Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of Early and Current Helicobacter pylori infection on the risk of anaemia in 6.5-year-old Ethiopian children

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Taye, et al. report the precise cohort study of the relationship between Helicobacter pylori infection and iron deficiency anemia in Ethiopian children. The authors conclude that H. pylori infection up to age 6.5 is associated with iron deficiency in Ethiopia. This study is valuable for understanding the etiology of iron deficiency anemia in low income countries and their conclusion seems to be convincing.

Minor comments:
1. The prevalence of H. pylori infection declined at age 6.5 years. How are those in young adults and middle and advanced age population in Ethiopia?
2. The description in the discussion, line 18, page 19 – line 4, page 20, is duplicated in the introduction. These sentences can be deleted.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.