Reviewer’s report

Title: Consuming cassava as a staple food places children 2-5 years old at risk for inadequate protein intake, an observational study in Kenya and Nigeria

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The title should be re-examined because children above 2 years old although they are not breastfeeding but their meals are diversified and cassava still the staple in the region. I could accept the title if the subjects of the study were children under 2 years old. Is cassava consumed as such or with condiments as side-dishes? The conclusion should come on specific interventions like e.g. improve condiments quantity or promote large consumption of protein adequate foods as side-dishes of cassava.

Regarding the method, I would propose a longitudinal study instead of transversal study. Because we have to take in account the availability of food during a certain period and other environment factors during the year.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 no competing interests