Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of daily versus weekly home fortification with multiple micronutrient powder on haemoglobin concentration of young children in a rural area, Lao People's Democratic Republic: a Randomized Trial

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Reviewer: N Arlappa

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The response/reply from the authors is satisfactory.

Minor Revision

1. My previous query- “The authors need to explain how it is possible that there is increase in height, since increment in height needs longer duration. Similarly, authors need to explain why the weight of the children decreased over a time.

The possible answer to the increment in height and decrease in weight could be the episodes of morbidity during the study period. The authors mentioned that 20 children had diarrhoea and 10 had Acute Respiratory tract Infection i.e.cough. These acute episodes of morbidity might have direct and immediate impact on weight than on height.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'