Reviewer’s report

Title: Intrahousehold management and use of nutritional supplements during the hunger gap in Maradi region, Niger: a qualitative study

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PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)
Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

EXECUTION - Are the experiments and analyses performed with sufficient technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?
Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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N/A - there are no statistics in this study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Yes - current version is technically sound

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: Thank you for allowing me to review the paper: Intrahousehold management and use of nutritional supplements during the hunger gap in Maradi region, Niger: a qualitative study

To our understanding and after a careful reading of the comments and of the manuscript we found that the paper has improved a lot and answered most of the concerns of previous reviewers. This is an interesting paper, nicely written.

I have only minor comments and one suggestion
I would suggest to enclose one table summarizing the pro and contra points of the three nutritional supplements.

I would also suggest to add a perspective section in discussion section taking into account the main results of the study.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
Minor comments

There are some repetition of words in abstract such as qualitative that you may delete.

Three sentences are very similar in introduction section, one would be sufficient line 16, 30, 41. Lines 16 and 55..

Line 53: To our knowledge… this term is not really appropriate in a scientific paper

Page One line 32 and 40. Please introduce before the 3 different products

Please add more specific key words such as malnutrition..children.. supplements.

The timing between distribution and the study should be clarified in methods.
Line 12:

These villages were purposefully selected based on their diversity in terms of population size, location, access and distance to healthcare facilities and marketplaces.

Please be more precise : what did you do ?

"We keep it up to 30 minutes without any change of color or that it becomes liquid as water, after 30 minutes it is less concentrated". SC+

I do not understand this sentence ; please revise

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
If not, please specify which controls are required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
If not, please explain in your comments to the authors.

Yes
Are you able to assess any statistics in the manuscript or would you recommend an additional statistical review?
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Not relevant to this manuscript

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