Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and severity of menopause symptoms among perimenopausal and postmenopausal women aged 30-49 years in Gulele sub-city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Item 12 - the statement is crucial for improving the quality health of women in perimenopausal and postmenopausal. It will be nice to elaborate on the implication regarding public health application. Just to explain how significant is that?

METHODS

It is important to describe the study design used and its rationale to justify its relevance to the objective of the study

However sampling and sample is well articulated

Include briefly the data collectors'background and knowledge on health issues. The word 'community health extension workers' might have a different meaning and scope in other countries. Explain the duration of the training and its outcome regarding their competence.

The ethical considerations need to be thoroughly explained and considering all the risk and cultural factors, handling of completed questionnaires etc.

REFERENCES

Adding of more recent publications, 2015-2016 will add value in the manuscript. A lot of old references have been used. Menopause and its health problems has been adequately researched in many developed, developing and underdeveloped countries. it would also increase the understanding of the phenomenon among women of different racial groups.

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