Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence and associated factors of safe and improved infant and young children stool disposal in Ethiopia: evidence from demographic and health survey

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Author Response to Editor Comments

Dear Editor,

With all the respect, I thank you dear for the constructive comments you have made towards the improvement of this manuscript. I carefully considered and taken all of your comments when rewriting the manuscript again. I also believe it has significantly improved and I made the necessary corrections. I work hard to remove overlaps of the same ideas contained in previous publications. Regarding, consent to participate I approved that this study use verbal consent rather than written. Finally, as per your wise advice I did not “Text Highlight Color” for all affected revisions and corrections in the “Revised Manuscript”.

Editor Comments:

1. Overlap

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


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This overlap mainly exists in the background, methods and discussion sections.

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Response:

Thank you dear Editor for your wise advice, as per your recommendation I work hard to remove and minimise overlaps of the same ideas contained in previous publications as much as possible.

2. Consent to participate

In your “Ethical Approval and Consent to Participate” section of your Declarations please could you confirm if the Ethics committees which approved this study also approved of the use of verbal consent rather than written.

Response:

Thank you dear Editor for your wise advice,

I approved that this study use verbal consent rather than written. And to access the datasets a written consent of DHS was considered.

3. Please upload your revised manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Response:

Thank you it is accepted.