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Title: Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Students towards Blood Donation in Arsi University and Adama Science and Technology University: A comparative cross sectional study.

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First of all we would like thank you for your comments. We have improved the manuscript.

Reviewers’ comments: The manuscript is concise however contains several grammatical errors which require correction. There are major violations of English grammar throughout the document including flaws with sentence construction.

Response: Major grammatical, spelling and sentence construction revision was made throughout the document.

Reviewers’ comments: The discussion is limited with no reference to the practice. How do knowledge and attitude impact on practice? Discussion on associated factors is sparse. The results have not been compared and contrasted with the developed world.

Response: Discussion on practice and associated factors, on the impact of knowledge and comparison with the findings of studies from developed country were included in the manuscript (Discussion section, line 306-321, Page 13-14).

Reviewers’ comments: In addition the following elements are missing, please add and expand on the following: Include a discussion on the application of the study's results, include a section discussing limitations.

Response: Discussion on the application of the study results was included (Discussion section, line290-291, Page13), (Discussion section, line 304-305, Page13), (Discussion section, line308-309, Page14), (Discussion section, line313-316, Page14), (Discussion section, line319-321, Page14), (Discussion section, line328-333, Page14).

Reviewers’ comments: The conclusion ends too abruptly and could be greatly benefited by a discussion of studies that support this study's findings.
Response: On the discussion section we tried to indicate the finding of studies which support the result of the study. So, including those findings of other studies in the on conclusion section might be a repetition of what we have discussed in the discussion section.

Reviewers’ comments: Having noted the findings, the authors have not proposed possible solutions to the problems identified.

Response: Possible solution and recommendation was proposed in the (Discussion section, line 328-333, Page 14).