

Editor's comments:

References are in APA system. The authors should change to Vancouver system

Sampling. The authors are using stratification method and needed to increase the sample size for using a complex method of sampling due to design factor.

Sample size calculation. The authors show the formula used but they are not show the number of sample size. and I consider that the sample size should be for the effect or association between malnutrition and one factor studied.

Statistical analysis. The authors did not say anything about the test statistics for the sample.

For the use a statistical model, the author should show an association between the independent and dependent variable.

Author's feedback:

1. The references are changed to the required Vancouver system
2. How the samples are taken from the stratification and the proportional sample size in each strata are given in the included table.
3. There is no problem seen in the statistical analysis and authors prefer to be as it is
4. The determinants are factors such as age of a child, sex of a child, breast feeding duration, birth order, mother's educational status, mothers' occupation, household size, source of drinking water for household, kind of toilet, preceding birth interval of child, mother's post natal care visit, mother's prenatal care visit, age at first birth of mother of a child and child birth weight associated with malnutrition of under-age five children.
5. Regarding ethical clearance, I have stated in the previous comment version 1 since it is not laboratory trial or clinical trial what we have done is that following university standard, first written approval of Ethics committee has been obtained and then before we started filling the questionnaire we have collected patient's written consent .