Author’s response to reviews

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Dear editors and reviewers,

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments on our manuscript entitled “Magnitude and causes of first line antiretroviral therapy regimen changes among HIV patients in Ethiopia: a systematic review and meta-analysis.” The suggestions offered by the reviewers have been immensely helpful for revising and improving our paper.

We have included the reviewer comments and responded to them point by point. We would like to express our great appreciation to you and the reviewers for their insightful and constructive comments on our manuscript. We hope the revised manuscript will better suit the BMC Pharmacology and Toxicology, and we thank you for your continued interest in our research.

Sincerely,

Zerihun Ataro
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Response: As suggested by the editor we have used plagiarism checker software, identified the sentences/phrases that overlap with other publications and we wrote the sentences and phrases in our own words throughout the manuscript.

2 - Please move the Abbreviations section to follow the conclusions, before the Declarations.

Response: as suggested by the reviewer we have moved the abbreviation section next to conclusion (page 18, line 383-385)

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     - Ethics approval and consent to participate
     - Consent for publication
     - Availability of data and materials
     - Competing interests
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Response: as suggested by the reviewer the declaration section has been written in their correct order in the revised manuscript (page 22and 23).

4 - Please ensure that there are specific Authors' Contributions for all of the authors.

Response: Specific Authors contributions for all authors have been included in the revised manuscript (page 23, line 573-576).

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