Author’s response to reviews

Title: The role of male partner in utilization of maternal healthcare services in Ethiopia: a community-based couple study

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Dear Editor,

We have made minor changes to the manuscript and addressed all editorial comments. Here are the point-by-point response to the comments.

Editor’s comments/suggestions:

1. It has come to our attention that within your Discussion there is some text overlap with other publications
   
   Response: Thank you, the sections of text in question have been reformulated.

2. Please provide the heading "Declarations" for the corresponding section.
   
   Response: Thank you, the heading has been added accordingly.

3. Please relocate your figure list to after the references and ensure the figure legends are not present within the main body of the text.
Response: It is relocated accordingly, thank you.

4. Please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your "Ethics and Consent to Participate" section. If verbal, please state the reason and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Response: the information is now added to the section, thank you.

5. In the “Funding” section of your declarations, please clarify the role of the funding body in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript.

Response: their role is stated, thank you.

6. Thank you for providing your response to reviewers and track changes file. However, at this stage it is not required and so we kindly ask that you remove it from your manuscript.

Response: only clear versions of the manuscript, figures and tables are uploaded.

We look forward to the publication of our manuscript on your journal as soon as possible. Thank you.