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A list of modifications and a response to the reviewers

With this cover letter, we will submit the revised manuscript entitled “Determinants of Stillbirth among Women Deliveries at Amhara Region, Ethiopia (PRCH-D-16-00691R2)” for publication in BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. We would like to thank the Editor for the careful and constructive reviews. Based on the comments from the editor, we have made corrections of the manuscript, which are indicated below and detailed are found in the manuscript.

Editor Comments: 1. We have noted that you have stated “It is not applicable, because the data was collected by Ethiopian Statistical Authority, ESA.” Please clarify if this was a retrospective study conducted on the data which was previously collected and published by the Ethiopian Statistical Authority. If so, please state this in the Methods and clarify the Ethical approval and consent to participate section. Please also state whether the data is publicly available or if permission was granted by the ESA to use their data. If this was a prospective study, then Ethical approval is required. Authors consider the editor comment and state it in methods section under ethical statement sub-section from line 1-3 of page 5. In addition to this, the availability of the data is stated under data analysis in the second statement at page 5.2. Please remove any supplementary files that you do not want published, such as the cover letter, as they are no longer needed at this stage. Authors removed the cover letter from supplementary files.

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