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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF ETHIOPIAN WOMEN'S SEXUAL EXPERIENCES AND COPING STRATEGIES FOR SEXUAL PROBLEMS AFTER GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER TREATMENT.
AUTHORS	Hundie, Gashaw Yada; Sendo, Endalew; Habte, Teshome

VERSION 1 – REVIEW

REVIEWER	Zhu, Jiemin Xiamen University, School of Medicine
REVIEW RETURNED	26-Oct-2021

GENERAL COMMENTS	This manuscript explored women's sexual experiences and coping strategies for sexual problems after gynecological treatment. This paper is well written. Still there are some room to improve: 1. The title is too long. I would suggest the author to delete the location of data collection in the title. 2. The text in the results just repeat the content in Table one. Please do not repeat. I would suggest the author to keep the categories and themes in the table 1, while give the examples in the text. . 3. The limitations of this study haven't been discussed adequately, especially external validity of the findings.
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REVIEWER	Rufino, Andréa State University of Piauí—Teresina, Gynecology
REVIEW RETURNED	24-Nov-2021

GENERAL COMMENTS	I would like to congratulate the authors for choosing the study design. Knowing in depth the sexuality of women after gynecological cancer treatment is an important tool to improve care for them.
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

Reviewer: 1

Prof. Jiemin Zhu, Xiamen University

Comments to the Author:

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Authors' response: We are grateful for the time and effort you have put into improving our manuscript.

- Title: We revised the title as "a qualitative study of Ethiopian women's sexual experiences and coping strategies for sexual problems after gynecological cancer treatment."
- We removed the codes from Table 1 while categories and themes remained.
- The limitations of the study were discussed in depth [See 279 – 83], P14.

Reviewer: 2

Dr. Andréa Rufino, State University of Piauí—Teresina

Comments to the Author:

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Authors' response: Thank you for the comments and encouragements.

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