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Thank you for your critical supportive review of our manuscript for publication in BMC Dermatology.

We have responded to the reviews and revised the manuscript according to the reviewers’ constructive comments.

Response to Editor’s comments

1. Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style,
   - Thank you for this comment. The manuscript has been checked and conforms to the journal style.

Reviewer #1 Response

1- This is improved but its a pity that the authors have not included some of their comments to the referees in their analysis of the work. The study is useful but has limitations. For instance this is a retrospective paper exercise which lists the diagnoses of skin disease obtained from medical records made in patients presenting to a hospital. This is therefore not suitable for independent verification, which is a limitation, and it does not really provide full insight into the epidemiology of skin disease in the area, merely those patients who happen to have presented in hospital. The differences that the authors point out with the community surveys ie papers 12 and 13 reflect this difference and it might be worth trying to explain why infections are more commonly seen in the community but not in hospitals as this is a feature of similar studies in other parts of the world. Many of the articles cited here which show similar findings are also outpatient surveys which may explain the differences with the more limited number of community studies
   - We have added a sentence regarding this issue in lines 205-207.
   - Regarding limitations of the study it was also addressed on pages 8-9, lines 232-238.

2- Please correct the disease misspellings in Table 2
   - Corrections were made for misspelled diseases in Table 2
3- Please check spellings in the references

- Correction were made for reference numbers: 1,7,9,13,15,17,21,22 and 24 from pages 11-13

Reviewer #3Response

- Thank you for your critical review of our manuscript.

Additional editions

1. The word “done” were changed with “made” on page 2&5 lines 32, 137

2. The word “…..skin disease…..” was changed “….disease…..” page 2 line 41

3. The word “…..majority ..” was changed with “…..the largest group…” Page2 line 42

4. The word “ of the skin conditions ….” changed to “Of skin conditions” page2 line 43

5. The phrase “the epidemiology of … ” were deleted and changed with “….the snap shot of skin disorders presenting …..” Page 2 lines 50-51

6. The word “ …out of six hospital” changed to “…..out of six” page 4 line 122

7. The spelling correction were made on BSc, Masters, Tropical Dermatology page5 lines 132 &133

8. The word “…..were..” was changed with “…was …..” page 6 line 164

9. The word “This study…” changed with “ Our study….. page 8 line 208 and 226
10. The phrase “…similar with a study….“ was changed “…similar to study…..” page 8 line 213
11. The phrase “It showed that….” was deleted on page 8 line 213

12. Correction were taken for spacing between word ‘Wolaita sodo” on page 2 line 33, page 4, page 5 line 121, 123 and other

13. Correction were taken for misspelling of words on page 6 line 150, page 10 lines 277, 279