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1. Indicate other local calendar system used in the study aside from Chembelala.

2. Include how the bivariate logistic regression analysis, and the adjusted and crude odds ratio were used in the Data Analysis section, if possible also in the Abstract section.

3. Move the Operational Definition section before the Background section.

4. Consider replacing the term 'mentally retarded children' with 'children with disabilities' instead of 'children with body deformity'.

5. It was mentioned that the relevance of gathering the data on the 'birth order of the last child' is that as the number of the children is increasing, the family pays less attention for their children's feeding, hence, contribute to the nutritional status of the child. Why not consider indicating the 'number of children in the household' instead of 'birth order of the last child' which can be confusing to the readers.

6. Include only the children aged 24-59 months old in the bivariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis to test the association of 'Duration of Breast feeding' and child undernutrition.

But if you want to see the odds of undernutrition in children aged 6-59 months old in households following the WHO recommendation that children should be breastfed for at least 24 months, be more upfront with the variables to use. Example, classify the children/household if they 'Followed the WHO recommendation' (Yes/No) then associate it with child undernutrition.
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