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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Reviewer: Maryam Amini

Reviewer's report:

I appreciate your valuable study on an emerging health problem in your country. However, I have some questions about methods and discussion.

Methods:
In wealth index measurement, what do you mean by values of HH have no absolute meaning? It is important to know how you measured and took into account the values of a HH. Please explain more about it.

As you mentioned earlier in the manuscript you meant "wasting" as weight for height, but further, in the second paragraph of discussion, you mention another definition. Please correct it.

In the second paragraph of discussion you have put parentheses for "weight-for-age". When you put some words in parentheses it means they are not read. Here you should delete parentheses.

Almost in all parts of the discussion you have repeated your findings again. Please avoid it.

Some paragraphs in your discussion need to be supported by more evidences. I have highlighted them.

Regarding the last part of your discussion, you have mentioned mean balanced diet is only related to income? what about other factors such as awareness of families or social support? support your idea.

Explain about how you used 24 h recall, who asked it and how it was analyzed.

Explain more about the questionnaire you used to collect food security data.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes
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Yes

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