Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors associated with the early termination of exclusive breastfeeding among mother-infant dyads in Samara-Logia, Northeastern Ethiopia

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. Below is an outline of how we have addressed the reviewer’s comments. The amended sections have been highlighted in the revised manuscript.

Zemichael Gizaw (Reviewer 2)

Comment 1

Authors addressed most of my comments and the quality of the work is improved. However, the revised version has a lot of typo problems. For example in background section of the abstract:
- breastfeedtheir
- thebenefits
- themother
- samara-logiacity
- assessethe
- withearly
- terminationof

Such problems are common throughout the document. Please critically search such problems and correct them.

Response 1

Thank you for pointing this out. Comment accepted and revised accordingly.

Comment 2

Background

It would give complete information to the readers if you include factors affecting EBF in the background section.

Response 2

Dear Reviewer 2, the background section in the current form is sufficient for publication.

Comment 3

Method

Authors include too many independent variables which may cause model overfitting. Ove fitted model
can cause the regression coefficient, p-values and R-squared to be misleading.

Response 3
Dear reviewer 2, we have collected data on variables that will have possible impact on EBF duration. Then, only ten variables are included on the univariable and multivariable logistic regression models using study unit per variable as rule of thumb. In addition, model fitness was checked by the proportionality hazard assumption test using log (−log) versus log (time) graph and time-dependent Cox model.

Best Wishes,
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