Reviewer’s report

Title: ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE OF NURSES ON INITIAL MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE POISONING IN DESSIE REFERRAL HOSPITAL AMHARA REGION, ETHIOPIA, 2018

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Reviewer: William Stephen Waring

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This is an interesting and informative article that addresses knowledge and skills regarding poisoning amongst nursing staff that provide patient care. The findings are novel and well described. There are a couple of points that the authors should consider:

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2. There are a number of basic spelling and grammatical errors that should be easily identified by using an appropriate software spelling check.

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