Reviewer’s report

Title: Household food access and child malnutrition: Results from the eight-country MAL-ED Study

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Reviewer: Sera Young

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Thank you for the revisions. The paper now reads as a very nice contribution to the role of food insecurity in child growth. I would encourage the authors to address the following issues, but I do not need to review the MS again.

1. Please help your readers by including full country names. Your standardized abbreviations may work well for internal communications, but they don’t for the average reader. And there is certainly room for them on the axes.

2. In the methods, please justify why you chose 100 HHs per country and what analytic abilities you have with n=800. You removed sample size calc discussion, but it is actually still important to know if you are powered to detect differences in WHZ, etc.

3. Figure 4 needs a footnote explaining what title of Y axis means, exactly.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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.