Reviewer’s report

Title: Weight-for-height and mid-upper-arm circumference should be used independently to diagnose acute malnutrition: policy implications

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Grellety & Golden should be congratulated on an outstanding piece of work. The authors raise important issues relating to the assessment of global acute malnutrition and severe acute malnutrition, using either weight for height or mid upper arm circumference as indicators. The authors identify the risk of underidentifying the prevalence of malnutrition within regions, through the use of one measure in isolation. The conclusions of the article are important for all who work within this field and reinforce the fact that both measures (WHZ and MUAC) should continue to be used in tandem.

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