Reviewer’s report

Title: Malnutrition in Chakradharpur, Jharkhand: an anthropological study of perceptions and care practices from India

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Reviewer: Juliana Donohue

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Dear authors,

This was a descriptive study, so no controls were included or needed. There were some English errors that need to be corrected, especially in the introduction. The sentences starting on lines 125 and 128 are confusing and should be re-written.

You have done a very good job clarifying the topic and giving examples. Generally, I would like to see more context for your findings. You could provide more references to compare your findings with. For example, you might compare diet and food security to previous publications or explore why animal-sourced food consumption is rare.

The methods are well described.

It seems as though the discussion focuses only on the final objective, and does not put the first 3 objectives into context. Adding more about the first 3 objectives provides a place to compare them to previous publications. The discussion about the 4th objective is well done.

Best regards,

Juliana Donohue, PhD

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Yes

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