Reviewer’s report

Title: Helicobacter pylori infections in Ethiopia; prevalence and associated factors: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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The authors have done appropriate revisions to improve readability, methodology and inference.

While their efforts are appreciated, I would like to point out two points:

1. Search method for unpublished data, as shown in the response, had better to be added in the Methods.

2. Although the authors have address on it, I still disagree the statement that: "Even though not significant; male participants (OR = ...) and urban residents (OR = ...)

were more likely to be infected with H.pylori than their counter parts"; not only because the confidence interval (CI) contains RR = 1, but also the seemingly narrow CI

and lack of further clinical meaningful explanation. If these points were true, why don't state older age is borderline associated with more infection ?

(Figure 4b, RR = 0.85, 95% CI = 0.70 - 1.03, p = 0.09).

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