work can be considered for publication. The Editor will assess the quality of these language improvements.

Response 1: We have made a correction as per the recommendation.

Comment 2: In addition, kindly emphasize the medical contribution of this study in just one hospital. Your findings must have an impact on at least at regional level in your country.

Response 2: Yes I agree with your concern, but Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital is not a single hospital, what I mean it is the largest referral hospital in the country. It has over 700 beds, and serves about 310,000 and 32,000 patients per year in its outpatient and inpatient departments, respectively. It is also an institution where specialized clinical services that are not available in other public or private institutions are rendered to the whole nation (Ethiopia). Therefore, the finding of this study setting can represent the sub-Saharan and/or East Africa regions. In between, I included some statements that described about Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital under the “Study design and setting” section of the manuscript.
Response to Reviewer 1 Comments (Cristina Balla, M.D. Ph.D)
Comment 3:- The manuscript has been significantly improved compared to the first submission but I still suggest an extent editing of the manuscript, in particular introduction and discussion, for language. Response 3:- As per the suggestion, we have made a correction.

Response to Reviewer 2 Comments (Joe Gallagher)
Comment 4:- Thank you to the authors for their extensive revisions which have made their data clearer. The paragraph on page 8 beginning at line 51 needs re-writing as it is not clear what it means. Response 4:- Accommodated