Re: Submission of revised Manuscript  
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Title: Community stakeholders perspectives on intimate partner violence during pregnancy – a qualitative study from Ethiopia  
Journal: IJERPH

Dear Editors and reviewers,

On behalf of myself, and the co-authors, I would like to thank both editors and reviewers for their valuable comments, which we have addressed to the best of our ability in order to improve the quality of the paper. All the comments made by the reviewers have been addressed, and the requested changes were made to the manuscript based on the suggestions. We have edited the manuscript and the revisions (in responses to the comments of both reviewers) incorporated in the manuscript are highlighted in Red. We also gave detailed point-by-point responses to the comments and suggestions raised by each reviewer.

We hope we have addressed the comments adequately and look forward with anticipation to the publication of our revised manuscript in your journal, IJERPH

Sincerely yours,

The corresponding author
On behalf of the authors.
Re: Authors’ responses to the reviewer’s comments,
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Point-by-point responses to the comments and suggestions raised by reviewers:

Response to Reviewer 1

1. This is such an important study and draws out some of the key institutional barriers and causes of violence against women and their unborn child.
   Response: Thank you for your appreciation!

2. Formatting issues of the tables are a problem. For example, spaces needed between end of paragraph and start of table, plus central alignment of table content, makes it difficult to read the table content – left justification of main content is needed, headings can be centrally formatted (however, this may not be in line with the journals requirements).
   Response: we appreciate your valuable points and have addressed your concerns to the best of our ability.

3. I would also suggest the sample size and breakdown of the ‘n’ is also not clearly presented, perhaps merging contents in table 1 and 2 might help and have a column dedicated to ‘n’.
   Response: this is an interesting point, and we have addressed your comments. We have one column dedicated to ‘n’, we deleted table 1, and retain table 2 (now labeled as Table 1) which presents the Socio-demographic characteristics of the study participants.

4. Table 3, I feel should be in the results section not in methods, as the content relates to the uncovered themes from the analysis. In saying this, I am confused by the presentation of this data as the authors relate to Table S1, but this is not included for me to review in the paper.
   Response: thank you, based on your suggestion table 3 (now labeled as Table 2) is moved under the result section. Please see Table S1, attached as a supplementary material, which shows the steps we went through in the analysis.

5. The results discuss 4 key themes, but these are not tabled in Table 3, I am confused as to why this is the case. In terms of Table 3, I feel the data needs some re-organization and re-labeling. If I have understood the data correctly, (without S1, I am not sure I have) I would also advise changing the titles of the headings, “meaning units” I feel should be “themes” or “superordinate themes” and “condensed meaning units” are “subordinate themes” – I would argue that you do not need to include a column of “codes” and I am not too sure what the column “subcategories” relates to.
   Response: thank you for your suggestion, and reflections on the themes. The results are summarized under four themes. We show sample content analysis of theme 1, i.e, the responses of different institutions to IPV in pregnancy based on Connell’s
theory of gender and power. With regards to your comment that the data needs some re-organization and re-labeling, and having codes column, (on Table 2), because it is how it is done in the Atlas Ti software, while the heading “subcategories” is changed to sub-themes. Please also see Table S1 which was attached as a supplementary material which shows the procedures/steps of data analysis in Atlas Ti software.

6. Some minor grammatical/punctuation errors throughout e.g. page 4 no period at end of sentence; or in results section a colon should be used ahead of the quote and at end of sentence; and, quotations from participants are right to be in quotation marks but I don’t think the title of the participant should be – that should be outside of the quote.

   **Response:** thank you. Based on your input, the quotes from participants indicated with quotation marks.

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