Author’s response to reviews

Title: Dietary diversity and associated factors among children aged 6-23months in Sinan Woreda, Northwest Ethiopia, 2016: cross-sectional study

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To: BMC Nutrition Editorial

From: Habtamu Temesgen

Subject: A letter accompanying second Revision in Response to editor and Reviewers Comments

I am happy to resubmit the second revised version of “Dietary diversity and associated factors among children aged 6–23months in Sinan Woreda, Northwest Ethiopia: A Cross-Sectional Study” after your fruitful comment and suggestions for publication in BMC nutrition Journal again. Your comment and suggestions are highly significant for the quality of our manuscript and we accept those comments. In the following pages, we have addressed yours’ concerns in a point by point format by highlighting and bolding the response. Those points that addressed were indicated with track changed on the manuscript. Both corrected and the track changed manuscripts are attached on the resubmission to see the changes throughout the manuscript.

We look forward to receiving your decision and comments again.

With regards

Habtamu Temesgen

On the behalf of other authors.
Editor’s comments and response and justification of the authors

1. There are too many paragraphs in the introduction section that are only a couple sentences long. Please condense paragraphs and also focus on providing background for why the current study is needed.

   • Thank you very much we tried to correct the introduction grossly based your suggestions (on introduction part page 3-4).

2. In the methods section, you mention dependent and independent variables but you do not state what they were or how they were defined. Please add this information to this section. There needs to be a bit more detailed description about data collection.

   • We included the dependent and independent variables on the method sections page 5. we described the data collection procedures on methods section page 5 and 6.

3. In the tables, percent’s do not need to have a decimal place. Also, you don't need to report numbers for both "No" and "Yes" - you can just report the numbers for one of them since the reader knows that it adds up to 100%. This will also help cut down the tables.

   • We made correction on each tables and we put only the response of yes in the case of yes or no variables. (table 1 page 7, table 2 page 8 and table 3 page 9)

4. Please fix the titles of the tables - for table 1 "Socio-demographic and economic characteristics of mothers in Ethiopia, 2016 (n=736)" Remove the 736 from the table For table 2 - "Selected health-related characteristics of children ages 6-23 months...2016 (n=XXX)"

   • Thank for your great insight on the title and we corrected it in each title of the tables based on your suggestions (page table 1 and 2.)

   • On table 2 Growth monitoring practice follow up were included (page 8 last row)

5. In table 2, what is "penta", what is "BCG? You need to provide a foot note.

   For table 3 - again remove the "child/children aged 6-23 months" and add the total n
We made correction on page table 2 and page table 3 as follows:

- Penta means the group of vaccine that made from five different vaccine groups that is pentavalent vaccine.
- BCG-it is the acronyms of Bacillus Calmette–Guerin for prevention of tuberculosis.
- We remove child/children……..on table 3 and modified the heading according to your comments
- On table 3 we add variables ANC, place of delivery and PNC(table 3 page 9 raw 4,5 and 10 respectively)

6. In results section, only use 2 decimal places for the ORs.
   - We correct it on result and abstract parts of our manuscript. On abstract result part page 2 lines 3-9 and factors Result section page 11 lines 1-16 including factor tables.

7. Sentence structure and grammars
   - We tried to correct thought the manuscript.