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Subject: Responses given to the queries from BMC Nutrition Editorial Office on the original Article entitled” PREVALENCE OF GOITER AND ITS ASSOCIATED FACTORS AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CHOLE DISTRICT, ARSI ZONE, ETHIOPIA: NUTN-D-18-00032

Dear Editorial Office Team Members,

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We both authors would like to thank you all for your helpful and very positive comments and/or queries in relation to our article to be published.
It is also our pleasure to say that the given comments and queries are well taken and very helpful for the improvement of the document. Thus, we tried to address the given few comments and/or queries fully as shown below.

Table 1: Summary of the responses to the comments/queries

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General: 1

The co-author did not sign and submit the expected consent for authors’ name order. The co-author by name Mr Abera Bekele confirmed yesterday that he has already sent the consent form signed as per your kind request.

2 While assessing the manuscript some overlaps with systematic review done previously in Ethiopia were observed. Thus, try to revise by avoiding unnecessary overlaps mainly from line number 99-106. Thank you and sorry for the inconvenience created due to the overlap in some lines which were done unintentionally.

In addition, the required revisions were made from Line number 102-111 on page 4.

3 Tables larger than one A4 size paper need to be annexed at the end of the manuscript. Thank you. Table 3 and Table 4 were moved to the last portion of the manuscript, i.e., annexed on page 23 and 25, respectively. However, it is good to put them in their actual places during its final publication, i.e., on page 13-15 as required.

4 Availability of the required materials or data to be used as required by someone is editorial policy supported. To this effect, the questionnaire used for this study is kindly attached as a supportive material.

With all the Best and healthy wishes,

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