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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I believe the authors have done a great job with revising the manuscript and responding to the reviewers comments.

I have very few suggestions, just a couple of minor revisions:

1) Discussion: Page 15, line 60 - would suggest changing more broadly to "using hormone therapy (HT) or non-hormonal options (such as venlafaxine, paroxetine, etc)". Can reference the 2016 IMS guidelines (Baber et al. 2016 IMS Recommendations on women's midlife health and menopausal hormone therapy. Climacteric;19:2:109-150) instead of the ones currently referenced. These guidelines provide a good review on options. As well, though there may have been a study on folic acid (that you referenced), this is not commonly used for treatment of vasomotor symptoms. Suggest looking at the IMS reference.

2) Limitations: it should be added that the data on HT use (or other options for menopause symptoms) was not captured. Some women could have been on HT therefore may have affected the interpretation of the MRS (ie what if there symptoms were being managed with the HT)?

3) Conclusion: spelling mistake "perimenopause"

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