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Title: Factors Associated with Prelacteal Feeding Practices in Debre Berhan District, North Shoa, Central Ethiopia: A Cross Sectional Community Based Study

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General Comments

Background section:
Poor reference utilization and the background has limited information to show the existing evidence gap
From line 143-150_If the predictors of pre lacteal feeding in Ethiopia across all regions are known, what is your evidence contribution? what is the necessity of the study? poor utilization of references, I don't think all the cited references raise similar issue/?check
Generally you haven't mention enough justification to conduct the study.
Line 56: it doesn't give sound here. this is others researchers recommendation and you don't need to put at this place. If you think it is necessary move it to its appropriate place.

Method:
The method part is not well organized, no logical flow of information as well as activities. poor language usage
I am not sure you are using the appropriate reference in this part, check your procedure in detain.
You are talking about prelacteal feeding and exclude mothers who couldn't initiate breast milk, why?
Line 36-47_please re write this paragraph by keeping logical flow of activities from adaptation of tools to data collection.
Line 49-53_repetition of activities is common and experience of data collectors and their education status doesn't guarantee the quality of data. Better to write how you make sure to collect quality data.
Line 4-12_this is not data collection procedure or tool. you should put in the analysis part

Result
line 26-32_all information in table2 is mentioned here. both are the same. If so you should choose the word description or only the table.
But in result wring you should only describe the most important finding from the table. Line37-39,Not appropriate place. this should be in the method section. Line 46_not complete information, what does it mean?

Discussion
In your discussion
1. put your major findings in the first paragraph.
2. then any evidence that support or against your findings
3. Limitation and strength of your study and what was your strategy to minimize your limitation
4. Its implication

Line 16_you have already mentioned above. repetition of findings here and there is boring for your readers and it doesn't Contribute the the science. Line 28-31_please put your major findings in the first paragraph. you also note that you do not need to discus every findings. please discuss only the major ones.

Recommendation:
this recommendation is not emanated from your result.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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No

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