Reviewer’s report

Title: Socio-cultural factors favoring home delivery in Afar Pastoral Community, Northeast Ethiopia: A Qualitative Study

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Thank you for the opportunity. This is an interesting manuscript entitled "Socio-cultural factors favoring home delivery in Afar Pastoral Community, Northeast Ethiopia: A Qualitative Study"

The paper has many grammatical and typographical errors that need attention of the authors. I have also observed confusion in using terminologies. Methods section design of the study is not mentioned, and in the result section some of the paragraphs require re-arrangement. I have also highlighted some of the areas requires amendment.

Abstract
Line 8: double full stop, delete one
Lines 15-22: design and sampling and how recruitment of the study participant are not described.

Background
Line 40: the "as" should be written as "at"
Line 49: double full stop

Methods
Study design and population: study design should be written and what recruiting method you have used too.
Line 18 and 27-30: what does it mean consulting health extension and local health workers? If you do consulting any bias?
Data collection: confusion in using phrases semi-structured open-ended Vs semi-structured and open-ended? What is the difference between semi-structured and open ended?
Why oral consent for key informants? Can you justify for that. In ethical approval sub-section you have already mentioned you took a written consent.
Have you taken consent specially from KI for audio recording?

Result
Line 42: You have already mentioned in the methods section that FGD participants were between 6-10, but how do get from 18 FGD 186 participants?
Lines 44-45: better to be written 24 participants as 24 key informants.
Page 8 Line21: double full stop
Page 8 line32: the quote is not closed. Replace the FGD women FGD woman
Page 8 line46: similar comments as above
Page 8 line 50-54: similar comments as above. Write KI instead of KIIs

Page 9 line 4: normal process Vs natural process, do they have difference in meaning? If yes why you use them interchangeably?
Page 19 line 27:
This quote does not tell us anything about labour as a normal process. This quote should not be under this theme. It does not substantiate the theme. I do not think normal and natural process are the same. You have used normal and natural interchangeably. Here this quote does not reflect any normality.
Page 9 lines 29 & 36: similar comments as above
Page 8 line 54: KIS?

Page 10 line 6-23: does this paragraph with its quote fit with the theme factors for preference: perceived delivery as normal process?
Page 10 lines 22-23: similar comments as above
Page 10 line 43: similar comments as above
Page 10 line 52: Similar comments as above
Page 11 line 43: Similar comments as above (Closing quotation is missed)
Page 11 line 52: a stitch (font)

Page 12 line 29: similar comments as above
Page 13 line 5: husbands, apostrophe " s" is not needed; at the end of the quote: no full stop
Page 13 line 29: KIs??? No full stop

Discussion
This section is well written.
Page 15 line 13: the word "this"???
Page 15 lines 21-23: I think it misses phrases.
Author contribution: Requires re-arrangement.
Ethical Approval: "Written consent": contradicts with description you gave in the main sectioned methods.

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