Reviewer’s report

Title: Mothers’ Health Care Seeking Behaviour and Associated Factors for Common Childhood Illnesses, Northwest Ethiopia: Community Based Cross-sectional Study

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The study reports on important findings in an area of the world where the problem is acute: how mothers and caregivers seek care for their young children when they are ill. Some suggestions are mentioned to improve the manuscript:

1- More focused/ valid rationale for the study is needed. The point the authors raised, that there are inadequate studies on the subject, is challenged by their citation in the Discussion of several similar studies in Ethiopia about the same/ related topics.

2- There is a need for a description of the study setting in addition to the details provided about the location.

3- More detailed description of the study tool (questionnaire) is also required.

4- Some variables are included in the regression analysis in table 3 but are not mentioned in the sample description in table 1. Is revise and address this.

5- The references' list needs extensive revision for consistency, to supply the missing parts and to conform to the journal guidelines.

6- Language editing is also needed.

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