Reviewer’s report

Title: Birth Preparedness and Complication Readiness Practice and Influencing Factors among Women in Sodo town, Wolaita zone, Southern Ethiopia, 2018; community based cross-sectional study

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This article focused in 'birth preparedness and complication readiness (BPCR) practice and influencing factors among women in Sodo town, Wolaita zone, Southern Ethiopia, 2018'. It is a community based cross-sectional study. The findings reported by authors include a relatively higher practice of BPCR in the study area compared with the previous reports; and that age, educational status, counseled to prepare potential blood donor in case of emergency, counseled to identify skilled birth attendant ahead of childbirth, counseling given to partner/family members about BPCR during antenatal care visits are the significantly influencing factors with the practice of BPCR. Based on these findings, the authors suggested the improved training for health providers on how to better communicate BPCR related messages with antenatal care attendants and the needs to address additional barriers to the uptake of BPCR. Further, the authors call that healthcare workers at the grassroots should be encouraged to involve women's partners and/or family members with a special emphasis on older (>35 years) and uneducated women in order to improve the practice of BPCR.

These findings and suggestions are informative and practical to health institutions and health care providers on the improvement of BPCR practice, particularly in those countries and regions, like Southern Ethiopia.

The quality of written English is excellent. My recommendation for this manuscript is to accept it with a Minor Essential Revisions on Line-6 of Page-7 in the part of 'Source and Study population', i.e. consider the revision of word "trimaster" to "trimester".

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