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Title: Factors associated with diarrheal morbidity among under-five children in Jigjiga town, Somali Regional State, eastern Ethiopia: A cross-sectional study

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Responses for comments given by the Editor

Editor Comments:

1) The manuscript presents a topical issue in child health albeit, weakly designed. The strength of the study lies in the community-based nature but the use of a cross-sectional design rather than a case-control cohort longitudinal design puts a ceiling on the interpretation of the findings. Therefore, it may be better to substitute "factors associated with" for "predictors of" both in the title and the text. I also agree with the statistical methods deployed in the study and the compliance with the other concerns raised earlier on by the other reviewers concerning the other aspects of the manuscript. Please ensure that you make the changes of "predictors of" to "factors associated with".

Response: all of the phrases, “Predictors of”, were replaced with “factors associated with” throughout the document and highlighted in yellow.

2) Please add the study type in the title.

Response: the study design, cross-sectional, is now added to the title.