Reviewer’s report

Title: Comprehensive knowledge on cervical cancer, attitude towards its screening and associated factors among women aged 30-49 years in Finote Selam town, northwest Ethiopia

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General comments: The study assessed Comprehensive knowledge on cervical cancer, attitude towards its screening and associated factors among women aged 30-49 years in northwest Ethiopia. The topic of the study is important and relevant also for international audience and scientific community. The paper is well written and easy to follow. The sample, data and methods are clearly described an appropriate for the study purposes. The results are clearly presented. The discussion examines the main results of this study comparing them to the previous national and international study findings. The conclusions based on the results. However, I would suggest the following issues to be addressed before publication:

1. Title & abstract
   - Dear author, I suggest you to use study site "Finote Selam" on the title. Unless it seems that as if you conducted your study on overall northwest Ethiopia.
   - Dear author, in the result part of your abstract there are unnecessary capitals (Line 44 &45). For instance, Having college and above, Knowing someone with cervical cancer

2. Background
   - Please would you put your reference for line number 108-110
   - On the title of your paper you said "Comprehensive knowledge" but throughout your document you used the word "knowledge" alone. Do you think they are exactly similar? And think about consistence.

3. Methods
   - Line 125…use "comma" 5,530.
- Line 131-136: Too long statements and there is also unnecessary capitals. In addition, why you used 4% margin of error to calculate sample size? Is there any justification rather than increasing sample size?

- Line 137-140: You thought as you calculated sample size for factors. However, you didn't show us the full assumption you used and the calculated sample size. It is better to entertain the assumption and the calculated sample size here.

- Line 142: What you operationalize was knowledge about cervical cancer. So, why you used the word comprehensive knowledge on the title?

- The authors should describe how they measure the attitude of the respondents and even the content of the questions should be mentioned. You mentioned as if you used a five point likert scale (Line 151) but you didn't show us how you categorized into favorable and unfavorable?

- Line 147: You said as you review the literatures to develop the tool. Which literatures you reviewed? You have to indicate the references.

4. Results & Discussion

- Line 174: Rephrase correctly

- Table 1: Line 8. Farmer and daily worker. Omit comma

- Line 200-201 should be corrected as: Knowledge about Cervical cancer

- Line 2002: Is that an awareness or knowledge?

- Line 232, 248,250,252,255, 271, 293, 319. Don't contract words (didn't). Usually it is not advisable to contract words in scientific writing


- Line 280: Revise this sentence

- It is essential to report the limitation of the study

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