Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors affecting Tobacco Smoking in Ethiopia: Evidence from the Demographic and Health Surveys

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Dear Editor,

Thank-you for giving us the opportunity to revise and resubmit our paper titled “Factors Affecting Tobacco Smoking in Ethiopia: Evidence from the Demographic and Health Surveys”. We would also like to thank the reviewers for their constructive feedback that has helped us improve our manuscript. Please see below our point-by-point response to the reviewer’s comment. We request that the revised version of the manuscript be considered for publication in the BMC Public Health.

Sincerely,
Harminder Guliani on behalf of all co-authors

Response to Reviewers:

I appreciate the diligence of the authors in addressing the issues that I raised earlier and where they did not make a change, provided scientific rationale for not doing that. Still, I will suggest the following:

1. Typically, the conclusion section is a brief paragraph or two that illuminates the key findings and takeaway message of the study; however, the authors have written such a long conclusion that includes the implication(s) of the study. I will suggest that they should incorporate the
implication(s) into the discussion section so that the conclusion will be limited to what conclusion is meant to serve, i.e., highlight key findings and provide takeaway message.

RESPONSE: As suggested by the reviewer, we have moved the implications to the discussion section under the subheading “Implications for Tobacco control Policy” (Section 4.4, page 25-29 of the revised manuscript).

The revised conclusion is now only two paragraphs reflecting the study’s key findings and takeaway message. Please see section 5, page 29-30 of the revised manuscript.

2. The titles of the table should include the sample size, e.g., Table X: ..... (N=....)

RESPONSE: The titles of Table 1 and 2 now have a sample size. Please note that the sample size for Table 3 (Level 1 units) is already provided at the end of Table 3

3. Please include caption explaining the figures immediately below each figure.

RESPONSE: A caption describing the figure is now included below each figure.