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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I thank the authors for their improvement of the manuscript and for responding to my comments. Some issues remain:

1. About the variables that were included in the regression in table 3 but not mentioned in table 1. The authors responded that they considered table 1 was for only socio-demographic and economic characteristics. This is good. Pls provide description of these variables elsewhere/indicate which page/line include them.

2. I think the references do not follow the journal guidelines. I think the editorial staff will address this issues later.

3. Pls explain how these inclusion criteria were identified. Explaining about the setting may help cover this area. For example, if the investigators approached mothers in primary health care centers, records would include this information. If they used a household survey, it would be more difficult to check that these criteria applied.

4. Pls explain what the cluster included. Is it an entire household? all mothers registered in a clinic? Pls explain why 5 Kebeles were selected? why this particular number?

5. Pls explain or cite a reference why this cut point (P< 0.2 for inclusion into regression model) was selected

6. Table 2, 1st category in 3rd variable: Pls ensure that "birthing" is the correct spelling (birthing as in problems at time of delivery) and not breathing (which might be more readily associated with cough).

7. Table 2, 4th variable: "mother's owen": what does this mean?

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