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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_27752
Title of the Manuscript:	Evaluation of the performance of out-patient malnutrition management in children under 5 years in Benin rural setting
New Title :	Assessment of the performance of out-patient acute malnutrition management in children under 5 years in Northern Benin setting
Type of Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The project must have been submitted to ethical committee of the Institute for permission and a note of the same should reflect in the manuscript.	We would sincerely like to thank reviewers for his relevant and useful comments. Please find in <i>section 3.7. Ethical considerations</i>, added informations. We have not submitted the proposal to the Institute ethics committee because we have not any in the institute. The work was conducted by a student in master degree and according to the institute practices, any ethical approval is required from student since he will not draw any human biological material and data collected are not likely to cause harm to study participants. The work was actually a partial assessment of the implementation of the national guide of management of malnutrition in Benin in order to make the eventual needed improvements. However, we obtained oral authorization from the directors of the health centres concerned to access the medical records of children treated for malnutrition. We also got free and oral consent from health workers before interviews. We have not drawn any human biological material and data collected were not likely to cause harm to study participants who were able to stop their participation at any moment of the study.