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Dear Editor in Chief

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We appreciate the comments forwarded by reviewers.

Reviewer: Rehana Salam

Comment #1: Abstract: "Current breastfeeding (reduced odds) and diarrheal disease (increased odds) were found to be independent predictors for wasting and underweight." please correct the sentence.

Response #1: comment accepted and treated accordingly

Comment #2: Introduction: Please mention the year of the DHS "According to the current Ethiopian Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), in Somali region the prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight ........ "

Response # 2: comment accepted and treated accordingly

Comment # 3: Methods: Please provide operational definitions of recommended meal frequency and dietary diversity score

Response # 3: We have included the operational definition of recommended meal frequency and dietary diversity score under measurement in the method section.

Comment # 4: Discussion: Please correct the sentence "This could due to the difference in agro-ecology...."

Response # 4: We have revised this sentence in this section.

Reviewer: Giorgio Bedogni

The Authors have satisfactorily replied to my observations.