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Title: Maternal undernutrition as proxy indicators of their offspring's undernutrition: Evidence from 2011 Ethiopia Demographic and Health Survey

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Editor’s Comments:

it is difficult to see how your results support the last sentence in the conclusion (both in the abstract and in the main manuscript). Please remove last sentence «Therefore, our findings question the commonly assumptions underlying uses of anthropometry particularly we doubt the use of children nutrition indicators as proxies for population level nutrition risk. » This could be replaced by something answering your objective like «The sensitivity and specificity of maternal anthropometric indicators to identify growth deficits among children were too low to justify using maternal indicators as a replacement for child growth measurements».

Author’s Revision and Response:

The last sentence replaced by “The sensitivity and specificity of maternal anthropometric indicators to identify growth deficits among children were too low to justify using maternal indicators as a replacement for child growth measurements”

Editor’s Comments:

The sentence in the discussion «Third, using a single BMI cutoff still remain controversial. » could need a reference. I suggest adding the reference by Briend et al. Target weight gain for moderately wasted children during supplementation interventions - a population-based approach. Public health nutrition 2011

Author’s Revision and Response:

The suggested reference added.