**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Determinants of Malnutrition among Pregnant and Lactating Women under Humanitarian Setting in Ethiopia

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This manuscript is much improved from the original version, and will be an excellent contribution to the literature and clinical practice. It is a highly original piece of research that has drawn directly on patient experiences in collaboration with researchers. Upon reading the revised manuscript, I now understood clearly how Altered Eating can have devastating consequences on quality of life for people following cancer therapy. With the new framework developed by this team, it is likely that a clear path forward can now be forged, in order to find ways to help these people to enjoy food again. Please find following some feedback to help further improve this manuscript, so that its benefits to the scientific and clinical communities may be most fully realised.

1. For the 7 aspects of the Altered eating framework, as shown in Figure 1 and as referred to in the text, I think that it would be helpful to divide it into 2 sections, and to re-number the aspects so it is clear how they all fit with each other. For example, please see below. Also, if the Authors could come up with an acronym to encapsulate these 7 aspects, in a word that resonates with patients, then it would make their framework more likely to be picked up and used in clinical practice. For example, could the 7 aspects below be fitted to a word like 'Food Is Fun' or 'Pleasure' or something? An example is the Meals on Wheels mnemonic for common treatable causes of unintentional weight loss in the elderly (https://www.aafp.org/afp/2002/0215/p640.html).

   A. Physiological
   A1. Anatomical
   A2. Functional
   A3. Sensory

   B. Psychosocial
   B1. Behavioural
   B2. Cognitive
   B3. Cultural/Social
   B4. Emotional
2. Can the authors add a reference for the following statement? "altered eating can persist after treatment or become an enduring feature of patients' lives." It would help to make this statement more powerful.

3. The acronyms of PEG and SIP should be defined, for people not directly working in this field.

4. Can the word 'sumps' be defined next to the word, as it is not a word that I had ever heard before, and a definition could help with ease of reader comprehension. The same is true for the word 'gestalt', and 'detritus'.

5. I believe the correct term is 'salivary glands' as opposed to 'saliva glands'.

6. Shouldn't the term be 'imbibing of food with water' instead of 'imbibing of water with food'?

7. It would be helpful to define, perhaps in square brackets, what kind of shop Frankie and Benny's is. An ice cream shop?

8. The quotes and related information on page 19 could be better placed in the Results section, and then re-referred to again in the Discussion to make the point. I find it distracting to be reading quotes in the Discussion - it makes me wonder whether parts of the results may have been omitted.

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