Author’s response to reviews

Title: Food taboo among pregnant Ethiopian women: magnitude, drivers, and association with anemia

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Dear Editor,

We thank you for the opportunity to improve the manuscript and we are very grateful for the reviewer's assistance on fixing the language errors. We have accepted all the comments and revised the manuscript as the reviewer proposed.

The changes are shown in yellow highlighted texts in the manuscript.

Thank you again for your consideration of publishing our manuscript.

Regards,

Ahmad Esmaillzadeh

Reviewer reports:

Comments from Associate Editor: I have had a thorough read of the revised manuscript and caught a few extra spelling/grammatical errors.

Introduction: P4 Line 18 "43% prevalence" can be enclosed in brackets (). Additionally in the next sentence the word 'of' is needed between the words "burden maternal"

P5 Last paragraph in the introduction - suggested change to sentence "...whether adhering to PRFT was associated with increased risk of anemia, and the extent of this relationship if present"
Also in the same paragraph please remove the word 'further' from the sentence "...called for further more studies"

- Response: Comment incorporated

Methods: P6 section 'Study participants selection and allocation' - first sentence - remove the letter 's' from the word participants

- Response: Comment incorporated

Discussion: First sentence - remove the word 'was' the statement "This study was aimed to..."

- Response: Comment incorporated

P14 Line 42 - include the word 'commonly' between the words "more avoided"

- Response: Comment incorporated

P15 Line 37 - add the letter 's' to the work "Ethiopian"

- Response: Comment incorporated

P16 Line 56 - remove the letters 'ly' from the end of the word "generally" (i.e. the beginning of the sentence should be 'In general,...')

- Response: Comment incorporated

P17 Line 15 - suggested rewording of sentence from: “Prospective studies, like cohort, would be more informative than case-control studies to reach into a better conclusion” to: "It would be beneficial to repeat these analyses using data from prospective studies to strengthen our conclusions"

- Response: Comment incorporated

- We thank the reviewer again for her/his support to fix these problems.