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Dear reviewers,

Thank you for your constructive comments and suggestions. We found your comments very helpful for the improvement of our manuscript. We have addressed the comments raised and incorporated in to the document. Moreover, kindly find below the responses given to each of the comments raised.

Reviewer 1

Comment #1: For study area we need to know the total no. of population, total no. of deliveries per year and no of home delivery in addition to real no. of avoidable maternal death

Response: Dear reviewer, your comments are well taken and we have tried revise the manuscript accordingly. According to the 2017 population estimation, the total population of Axum town
was estimated to be 54,139.24 and 12712 of them were women of reproductive age group. There are 5 kebeles, 4 private clinics and 4 governmental health facilities (2 health centers, 1 hospital and 1 referral hospital) in the town. But, majority of the town’s population is served by the governmental health facilities. In average, about 5040 deliveries are conducted annually in the health services of this town. Home delivery is reported as zero.

Reviewer 2

Comment #1: There are some repeated sentences in the manuscripts and also in tables.
Response: Dear reviewers comment is well taken and revised.

Comment #2: If improvements to the English language within your manuscript have been requested, you should have your manuscript reviewed by someone who is fluent in English.
Response: Dear reviewer, comment is accepted and we tried to modify it.

With regards

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