**Author’s response to reviews**

**Title:** Predictors of poor nutritional status among children aged 6-24 months in agricultural regions of Mali: a cross-sectional study

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To the Editors and Reviewers of Manuscript NUTN-D-17-00035R1,

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Dear Editors and Reviewers,

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript entitled "Predictors of poor nutritional status among children aged 6-24 months in agricultural regions of Mali: a cross-sectional study", NUTN-D-17-00035R1.

Also, please find below our point-by-point responses (in bold red).

We hope that our modifications adequately address the Reviewer’s comments and that our paper is now suitable for publication in the BMC Nutrition.
We thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Makamto Sobgui

Reviewer reports:

K. Ryan Wessells (Reviewer 1): I would like to thank the authors for the time and effort they have put into revising this manuscript; the quality is much improved. I have several minor comments:

(1) Line 57-58: Please cite the updated Lancet 2013 article. In this article, ~30% of mortality can be related to stunting or underweight.

Response: The reference has been modified according to the reviewer comments.

(2) Line 74 - 76: Specify that these are Z-scores

Response: This section has been modified according to the reviewer comments and mention of Z-Score has been done

(3) Line 81: Citation 17 missing from initial list?

Response: This section has been modified according to the reviewer comments and citation 17 included

(4) Line 124-125: sentence "only households with children... is repetitive. Can be deleted.

Response: The repeated sentence has been deleted

(5) Line 204: please provide citation
Response: The citation has been provided (Swindale A, Bilinsky P. Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS) for measurement of household food access: Indicator Guide. Weblin: http://www.fantaproject.org/sites/default/files/resources/HDDS_v2_Sep06_0.pdf. 2006)

(6) Line 256: provide 95% CI for age

Response: This section has been modified according to the reviewer comments and 95% CI for age has been added

(7) Line 257-258: Drop sentence "one third of the children were aged 6 to 11 months..."

Response: The sentence has been dropped

(8) Line 280 +: I think that it would be easier to read if OR were removed from the text, since they are already presented in table (p values could remain perhaps)

Response: This section has been modified according to the reviewer comments and OR dropped while p Values remain

Tables: Verify order of tables 3 and 4 in the document.

Response: The order of these tables have been corrected

Carin Napier (Reviewer 2): Please correct inconsistencies in types of font and font sizes in the text and tables

Response: These have been corrected