Reviewer’s report

Title: Cost-Effectiveness of the Treatment of Uncomplicated Severe Acute Malnutrition by Community Health Workers Compared to Treatment Provided at an Outpatient Facility in rural Mali

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Reviewer: Jean Moore

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This is an important study and the methods appear to be carefully thought through.

There are a couple of issues that I think should be addressed. First, it is not clear whether the samples in the control and intervention groups were comparable in terms of health issues. Was there any effort to risk adjust the two groups? If yes, perhaps it could be more clearly described. If not, it should be cited as a limitation which could clearly bias results. I would also like to see a discussion about those children in the two samples who died and whether or not being in the intervention or control group had any impact on the outcomes. Are there children in the intervention group who might have survived if they had been in the control group? A better understanding of this would be very useful. Also, there is no clear explanation of 'defaulted' and 'non-responder' and definitions of each would be very useful.

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