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 efforts in addressing the reviewers comments is appreciable.

Few more grammatical & typographical errors need to be taken care of in the manuscript.

The title should read as Infant and young child nutritional status rather than Infant and young child nutritional situations.....

In the abstract, results - point no. 2 is not clear. Hygiene in the household was below what could be considered a result of hygienic practices requires grammatical correction.

All 2370 children were measured with the anthropometric Mid-Upper Arm Circumference measurement - can be reworded as anthropometric measurements like Mid-Upper Arm Circumference was done or simply Mid-Upper Arm Circumference measurement was done for 2370 children also would suffice.

No data published should disclose an individual participant. The data collectors gaining consent from guardians of the children- please correct these statements to improve readability.

Why was written informed consent not taken from participants?

For identifying malnutrition in other studies, where the Mid-Upper-Arm Circumference was measured by well-trained care providers as being the case in this study, the sensitivity and precision vary with the conclusions that the current cut-offs need to be increased to ensure children between six months and five years of age are not missed out from management of malnutrition [24, 25]. - this complex sentence needs to be broken down to simpler terms.

Household hygiene practices and environment were observed for an hour without providing advice to the caregivers. Were corrective measures suggested after the observation?

Caregivers' feeding practices (n=1655) (Table 4) indicate the presence of malpractice, such as giving animal milk…these could be unhealthy practices, but it would not be correct to label them as malpractice.

In 2017, when our study was carried out, a nationwide famine was making assistance necessary to IDPs both in the camps and outside of them, an urgent necessity.- sentence needs to be revised for better clarity.

Table titles need to be reworded.
The column headings - can be mentioned as n(%), instead of Number n and (%).

It is preferable not to intersperse mean SD data in between n(%) data within tables.

Homogenous appearance of the tables, in terms of categorization of rows & tables looks better -
care givers statements & data collectors observations.

Similarly combining demographic data of care givers, household & hunger does not blend well
within a single table.

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