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ASSOCIATION OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT WITH UNDERNUTRITION IN PRESCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN IN MALAWI – NUTJ-D-19-00095R3.

Dear editor,

Once again, I appreciate the positive comments. I have included the revised manuscript and an outline summarizing the responses to the comments.

All changes in the manuscript have been highlighted in yellow and in the response letter the answers have been assigned page and line numbers.

Thank you again for considering this manuscript.

Sincerely,

Peter Austin Morton Ntenda, Ph.D.
Associate editor:

Comment 1: Line 147-148 – thank you for including this sentence but please reword to “In addition this study only included children whose caregivers had also been interviewed”.

Answer: Thank you for the correction. The sentence has been revised accordingly, “In addition, this study only included children whose caregivers had also been interviewed”. Page 7, Line 146–147.

Comment 2: As per comment number 14 in my previous review – please remove the word ‘very’ from line 300. This had not been done.

Answer: My apologies for skipping that, the word ‘very’ has been removed accordingly. “The current study has revealed a strong positive association between LBW and undernutrition among preschool-aged children in Malawi.” Page 14, Line 300

Comment 3: As per comment number 16 in my previous review – please replace the words “might probably be mediated...” with “may be mediated” (line 322). This had not been done

Answer: My apologies for skipping that, as suggested, the word “might probably be mediated...” has been removed and have been replaced accordingly. “Undernutrition may be mediated by increased morbidity (infection) in LBW children [42, 44]”. Page 15, Line 322.