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Author’s response for reviewer’s comment

Dear reviewer, we thank you for reviewing and providing us with invaluable and crucial comments that helped us to enrich our manuscript. Really we are happy to your comments and we have got an important education from the comments. Based on your suggestions we tried to incorporate the comments to the manuscript and we also provided point by point response in the following table.

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<td>How were the 6-23 months old children who are still being breastfed classified in the 'Duration of breastfeeding’ variable? These children did not ceased from being breastfed; therefore, should not be considered as 'children who ceased from being breastfed before 24 months of age'.</td>
<td>Thank you, we accept your comment and we corrected the variable as “cessation of breastfeeding”. Even though WHO recommends at least two years of duration of breastfeeding, some women ceases breastfeeding their children before two years for different reasons. In Ethiopia, stopping breastfeeding before the baby has reached</td>
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two years is very common. Therefore we are interested whether stopping breast feeding before two years of age and practicing breastfeeding for at least two years and beyond can affect nutritional status.