Reviewer’s report

Title: Undernutrition and associated factors among Urban children aged 24-59 months in Aykel town, Northwest Ethiopia: A community based cross sectional study

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This is a report of the rates of malnutrition states in a specific area of Ethiopia. There are no specific controls, although there are reports from other areas in Ethiopia and around the world that lend themselves as comparisons. These are in effect controls for this kind of report. The greatest issue with this manuscript is the grammar. Some of the text is difficult to read and occasionally does not make sense without some assumptions by the reader. It needs a very good English editorial overhaul. There are also two places in the manuscript where it appears a literature citation is needed and was not supplied. One is the third paragraph of the Background about the data from the Ethiopian EDHS report (third sentence). The other is in the Data collection section sixth sentence where the authors state they used the steps stipulated by the WHO standards.

From a content standpoint, I believe the data and it is consistent with similar data from other studies in comparable locales. What is unique here is the focus on the 24-59 month old age group. The authors bring up that this is a different age group than is usually studied. The question is; why did they select this age group? The answer could be as simple as because no one has focused on it before; although I could come up with a few other reasons based on the developmental tasks and dietary habit changes occurring in this age group. The authors should justify why the focus on this age group is important and deserves the effort to study them and then report the results.

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