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Title: Determinants of Malnutrition among Pregnant and Lactating Women under Humanitarian Setting in Ethiopia

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Response letter to comments from editor

Dear Editor-in-Chief and Reviewers;

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We have made substantial revision based on the comments that we receive from the reviewers in thought. The comments are well entertained and addressed in the revised manuscript entitled on “Determinants of Malnutrition among Pregnant and Lactating Women under Humanitarian Setting in Ethiopia”

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Response: it is a good feedback and we have addressed and sent out already the form in a separate email to the Editorial office dated on Friday, 9 Mar 2018 10:13:21 +0300)

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Response: it is a good comment and amended in both section.

Comment 3: Please change your heading ‘Introduction’ within the main Manuscript text to ‘Background’.

Response: it is a good comment and amended in manuscript.

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Response: It is a good comment and added in the revised manuscript.
Comment 5: We noticed that your Table 1 shows a category of mother/caretakers ages 15-20 years. Could you please clarify whether any of the mothers/caretakers were less than 16 years old? If so, we will require parental or legal guardian consent to participate for these mothers/caretakers.

Response: It is a good comment. Actually, we did not include mothers/caretakers who were less than 16 years.

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Response: We have amended the statement in that section as “The datasets used and/or analysed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request”.

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Response: It is a nice feedback and revised accordingly.

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Response: It is a nice feedback and revised accordingly.

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Response: Accepted

Kindest regards