Reviewer’s report

Title: MUAC-for-age more useful than absolute MUAC for nutritional surveillance in Somalia: results from nineteen cross-sectional surveys (2007-2016)

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Overall this paper is well written and thought through I like the arguments, discussions and analysis put forward with regards to the recommended new method of assessing MUAC as an indicator for classifying the severity of malnutrition. This is not only very innovative but also informative because it has an implication on the cost effectiveness of the interventions that address SAM given that it has been ranked as the most expensive by the World bank Report. In future publications may be you could include the cost and policy implications of your study or if it was not included recommend it for further studies.

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Line 101 - population at study study -----

Line 193 - ----then in in each of the livelihood---

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