Reviewer's report

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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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.
(2) Line 74 - 76: Specify that these are Z-scores
(3) Line 81: Citation 17 missing from initial list?
(4) Line 124-125: sentence "only households with children... is repetitive. Can be deleted.
(5) Line 204: please provide citation
(6) Line 256: provide 95% CI for age
(7) Line 257-258: Drop sentence "one third of the children were aged 6 to 11 months..."
(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)

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

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