

## Review Form 1.6

Journal Name:	<b>Advances in Research</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AIR_92588</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Key factors, drivers and gatekeepers of Female Genital Mutilation in Ethiopia: a meta synthesis of national and regional studies</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Review Article</b>

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>1. introduction</b> what do you mean 'at the national level?' is there a formal national, regional and local circumcision practiced in Ethiopia? What are the varying determinants of the age at cutting across the areas identified since the age of cutting vary?</p> <p><b>2. methodology</b> Since in addition to being a systematic review, this was also a scoping review, the authors need to show the number and types of available evidences in the FGM field. What is the number of literature from qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods approaches, even disciplinary and geographical spread of the studies reviewed in Ethiopia. The numbers of literature covered is needed to understand the basis for certain assertion generalizations.</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>2.methodology The author(s) were interested in key factors, drivers and gatekeepers. Are these the only key concepts emerging from available evidences of FGM in the literature reviewed? If no, what informed the author(s) limitation of focus to these three?</p> <p>3. results I think this section on driver of FGM should be categorized into  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Positive drivers of FGM</li> <li>(b) Negative drivers of FGM</li> </ul> Where one will explore the challenges and the other will focus on the mitigating drivers like education</p> <p>3.1.6 What then is the argument here? Should medicalization be encouraged to reduce the risk of infibulation and complications or should it continue to be illegal while the lives of girls keep being endangered. Note, whether legal or illegal, the practice is still going on. Which then is the lesser evil?</p>	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	What informed the decision to systematically review articles from 2012-2021?	

### PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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