Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors of undernutrition among the elderly in Sodo zuriya district Wolaita zone, Ethiopia

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Probably - with minor revisions
PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: I would like to thank the authors for responding to my comments and improving the quality of the manuscript. However, there are a few minor issues which have still not been addressed - they may have been responded to but not updated in the manuscript.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

1. It would be useful if the authors incorporated the information in their response to my question on time of year in which the data was collected, and whether participants owned their own land, into the manuscript.

2. Please can the authors add a reference to the manuscript for the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance?

3. The authors have added text to the discussion saying: "The findings of this study are generalizable to the region's population." Please can the authors explain in the discussion why and how this is the case? In the response letter the authors say: "Plus we can say that the participants' socio-economic, educational status and way of life is unbiased reflection of the southern region elderly population." It would be useful if the authors could give evidence of how this is the case in the manuscript.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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