

Review of: "Risk Factors and Predictors of Severe Acute Malnutrition Among 6-59 Months Children in Lumbini Province, Nepal: A Facility-Based Cross-Sectional Study"

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In the subheading "Data collection", how long did your interviews take to complete? You should add this information.

In the subheading "Socio-economic characteristics", the factor "occupation" appears two times.

Just one curiosity, how is child's age not included within risk factors for SAM since it was found to be one of the predictors of SAM? I was expecting to see this factor in your results and discussion.

In your discussion, you state that your study opposes the common belief that children from families of high socioeconomic status have better access to food, health services, hygiene, and sanitation. Isn't it just by chance? Your study used a cross-sectional design, and as such, it cannot ascertain causality. As you also know, one household may have access to food and yet for various reasons, we may find significant differences in how its members intake and absorb nutrients from their common meals. I think there are reasons behind your findings, but they don't necessarily deny the common belief between children from families of high socioeconomic status and those from families of low socioeconomic status.

In short, I think this is an incredible study, the methodology is appropriate and your findings are very interesting. I hope my comments are helpful.