Reviewer's report

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The authors have satisfactorily responded to my additional queries. However, there is still one outstanding query:

My query: How was malnutrition defined? Is a MUAC < 125 mm (not cm) a criterion for defining malnutrition? (If so, provide reference)

Author response: We avoided to put references in the results section. We have added the requested reference that confirm that a MUAC<125 define moderate malnutrition in the methods section (page 7).

My response: Unsure which is the reference that has been added. Please confirm.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests