Author’s response to reviews

Title: Modern contraceptive methods knowledge and practice among blind and deaf women in Ethiopia. A cross-sectional survey

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Point-by-point response Letter

Dear Cecilia Pennica,

I have incorporated the comments of the reviewers and editor in this version of the manuscript and it conforms the journal style and requirements. Attached herewith please find the point-by-point responses and clarifications to those raised concerns and comments. I have submitted the revised manuscript online as requested.

Point by point responses to the comments raised by reviewer

Title: Development of guidelines to improve the reproductive health status of women with sensory disability in Ethiopia

1. Editorial issues
Comment - You should have your manuscript reviewed by someone who is fluent un English
Responses - I have used online editorial applications and programs and edited the manuscript accordingly. Grammar, spelling, tense and style type of errors are corrected throughout the manuscript. In addition, it was also included edited by a friend of mine who is English course senior lecturer at university.

2. Statistics
Comment - There are minor issues with the statistics in the study
Responses - The data analysis technique I used are clearly indicated on 6 under section data management and analysis. I have used frequencies, and percentages to describe the results of the study (Table 1 to 5- page 8, 11, 14, 18). I have also applied Chi-square test to assess the presence of associations and bivariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis to examine the net effects of a set of explanatory variables over the outcome variables. Thus, I believe that appropriate statistics have been used in this study.

3. Interpretation
Comment - There are minor issues
Responses - The discussion section of the manuscript shows the possible interpretation and implications of the study findings. What does the finding implies and the so what issues are included

4 Result section
Comment- Change the question "Did you remember the age of menarche?" to "Knows age of menarche"
Responses- The comment is well taken and corrected – page 11

Comment From which Table did you write the section "Prevalence of sexual and reproductive health related problems"? These findings must be reported in a Table.
Responses- We didn’t present this section in the form of table. It was written in the form of a separate sub-heading. Now, this section is included in table 3 Thus, the previous table 3 become table 4 and so on. The correction is on Page 13.

Comment- Page 12 Line 36 and 39: What is a "syndromes of sexually transmitted infections" "? Response - Clarification of what the symptoms of STIs were included– the correction on page 12.

Comment - Page 12 line 46-60 is not shown in any Table.
Response - The comment is accepted and it is incorporated in table 4 –as shown on page 13. We also modified the title of this table.
Comment- Table 4: Under the multi-column "Use of the contraceptive method", delete No and Total but add the percentage Yes.
Response- We deleted the No and Total column. Percentage of the Yes responses were added as per your suggestion in table 5- Correction is on page 18
Comment- Qualitative results are still presented in the discussion. Authors should present all results in the results section and refer to the results by paraphrasing or summarizing important ones in the discussion.
responses- The comment is well taken. All of the qualitative results are presented in the result section on page 18 and 19.
Comment -The Authors declined the suggestion to carry out multivariate comparison of deaf/blind just as they did in the descriptive.
response- The Multivariable logistic regression analyses included the comparison blind and deaf women in terms of using FP services. It was presented both in paragraph and table 5 on page 18.