Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical ethics dilemmas in a low-income setting - A national survey among physicians in Ethiopia

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Reviewer: Marcel Mertz

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I thank the authors for thoroughly addressing all reviewer comments and revising the manuscript! The manuscript was improved, and I have no further concerns. I also agree with the authors that the version of table 1 they provide is better than the possible alternative.

I just have some suggestions left regarding language etc.:

- p.6: "Dilemmas are here understood in a broad way, that is how clinicians often use it, extending from what philosophically would be described as an ethical dilemma." - May be "Dilemmas are here understood in a broad way, reflecting how clinicians often use the term, which is broader than what philosophically would be described as an ethical dilemma."

- p.6: "[...] due to various barriers, or they use it to describe other clinical situations which challenge their values." - May be better make two sentences; full stop after "barriers", then "They also sometimes use it to describe clinical situations which challenge their values."

- p. 6: "This understanding of dilemma is also presented in other studies (2)." - May be better "used" than "presented"?

- p. 10: "[...] how often the physicians reported to have experienced them, and are grouped in nine themes." - "experience", not "experienced"? (Or "how often the physicians reported to have experienced ..."?)

- p. 28: "We did not ask specifically [...]" - "Specifically", not "spesifically".

- p. 34: "The Ethiopian physicians report to deal with multiple ethical challenges in their clinical work." - May be "The Ethiopian physicians report that they have to deal with multiple ethical challenges in their clinical work."?
Figure 1: In the middle of the figure, a white text box is shown with the text "Diagramomrade"; I guess that is not intentional and should be corrected.

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