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Title: Determinants of first and second trimester induced abortion in Ethiopia - results from a study taken place after a recent abortion law reform

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Dear BMC Pregnancy and Child Health Editorial board,

Please find enclosed the manuscript “Determinants of first and second trimester induced abortion in Ethiopia – results from a study taken place after a recent abortion law reform” which we would like to be considered for publication in BMC Public Health.

In this manuscript, we report the results of a study conducted in Jimma, Ethiopia. The study shows that young girls and young women comprise a vulnerable group of women who are both experiencing difficulties in accessing contraception and are at increased risk of abortion. The study further shows that after the introduction of a new progressive abortion law, it appears as the problem of unsafe abortion has diminished in the setting studied.

We believe that our findings could be of interest to the readers of BMC Public Health because they bring new insight about determinants of first and second trimester abortion and new insight to the debate of how liberalizing of abortion law can secure access to safe abortion and prevent unsafe abortion.

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The results of this paper have been presented as a poster at the First global conference on contraception, reproductive and sexual health this spring in Copenhagen.

The manuscript have not been published elsewhere

We hope that the editorial board will find interest in this study.

Kind regards,

Vibeke Rasch on behalf of the authors.

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