Author’s response to reviews

Title: Patterns of Bone Marrow Aspiration Confirmed Hematological Malignancies in Eritrean National Health Laboratory

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Dear Reviewers,

First and foremost we would like to thank you for your encouraging and teaching comments. We have read the comments and corrected them line by line. We look forward to hear from you to further strengthen our research article.

Reviewer 1:

1. The discussion of the male to female ratio has been moved to the end of the discussion section.

2. Comments on the limitations of the study have been considered and necessary changes have been made.

Reviewer 2:

Methods

1. To avoid confusion we have omitted Asmara and indicated that the laboratory is the only laboratory in the country that is capable of doing bone marrow analysis.
2. Grammatical changes have been made to make the message clearer.

Discussion
1. Discussion of the ratio of lymphomas have been removed.

2. A denominator has been inserted once in each paragraph to avoid going back and forth. We have avoided adding denominators in other areas to minimize redundancy.

3. The section of the discussion regarding blood count has been removed.

4. We have incorporated the limitation of the study in the discussion section.

Reviewer 3
1. All recommended changes have been done.

OTHERs
1. “WM: Waldenström macroglobulinemia” has been removed from the abbreviations section as it isn’t mentioned anywhere in the manuscript

2. “ENHL: Eritrean National Health Laboratory” has been added to the manuscript.

3. Adjustments in the reference section have been made according to the suggested changes to the manuscript.