Reviewer’s report

Title: Barriers to and Competency with the Use of Metered Dose Inhaler and Its Impact on Disease Control among Adult Asthmatic Patients in Ethiopia

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Reviewer: Jane E. Scullion

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This is an interesting paper addressing common barriers to asthma control and use of MDI and relevant both to Ethiopia but also in raising issues that have an international concern and commonality.

there are a couple of issues i would like to raise:

On page 13 you state that patients with regular follow up had decreased control to the counterpart and this needs some discussion as it appears counterintuitive

I note that correct MDI use uses either the open mouth or inhaler in the mouth method. Although Ii realise that the open mouth method is advocated in some countries it would not be seen as good practice in most and may be worth commenting on. Additionally the use of just Salbutamol for asthma control is recognised as insufficient and again you may wish to add further discussion on this point.

It is a well referenced article and the literature supports your discussion well. There are some stylistic issues which need to be addressed prior to publication if your paper is accepted.

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