Reviewer's report

Title: Contraceptive adoption in the extended postpartum period is low in Northwest Ethiopia

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Minor Essential Revisions

I would like to thank the authors for taking the time to review and modify the paper and respond. Please see some minor edits below.

1. In abstract, consider changing the first line to state the following – “The extended postpartum period is a one year period after delivery which is critical for women to prevent unintended pregnancy and to reduce maternal and child mortality by ensuring safe birth intervals.”

2. Background

# Please add the word 'method' to the following sentence “However, in most cases, sexual activity in the postpartum is resumed before the first menstruation following delivery without the use of any contraceptive method”

3. Study population and sampling: Could the authors please explain the sample size calculation better. Is the sample size looking at the rates of contraceptive uptake in the population and what population size would be needed to establish that rate? Please explain what the sample size is based on?

4. Data collection – In the data collection section, the authors state that a structured questionnaire was first prepared in English and then translated into Amharic and then translated back in to English to ensure consistency. The process is not clear. Was the questionnaire administered in English or in Amharic. If it was administered in Amharic then was it translated back into English after the data had been collected? Please clarify this information and place it in the appropriate section in your Methods.

5. Data processing and analysis: Please put the SPSS version in parenthesis after the word SPSS.

6. Data processing and analysis: Thank you for adding to the statistical description but there is still a need to explain what methods were used for the categorical variables and what was used for the continuous variables? Could you also include how you included your variables for the logistic regression?

7. Results: For age please consider reporting in the following manner – “The mean age of the study participants was 28.3 ± 6.4.”

8. For Table 1 – Please change “Age in years” to the following – ‘Age (years)’
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare I have no competing interests.