Author’s response to reviews

Title: Determinants of Traditional Medicine Utilization for Children: A Parental Level Study in Tole District, Oromia, Ethiopia

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From: Reta Hailu Belda; reta.hailu@aau.edu.et
Subject: Response to the third comments from editor of BMC Complementary Medicine and Therapies - BCAM-D-19-018363

Dear Kate Gaines,

Editor, BMC Complementary Medicine and Therapies

Thank you for your time and constructive comments on the third revised manuscript (Fekensa Hailu, Amsale Cherie, Tigistu Gebreyohannis, Reta Hailu Belda) entitled ‘Determinants of Traditional Medicine Utilization for Children: A Parental Level Study in Tole District, Oromia, Ethiopia (BCAM-D-19-01836)”. The authors have fully accepted your comments and revised the manuscript as accordingly. We indicated the comments in italic and responded as follow.

Comments 1: Per the editor’s request, we ask you reduce some sections of your manuscript that are not necessary to your research objective. For example:

“Ethiopia, as one of the oldest nations in the world… to combat different ailments and human sufferings.”

Response: Thank you for the comment. We have reduced unnecessary texts, including the indicated paragraph, in Background and Discussions.
Comment 2. Please remove the following statement from the Discussion as we believe it is not evidence-based: “The reasons could be a strong religious belief in this community in connection with their daily activities and healthcare or the belief that diseases are the manifestation of God's punishment for humanity.” (pg. 17)
Response: The statement was removed.

Comment 3. Please clarify your Conclusions section, in particular, your third point.
Response: We revised the Conclusion section and clarified the third point. The third point is rewritten as “Third, the modern medical services should be expanded both in terms of affordability and accessibility hand-in-hand with promoting TM utilization.”

Comment 4. We recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copyedit the paper. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. Use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of acceptance for publication.
Response: We gave the manuscript to a colleague. Now we believe the English of the manuscript is tremendously improved and more concise.

Comment 5. Please note that the Consent for publication statement refers to consent obtained to include any individual person’s data in any form (including individual details, images or videos). Therefore, please state "Not applicable" in this section as no personal information is provided in your manuscript.
Response: Thank you! It is stated as “Not Applicable”.

Comment 6. Please ensure that all additional files are explicitly referred to in the main text. Any items which do not meet these requirements may be deleted by our production department.
Response: Thank you! The additional files were checked. They are referred in the main text.

Comment 7. When submitting your revised manuscript please ensure you do so as a single clean copy without any tracked changes, colored or highlighted text, as these are no longer required at this stage of the editorial process.
Response: Only a single cleaned copy is uploaded.

Sincerely,

Reta Hailu Belda

Best wishes,