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Both papers (published in BMC Nutrition and currently submitted) are part of a research concerning maternal undernutrition in a region of Madagascar. The paper published in BMC Nutrition concerns a study that aims to identify socioeconomic determinants of maternal undernutrition and it is a cross-sectional study.

The article currently submitted concerns a study that aims to determine the effect of seasonal variation on women’s food consumption and nutritional status. In Madagascar, mainly in rural areas, the availability and accessibility of food varies according to the season but strategies to fight against undernutrition don’t take account this factor “season”. To measure the effect of the “season”, we conducted a cohort study.

It is difficult to combine the publication of these two studies in one paper because they have different objectives and different methodologies and the volume of the manuscript will surely exceed the acceptable limit for a submission (according to the guideline).