Reviewer’s report

Title: Intention, magnitude and factors associated with bottle feeding among mothers of 0-23 months old children in Holeta town, Central Ethiopia: A cross sectional study

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General comments:

This paper presented results from a community based cross-sectional study, addressing an important issue about appropriate feeding practices among children under two years old. Although evidence yielded from cross-sectional study may be weaker than other study designs, the effort presented by the authors should be recognized for working closely with the community.

Please refer to the following comments which I’d like to clarify with the authors, and make necessary amendments before moving on to the next process

- Page 2, Line 27: "More over feeding……in developing countries". This sentence has some language errors and requires modification

- Line 31: Nipple confusion is indeed a crucial hindrance to optimal feeding but this point was not sufficiently followed-up in later section of the paper. The sentence "Avoidance of artificial…breast feeding" could better elaborated in the context of the study area.

- Line 52: Didn't this study addressed three objectives? 1. Magnitude of bottle feeding 2. Factors associated with bottle feeding 3. Intention to practice bottle feeding? Please reconsider structure of this statement.

- Page 3, Line 6: The study was conducted from February to March 2016, but it is written as February to May 2016 in the abstract. Please double check and specify if Feb-Mar is just period for data collection.

- Line 27: How was the information on bottle feeding measured?

- The Discussion section in this paper can be improved further. Currently, the discussion section is mostly about comparing results with other studies, but readers would like to know
why such results were seen in the study area, and what their implications on future recommendation.

- The recommendation made in the conclusion are not based on the results from the study, but are merely general comments which could be made without conducting the study. Please reconsider and provide recommendation which are unique to the area.

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