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We are very grateful for the lesson that you give to us through your comments and questions. We strongly believed that the entire comments raised by the reviewers will improve the quality of the manuscript. We have addressed all the issues raised by the reviewers in a point-by-point response and we supposed that the revised version of the manuscript is satisfactory and meet the journal publication requirements. We have updated the manuscript and resubmitted with the track changes to show clearly the change we have made. The Authors try to answer all questions and issues raised by the editorial team and reviewers. Please note that words and sentences
highlighted by red color are the questions and comments raised by the reviewers and the one highlighted by green is our response to each question.

Kind regards!

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Review Comments to the Author

Editor Comments:

1. Due to the sensitive nature of your study involving underage participants we kindly ask you to provide further clarification on the matter of consent.

Please provide a statement declaring whether or not the matter of participants providing their own informed consent without the signature of their parent or legal proxy was explicitly approved by your ethics committee. Please provide the ethics committee approval reference number.

Even though our study is somehow sensitive it is absolutely non-invasive. In addition to what we clarified from the previous comments, the main reason that we took consent from minors were about 40% of respondents were living away from their family (which were found later a significant variable) and they lead their life independently. However, for reassurance adolescents were told to discuss the issue with their parents/ guardians and those who were told not to participate were excluded from the study. As it was stated in the manuscript line 304, initially ethical clearance was obtained from the Institutional Review Committee of Debre Tabor University with ethics committee approval reference number DTU/RP/13/16. Then written official permission letters were obtained from the respective high school and zonal education administration offices.

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