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Dear Dr. Nurshad Ali,

We thank the reviewers for accepting our changes to the manuscript entitled “Malnutrition in Chakradharpur, Jharkhand: an anthropological study of perceptions and care practices from India.” We have provided a point-by-point response to the comments made by the Editor and
reviewers below and uploaded it separately as a document due to formatting difficulties regarding a contributions table (see below under point 2).

1. Please note that in accordance with BMC submission guidelines, we do not allow the use of footnotes. Please instead consider repurposing these sections as Endnotes which can be presented after the references section.

Response: Thank you for noting this. We have removed all footnotes and included necessary supplementary notes as Endnotes instead.

2. Please provide more justification for the contributions of authors. We ask that you consider your list of authors as it currently stands with reference to our guidelines regarding qualification for authorship (http://www.biomedcentral.com/submissions/editorial-policies#authorship). An 'author' is generally considered to be someone who has made substantive intellectual contributions to a published study. Authors are expected to fulfil the criteria below (adapted from McNutt et al., Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Feb 2018, 201715374; DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1715374115; licensed under CC BY 4.0): Each author is expected to have made substantial contributions to the conception OR design of the work; OR the acquisition, analysis, OR interpretation of data; OR the creation of new software used in the work; OR have drafted the work or substantively revised it AND to have approved the submitted version (and any substantially modified version that involves the author's contribution to the study); AND to have agreed both to be personally accountable for the author's own contributions and to ensure that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work, even ones in which the author was not personally involved, are appropriately investigated, resolved, and the resolution documented in the literature. Acquisition of funding, collection of data or general supervision of the research group, alone, does not usually justify authorship.

Response: We appreciate that the author list may seem rather extensive for a social science paper, however this study has evolved and been designed as part of a larger intervention by MSF for the community management of severe acute malnutrition. As such, there are a larger than normal list of people who have contributed substantially to the design, implementation and drafting of this study, reflecting the involvement of three institutions (MSF, JNU and RMRIMS Ranchi).

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3. In the Declarations section we kindly ask that you not use abbreviated names of institutions, for absolute clarity in this sensitive section. Please fully spell out the institution names represented by MSF for instance.

Response: We apologize for the oversight. We have removed any abbreviated names and included all institution names in full.

4. In the Availability of data and materials subsection please clarify Sakib Burza as the corresponding author.

Response: We have clarified the role of Dr. Sakib Burza as the corresponding author. The revised statement reads: “The de-identified transcripts that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author, Dr. Sakib Burza. However, restrictions apply to the availability of these data, which were used under license for the current study; hence, they are not publicly available. Data are, however, available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request and with the permission of MSF.”

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Response: Thank you very much for noting this. We have revised the section as requested.

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colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions. Figures (and additional files) should remain uploaded as separate files.

Response: We have uploaded a single, final clean version without tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours as requested.

We hope you will find the revisions acceptable and we look forward to a final decision regarding the manuscript.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sakib Burza