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Title: An outline of anemia among adolescent girls in Bangladesh: findings from a cross-sectional study

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Editor Comments:

1) The types of anaemia you mentioned: thalassemia and HbE are inherited and definitely NOT acquired. This should be corrected in the text. Line 88
   - The text has been revised: “Some genetic or inherited hemoglobin disorders caused by inherited mutations of the globin…..” (Introduction section, line 82, page 4)

2) Hemoglobin concentration units need to be corrected from g/L to g/dl.
   - The corrections has been made throughout the text
3) Hematology analysers weren't used in this study. Therefore, without RBC indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC) and blood film it is impossible to know the types of anaemia and the causes in the study population exactly. This point must be emphasized as a limitation.

- Yes, this is a limitation of our study. Now, incorporated and revised the text: “Also, the study was unable to confirm the types and causes of anemia without the data on RBC indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC) and blood plates, which can be measured using Hematology analyzers” (Discussion section, line 334-36, page 18-19)

4) There is no mention of common infections in tropical countries like malaria as a cause of anaemia.

- We have incorporated: “Infectious diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS can also contribute to anemia, particularly prevalent in Africa and sub-Saharan Africa” (Introduction section, line 79-80, page 4)