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According to the last review submitted to M. Campos and B. Wittenmeyer from Hengjin Dong, the authors have made the following modifications to the manuscript:

Ms. Dong recommended we cite specific relevant studies besides that from UNICEF to show the situation of undernutrition in China. We have added one more study from the literature on micronutrient deficiency status in China:


Because the UNICEF data represents the general rural populations, we have modified the manuscript to rural areas of China (not only to poor western provinces as stated previously). We have changed the statement from "China's poor western provinces" to "China's poorer provinces" (pg. 11)

Ms. Dong also recommended that we provide data on where China has failed in implementing supplementation, fortification and dietary diversification as to where biofortification should be implemented. We would like to it clarify that the biofortification strategy is not an intervention to be solely relied upon but one that should be integrated with other interventions to be most effective for population health. This article is not condemning the use of other interventions but encourages combination of strategies for rural population health. We have added a section on page 10 clarifying the value of the biofortification strategy in complementing other nutritional interventions.

In regards to format, we are continuing with the current format.

We, the authors, have made recommended revisions of this manuscript and are sending for resubmission.

Thank you,

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