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Title: A Harmful Traditional Practice Exposing Young Girls to Experience Virgin Pregnancy (Shilshalo): A Qualitative Study in Argoba Community, Amhara Regional State, Ethiopia

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Dear Authors,

The manuscript is interesting, and focused on the hidden but high burden of HTPs specifically "Shilshalo" in Argoba Community, Amhara Regional State, Ethiopia. Though, it is a well written manuscript, I have some observations and comments below,

1. What types of software you have used to analyzed the qualitative data in this study?

2. In result section," The only members of the community who openly opposed the practice", Is the school community, health professionals etc., accepted the practices?Most HTPs accepted by religion Example HTP. But 'Shilshalo' practice is not accepted. So that, what will be the real justification and what was the exact association of religion and HTPs!!!

3. Is polygamy accepted in Argoba Community? The Shilshalo' practice of one girl with more than one boys leads polygamy is highly practices. Again, most of Argoba community is Islamic religion followers. So that the region opposition and Shilshalo' practice has controversy.

4. Any clear differences between Shilshalo' practice with masturbation practice?

5. In conclusion section, add sentences to conclude how 'Shilshalo' is practiced, problems girls face due to the practice of 'Shilshalo' and reasons for practicing 'Shilshalo'.in Argoba
Community in line with your finding. Then after, paragraph to express your recommendation.

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