Reviewer's report

Title: Determinants of nutritional status among infants and young children in Somali Region, Ethiopia: a cross-sectional study.

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Major Revisions:

1. The title of the study suggests that the study aims to evaluate the determinants of nutrition status, while the objective states “Therefore the objective of this study in Filtu town in the Somali region of Ethiopia was to assess the association between feeding practices of infants and young children and their nutritional status.” Please modify the title or objective to reflect what was actually done.

2. Please specify the assumptions for sample size calculation?

3. The discussion sections appears to be hastily written. It needs flow and coherence

Minor Revisions:

1. In the second paragraph of introduction, it would be helpful to relate undernutrition to infectious morbidity and mortality as well.

2. Please provide reference for “According to the current Ethiopian Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), in Somali region the prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight were 33%, 22.2% and 33.5% respectively.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests