Reviewer's report

Title: Acceptability and impact on anthropometry of commercial available versus locally developed Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food in pre-school children in Vietnam.

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Reviewer: Max Oscar Bachmann

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The paper has been much improved in keeping with the reviewers comments.

However a key recommendations that I made in my review of the first submission have not been followed: That is, the increase in anthropometric measurements over time should be reported separately for Vietnamese RUTF and Plumpy Nut. The difference between the growth associated with each food, however small, should be reported, together with a precise P value for the comparison (P>0.05 is uninformative; it could be P=0.051 for all we know).

The abstract results should also report the key results for acceptability indicators for each food, with the precise P value for the comparisons between foods.

Also in the abstract, the values in brackets (e.g. (± 0.27)) are ambiguous. If these are standard deviations then "±" should be replace by standard deviation or SD.

In the sample size calculation, the significance level and power should be stated.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests.