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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PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS

GENERAL COMMENTS

The manuscript has improved but there is a lot of work to be done in terms of grammar and construction of sentences.

REQUESTED REVISIONS

Abstract

1. Line 27: Rephrase sentence as "Undernutrition is the cause for poor physical and mental development and has more burden ………….”

2. Line 31: The word "was" should be "were" and "children" should be "child".

3. Line 35: You don't need to reproduce the definition of Minimum Acceptable Diet.

4. Line 39: clarify the type of data collected.

5. Line 58: modify sentence "This is due to …"

6. Line 60: "mother" should be "mothers".

Background

7. Line 74: Rephrase as "Minimum Acceptable Diet is defined by WHO as the proportion of children …".

8. Line 81: insert "first" before two.
9. Line 89: "at" should be "in".
10. Line 117: "cross sectional" should be "cross-sectional".
11. Line 182: delete "any".
12. Line 185: "conduct" should be "conducted".

Methods

13. Line 186: delete "associated".
14. Line 200: "was" should be "were".
15. Line 201: "was" should be "were".
16. Line 202: "was" should be "were".
17. Line 203: "registration in health posts" should be "health post registers".
18. Line 222: "anti-natal" should be "antenatal".
19. Line 239: "Flesh" should not be capitalised.
20. Line 205: "Mothers" should be "mothers", "were" should be "did".
21. Line 210: Define the terms in the formula.
22. Line 228: "anti-natal" should be "antenatal".
23. Line 227: insert "who" between "week listen".
24. Line 239: "Flesh" should not be capitalized.
25. Line 245-247: Precede "twice", "three times" and "four times" with "at least".
26. Line 250: "Hour" should be "hours".
28. Line 302: Rephrase the sentence starting "Seven health extension …."
29. Line 306: Describe the criteria used in selecting the variables entered into the logistic regression model in the MANUSCRIPT.
30. Line 338: "farmers" should be "farmers".
31. Line 385: delete "participated in".
32. Line 343: Growth should not be capitalized.
33. Line 344: Rephrase sentence "Greater than …"
34. Line 345: "breastfeed" should be "breastfed".
35. Line 335: "from" should be "of".
36. Line 355: delete "who"
37. Line 360: delete the sentence "Only 49 (9.8%) …"
38. Report the proportion of children that received minimum dietary diversity.
39. Line 361: delete "adequate".
41. Line 381: study should be studied.
42. Line 385: participated should be participating.
43. Line 386: "that was" should be replaced with "i.e.,".
44. Line 388: delete "any"
45. Line 390: impossible should be possible
46. Line 398: predictor should be predictors; delete "adequate"
47. Line 402: "increase" should be "increases"
48. Line 404: "mother" should be "mothers"
49. Line 406: "more likely received" should be "more likely to receive"
50. Line 408: Rephrase the sentence "Participation …."
51. Line 417: had should be have
52. Line 22: significant should be significantly
53. Line 425: "were lived" should be "were living"

54. Line 427: increase should be increased

55. Line 428: increase should be increases

56. Line 432: Modify the sentence "The difference …"

57. Lines 431 - 452 which are on the prevalence of practice of minimum acceptable diet should be brought before the discussion on the determinants of minimum acceptable diet.

58. Line 44: I see very little difference between 8.6% measured by your study and the 8.5% reported by another study.

Tables

Table 1

Mothers' age should have the units years.

Marital status: all percentages should be written to one decimal place.

Capitalize each categories of the characteristics e.g. employed should be Employed.

Age of children 18-3 (months) should be 18-23 (months)

Table 2

Define GMP.

Table 3

Characters should be Characteristics.

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