Reviewer's report

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

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The article addresses a relevant theme and analyzes a context very favorable to the practice of exclusive breastfeeding. In this sense, knowing the determinants of exclusive breastfeeding can provide subsidies for the formulation of policies and programs to encourage breastfeeding in other places.

Introduction: It would be interesting to include the importance of breastfeeding in the first 1000 days and update the references on the benefits and impact of exclusive breastfeeding. It would also be important to clarify the characteristics of Samara-Lodge, since the authors cite the availability of information on breastfeeding for Ethiopia and suggest that it is important to study this region specifically. Commenting on the situation of exclusive breastfeeding in the country, the authors state that it falls short of WHO recommendations. However, it should be noted that despite this, the situation is more favorable than the average for the countries.

Methods: It should be mentioned the age group of the children included in the study; clarify if there was quality check of the interviews in a sub-sample; clarify whether information on the duration of exclusive breastfeeding was obtained by a single question or whether food and liquids were asked one by one. The option for statistical analysis is adequate to the objectives of the study.

Results: the results were presented in a clear and objective way.

Discussion: it should be clarified if the hospitals in which the children were born were Baby Friendly Hospitals, as the authors suggest the importance of investing in this Initiative. Even if they are not Baby Friendly Hospitals, it should be noted that the high rate of breastfeeding in the first hour is a key factor that could favor exclusive breastfeeding.

Strengths and Limitations: If information on the duration of exclusive breastfeeding has been obtained by a single question, note that this may favor recall bias.

Conclusions: they are based on the results of the study and contribute to the formulation of breastfeeding policies.
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