Reviewer’s report

Title: Magnitude and Associated Factors of wasting among Under Five Orphans in Dilla Town, Southern Ethiopia: 2018: a cross-sectional study

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This is an interesting work but needs further work to improve the quality.

1. Conclusion in both abstract and main paper are too strong for this type of work.


Because the way the statement is constructed now indicates estimation of the magnitude of nutritional status which is meaningless.

3. Page 3, lines 29-31: Please, spell out the acronyms the first time they are being introduced in this section.

4. Page 3, lines 46-48: This rather should replace what you have on lines 20-23.

5. Page 4, lines 11-14: This statement is incomplete and should be revised for clarity.

6. The sample size determination is too running over and needs to be revised for clarity.

7. The sampling technique and procedures is running. It looks the approach is stratified sampling with the kebeles being the strata.

8. Study variables section should be presented in a narrative format.

9. Page 5, line 45: Provide citations for the studies being referred to.

10. Page 6, lines 8-25: should be revised to be succinct and to be clear.

11. Section on anthropometric measurement should be presented in a narrative format.

12. Section on data processing and analysis should be re-written for clarity and logic.

13. The entire section on results should be re-written for flow and clarity.
14. Under factors associated with wasting section: Since this was a cross-sectional study and also logistic regression used it is appropriate to use odds and not risk.

15. The Tables and Figure need to be worked on more.

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