Reviewer’s report

Title: Dietary diversity among school age children in Merawi town, Amhara Region, Ethiopia, 2018: A community based cross-sectional study.

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Reviewer: Herman Van Oyen

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The authors have replied correctly to the comments of the reviewers.

I have some additional minor comments.

1. The language should be improved. I only provide some examples
   $ first sentence in the discussion could be : In this study, the level of dietary diversity is relatively high. 33% of the children had a high dietary diversity and 59% and 8% had a good and low dietary diversity respectively.
   $ line 235: Dietary diversity is better during a summer season. please revise the whole text

2. with respect to the impact of religion, please revise the text as:
   Next, the fasting rules of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church may affect the dietary diversity negatively. The number of fasting days are huge, i.e. xxxxxxx

REMARK: this statement should be written with cautious as you did include religion of the mother in the logistic regression. Was there a reason for the non-inclusion

3. Rephrase the limitations. Start a new sentence
   A limitation of the study is related to the fact that the data were only collected during the spring season. This may have induced a recall bias related to the dietary intake information and its seasonal variations as well as related to the health care utilisation of the mother and the child.

4. Tables
   $ be consistent and start all variable names with a capital letter
   $ Table 2: change Do child engaged in work => Is the child engaged in work // the next question is unclear: was there only one option? So less than one hour or more than one 3 hours are not counted???
   $ Table 4:
   * title: change to : Factors associated with dietary diversity among urban school aged children in Merawi, North West Ethiopia, 2018. Results of a logistic regression (n=396).
   * COR and AOR: explain in a line under the table
   * for an OR, 2 digit after the point are sufficient, and when smaller than 1, present as 0.xx // the column with the p-value should be dropped as it does not have any additional information.

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