Reviewer's report

Title: Exploring variations in childhood stunting in Nigeria using league table, control chart and spatial analysis

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Minor Essential Revisions:
Abstract, methods: the reader still doesn't know the cut-off points the authors used to define stunting (5th percentile below the median?, -2zscores). Please include that.

Throughout the text several words appear in capital letters with no reason for that to happen. Please review the text.

The authors state on page 7 that “Nutritional status was measured by height-for-age z-scores (HAZ).” HAZ gives a measure of stunting (chronic malnutrition) but by itself it doesn't define nutritional status. Please change accordingly

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.