Reviewer’s report

Title: Infant and young child nutritional status and their caregivers' feeding knowledge and hygiene practices in internally displaced person camps, Somalia

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The authors have presented the burden of undernutrition in 3 districts of Somalia and explored certain risk factors of undernutrition. Although there is very little data from this region which has a high burden of undernutrition and the therefore the data presented in the paper is valuable, there are several points that need to be addressed.

Can the title be shorted?

Abstract:

1. The authors state the study design to be descriptive cross-sectional prospective study. A study can be either cross-sectional or prospective but not both at the same time.

2. The detail of data transfer to server is not essential in abstract. However, the classification of the nutritional status of children and the standard used for the classification should be clearly stated.

3. Severe or critical malnutrition need to be defined in abstract as this is not standard terminology

4. What groups do 12.1% and 19.9% correspond to? For what comparison is the p value presented? Just stating p values is no use unless the comparison groups, the outcome of comparison and the magnitude of difference are clearly stated.

Material and design

5. Line 93: the same problem sated in point 1 above

6. The sentence starting in Line 141 is not clear

7. Lines 135 to 137 what do the different percentages mean?

8. The reference given for precision of anthropometric measures is ref 16 (Food and agriculture organisation of the United Nations. (FSNAU). Information for better livelihoods dataset/nutrition. 2017. Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit-Somalia). Is this correct?
9. The precision of the instruments used should be mentioned.

10. In line 158, instead of saying approached households, it's clearer to say made house visits.

11. Please elaborate on how the natural observation was done.

12. The manuscript mentions many p values, but there is no mention of any statistical test that was performed. Please specify what statistical tests were performed in the statistical methods section.

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