Author’s response to reviews

Title: Determinants of early initiation of breastfeeding in Ethiopia: a population-based study using the 2016 demographic and health survey data

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Dear Dr Editor,

Please find attached our manuscript entitled “Determinants of early initiation of breastfeeding in Ethiopia: a population-based study using the 2016 demographic and health survey data” with editorial revisions, as requested. We are grateful to the reviewers for their constructive comments, which has resulted in improvements to our manuscript.

On behalf of the authors, I submit this revised manuscript and highlighted the changes to receive further consideration for publication in the BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Amit Arora
Reviewer reports:

Luiz Antonio Del Ciampo (Reviewer 1): I suggest that the authors review the following:
Include the full names in the text.

1. What is "DHS" in line 57, page 1?
The expansion of DHS has been amended (Introduction section, Line 126, Page 5)

2. What is "ICF" in line 17, page 8?
The expansion of ICF has been amended (Methods section, Line 183, Page 8)

3. What is "SNNP" in line 32, page 8?
The expansion of SNNP has been amended (Methods section, Line 190, Page 8)

4. Review and adapt all references in accordance with the Journal's Standards.
The reference section has been modified in accordance with the Journal guidelines (Reference section, Line 400-521, Page 17-21)

5. In table 1: include the word "years" after Mother's age and avoid repetition after the numbers. Same for table 2.
This has been changed as requested (Tables section).

Giuliane Jesus Lajos, Ph.D (Reviewer 2): The tables need to be redesigned by comparing the data from the group that breastfed early with data from the group that did not breastfeed early.
Table 1 has been modified appropriately to show comparison across groups with timely and delayed initiation of breastfeeding (Tables section).

Table 2 is a backward stepwise model with dichotomous outcome of (0=no timely initiation; 1=timely initiation) (Tables section).