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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The article addresses a theme very important for the health field: the severe acute malnutrition (SAM). This health problem is still one of the main causes of infant mortality in the world. The community-based approach represents an option for expanding the access of population to SAM treatment, mainly in the remote and rural areas, and to prevent the infant mortality. So, this article provides important evidences for health planning and decision making.

The quality of manuscript is very good. The background is appropriate. The authors present the principal information for the understanding of theme and shows a statistical data and the study relevance.

The method was well written and shows information for duplicate the study and understanding the research techniques applied. However, despite the authors said that the ethics approval and consent to participate are not applicable in this study, is important to justify, because the study was developed with participation of people in interviews and focus groups, and with children. About children, the authors mentioned the parental consent; so, how the consent was done?

I recommend clarify the acronyms in Table 2: NGO; HR - because not were mentioned before in the text.

The results are clear; the discussion is very good, considering the low number of similar studies for compare the results.

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