Reviewer’s report

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

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Overall comments:
- There are some minor grammatical and sentence structure errors throughout the paper that need to be revised (e.g., passive sentences should be changed to active form, grammar, etc.)

Background:
- Important information and details captured

Methods:
- Please clarify how were respondents selected from the health information system

Ethical considerations:
- Please provide more information about the following statement: page 6; line 27-28. How was confidentiality maintained? A description of the process of voluntarism and anonymity would be helpful to maintain transparency/report of detailed methods.

Results:
- Why were there only 155 respondents for the question regarding media exposure status? Was this due to a study-related collection error, lack of responses, or something else?
- It would be helpful to know which responses were self-reported vs. which ones were collected. Were they all self-reported? If so, please be clear about it.
- It is not clear what is meant by some of the variables (e.g., table 4, what is meant by "availability of media sources"). I think tables should be able to stand-alone. Please provide some additional clarifying information about these variables.

Discussion:

- The structure of discussion should allow for improved flow of the information; it reads a little choppy at the moment

- It would be helpful if more details were provided about the comparative studies (instead of simply saying it was consistent)

Conclusion:

- Perhaps it would be useful to offer some ideas or theorize about how the suggested ideas could be turned into action items (e.g., how should the government strengthen maternal health service utilization?)

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Yes

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