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1. In Background section:-
   Line 12- should be a and not the
   Thank you for your valuable comment. It is corrected as comment given..
Systematic sampling technique should be explained
Thank you for your valuable concern. Households having under-five children in selected kebeles were taken from health extension workers. The first household was drawn by lottery method and every 5th interval was included in the study.

2. in Discussion section  line 22- Should be Encouraging…..was very important
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