Reviewer’s report

Title: A CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF GUIDELINES USED FOR MANAGEMENT OF SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION IN SOUTH AFRICA’S REFERRAL SYSTEM

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Reviewer: Jane Kellett

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I recommend that this paper be accepted for publication. The topic is of great importance regarding the care of children with severe acute malnutrition.

I have a few minor edits which may increase the readability of the paper:

(1) Page 4 - please reconsider re-wording the sentence, "Waterlow associated detailed and minimal errors in malnutrition treatment to the use of standardized protocols or guidelines". I found this sentence difficult to understand.

(2) Page 5 - please consider inserting the following, "SA-based studies that *have previously* explored SAM treatment...".

(3) Please ensure that you spell dietitian correctly throughout, ie dietitian not dietician.

(4) Page 12 - Should "paediatrics" in the sentence, "Singled out were various paediatrics.." be paediatricians?

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