

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Stunting is associated with blood lead concentration among Bangladeshi children aged 2-3 years

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Dear Author(s), I enjoyed reading your manuscript. It seems that a focus on stunting and lead exposure is very necessary to identify when children are at greatest risk of lead-associated stunting during early childhood. The methods are appropriate, although it would better to clarify wich analysis' procedure is described on line 103 (because it seems to continue the methods of previous "portable leadcare II instruments").

In the results section: please, describe if the values of blood lead levels, obtained by fingerstick punture and analyzed with portable leadcare II instruments (whole blood), are comparable with those obtained by venipuncture analyzed with DRC-ICP-MS (plasmatic).

It would be helpful to show water levels of Lead (if possible).

Reference list is redundant, please consider to shorten, avoiding replication.

An additional descriptive table about the characteristics of children stunted and not stunted should be added, moving table 3 to the "additional material" section.

From line 34 to 343: every bibliographic citations closed in brackets are always preceded by the point that would close the sentence.

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