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Dr. Alison Yaxley,
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Dear Dr. Yaxley,

RE: NUTN-D-17-00046R2-NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF CANCER OUTPATIENTS USING SCORED PATIENT GENERATED SUBJECTIVE GLOBAL ASSESSMENT IN TWO CANCER TREATMENT CENTERS, NAIROBI, KENYA

I appreciate the comments raised by the reviewers. Below are my responses;
1. Re: point 1 in the previous review - you have changed the wrong 'prevents'. Please change the first two sentences of your abstract to read: Background: Malnutrition is a universal problem in cancer patients renowned as an important factor for increased morbidity, decreased quality of life and mortality. Early diagnosis of malnutrition risk through nutrition screening followed by comprehensive and timely interventions reduces mortality associated with malnutrition.

Comment accepted. The first two sentences have been changed as recommended. Refer to the abstract, background section, page 2 line 30

2. Re: point 19 in the previous review - you have an additional 'a' in the sentence. Please remove. I am also not sure I agree that it establishes malnutrition better than risk. Does the reference provided confirm that point?

Comment accepted. The ‘a’ has been deleted. The reference confirms the statement and the sentence paraphrased to read PGSGA better identifies established malnutrition than nutritional risk. Refer to discussion section, page 11, line 212-213

3. Re: point 20 in the previous review - the sentence added commencing line 287 does not make sense. Please clarify.

Comment accepted. The sentence has been removed because it is more of a recommendation than a limitation. Refer to discussion section, page 14, line 287

Thank you

Kind Regards,

Yvonne Opanga