Reviewer’s report

Title: UPTAKE OF MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE DIET AMONG CHILDREN AGED 6-23 MONTHS IN ORTHODOX RELIGION DURING FASTING SEASON IN RURAL AREA, DEMBECHA, NORTH WEST ETHIOPIA

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As a general comment, I strongly recommend that the authors should work with professional manuscript editors or native English speaker to correct any grammatical mistakes that are seen throughout the manuscript. I will not give details of grammatical or formatting errors for the rest of the review.

Also, the authors should add line numbers before submitting.

Abstract

Split the first sentence into two, will be easier to read.

Lines 11-14

Reword that sentence. Cultural practices or belief are not the only barriers to successful child feeding practices.

Please specify in the methods section how was MAD defined? A sentence with just "as defined by the WHO" will be fine, but that detail should be mentioned in the abstract.

Lines 27-37

Separate this long sentence into several ones to make reading easy.

Lines 39-45

Repetition of the results. What are some of the implications of the results?

Background
The authors should find a logical way to organize the background section so that it will lead to the justification and the purpose of the study. Merely reporting what other studies have found is not really helpful on building upon the need for the study.

Are there any other studies that looked at fasting and child feeding practices in Ethiopia or in any part of the world? Why is that important? Why do we need to study this? What can be done with the results of this study? … Those are some examples of questions the background section should address.

Methods
Lines 14-19
This section is not needed.
The total number of children under five…this statement needs reference.

Participants
Sample size explanation should be included here.

Independent variables
Define ANC, PNC at first use.

Page 11
Lines 40-44
Explain more the multistage sampling technique.

Operational definition
These could be explained in the "dependent variable" section and the "independent variable" section.

Page 14
What does "focused antenatal care service" mean?
Page 15

How was education on dietary diversity and meal frequency asked?

What is considered "satisfactory media exposure"?

Page 16

Discussion

Lines 9-14

Repetition

Lines 21-24

This needs further explanation.

Check sentence in line 36-38

As a general comment on the discussion section, there should be more discussion of the results and their implications. Arguments in this section should be reinforced with more relevant references. For example, on page 18, line 31, reference 17 is not appropriate for the statement.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?  
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Yes

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