

Review of: "Nutritional Status and Dietary Patterns of Children Aged Ten Years and Below In the Buea Municipality, South West Region Cameroon"

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- As a reviewer, I found the study to be well-structured and interesting, with highly relevant and important findings.
 - To make it easier for readers to compare the findings with the initial objectives, it would have been better if the hypothesis being studied was mentioned at the beginning and the objectives presented in point form.
 - The study aimed to assess the relationship between dietary patterns and the nutritional status of children up to the age of 10 years in the Buea district.
 - Regarding the introduction, it was deemed too long, and the duration of the study was too.
 - To improve the methodology, it is suggested to add the total population of the district to either the introduction or study population.
 - There were also accuracy issues with measurements made by parents/caregivers, such as weight measured in light clothing.
 - For children who could not stand, special scales are used for the determination of their weight with precision.
 - Mothers aged 15-17 years may not be able to complete the questionnaire alone.
 - It would have been more useful if the weight of both the mother and child were considered in the study.
 - It is also recommended to provide more elaboration on the statistical results (validity scores) for the pretested questionnaire used to collect health-related factors and household characteristics data.
 - Additionally, describing the food frequency questionnaire in detail, especially the parameters it measures, and including how it was related to the nutritional status (wasting, stunting, and BMI) could improve the study.
 - Comparisons with other African countries and other across the world would have been interesting. There were also concerns regarding the number of recent references cited.
 - Comparing a few more studies under each heading in the discussion could also enhance the article.
 - Add reference more references for nutritional status
- Girish Babu KL, Subramaniam P, Madhusudan KS. Association of nutritional status and dental health among 3–6-year-old children of a South Indian population. *Saudi J Oral Sci* 2019;6:31-6.
- Madhusudhan KS, Pallavi MR. Malnutrition-a risk for oral health. *International J Sci Res*. 2019;8:71-7.
- While the study was good, there were grammar and spelling errors that needed correction.

