Reviewer’s report

Title: Depression among pregnant women and associated factors in Hawassa city, Southern Ethiopia: an institution-based cross-sectional study, 2017

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Reviewer’s report:
Thank you for proving me the opportunity to review the manuscript. Here are my comments

Introduction:
1. More attention should be given toward proofreading, for instance, it should be 'low- and middle-income countries' not 'low and middle income countries'. The first sentence needs correction 'Depression is a common ………' not 'depression is common'.
2. It told about known negative consequences of depression not about the known determinants, please mention.

Methods
1. Please mention how other variables like age, marital status, religion, education, occupational status or monthly income were obtained. How did you obtain those information? Self-administered questionnaire or interviewer-administered questionnaire? Paper or automated questionnaire?
2. Clarify the operational definitions of categorical variables like education level. For instance, how many numbers of years are required to complete primary education?
3. How the sample size was determined? There should be a posthoc power calculation if it was not determined.
4. In abstract, the authors mentioned that they used systematic sampling but in the main text it was not mentioned.
5. How the quality of the data was ensured?

Data processing and analyses
1. How did you select the variables to conduct into the multivariable model?
2. I don't see anything about multiple regression but you did it.

3. I am wondering why there was no missing data.

Results

1. Mention the unit of monthly income in Table 1.

2. Table 1, the total of the numbers of age groups is higher than 317 (108+171+49). Please recheck. Check other numbers and percentages. There are many discrepancies.

3. Mention the full forms of the abbreviations in the footnotes of Table 3.

4. Again, check the section of 'Factors associated with..', you need to do proofreading. Also mention some numbers in that section (like you did in the abstract).

Discussion

1. Without just mentioning the findings that were in agreement with past research explain the results. For instance, why the 'experience of stressful event related to …' were significant? Need that for all the factors.

2. Please elaborate the implications of the findings.

3. I don't see any strengths and limitations. Please mention that.

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