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| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                               |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>I am surprised that this study received a favorable human subjects committee review.</p> <p>Explain how this study met the requirements of the Human Subjects Committee. Why were the researchers not required to give the living children among the controls the supplement after the study period?</p> <p>Paper needs editing for tense, wordiness and subject verb agreement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>The supplement was given to all children who visited the Paediatric Oncology Unit for treatment of all childhood cancers after the study period of six months for each child. But for the purpose of this study, children with Burkitt's Lymphoma and Wilms tumour were but into two groups thus intervention and non-intervention group.</p> <p>The intervention group were given the soy milk powder as a supplement for 6 month in addition to their usual diet and treatment regime. The non-intervention group had the same treatment and were not denied any opportunity to be treated or given any other intervention. Only that they were not given the SMP. However, they were given nutrition education during the study period. This lasted for the 6 month for each child recruited from the day of recruitment.</p> <p>The paper has been further reviewed and edited for tenses, wordiness and subject verb agreement as suggested.</p> |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | <p>Line 25-30 "diseases" should be "disease" in all cases.</p> <p>Line 36 remove "sufferers" and the semi-colon after 2004.</p> <p>Line 37—Rewrite sentence as:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The overall cure rates of childhood cancers in developed countries approach 85%, which is much higher than for children living in developing countries where challenges like access to adequate care facilities, delay in diagnosis, prevalent infectious diseases and malnutrition reduce survival (Barr et al., 2006).</p> <p>Line 41-42 change "cancer children" to "children with cancer"</p> <p>Suggest re-writing lines 45 to 50 to read:</p> <p>Although animal-based protein such as whey and casein are commonly used supplemental proteins, they are costly and less accessible among poorer populations in developing countries. A plant-based protein source such as soybean which has been ranked as the world's cheapest source of protein can serve as a good high protein nutritional supplement (Kure et al., 1998, Adu-Dapaah, 2004, Barać et al., 2005).</p> <p>Line 60—"Participants" should be "participant"</p> <p>Line 84—Dietary should not be capitalized</p> <p>Line 119-120—this sentence should either be deleted or made more specific. Whose which parameters and whose cutoffs?</p> <p>Line 123-127 need to make it clear that you are talking about baseline measures.</p> <p>Line 128- 131—First and second sentence should be deleted. Start the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence with "At 3-months follow-up,..." First 2 sentences repeat and the second one is opposite of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>I would suggest having someone (an editor) who doesn't know the study read your manuscript carefully to catch errors like the ones above throughout the paper.</p> | <p>"Diseases" has been changed to "disease".</p> <p>Sufferers has been removed as well as the semi-colon and this has been highlighted in in yellow in line 36 now</p> <p>Line 37. The sentence has been re-written from line 37-40 and highlighted.</p> <p>Line 41-42. The cancer children to children with cancer change has been effected.</p> <p>Line 45-50 has been re-written and highlighted as suggested.</p> <p>The spelling of participant has been corrected and highlighted in the paper.</p> <p>Line 84 Dietary has been changed to dietary and highlighted.</p> <p>Line 119 the sentence "The prevalence of the various parameters was determined using their various cut-off points" has been deleted.</p> <p>Line 123-127. Emphasis has been placed on the baseline measures and highlighted.</p> <p>The sentence in line 129-131 has been re-worded and highlighted.</p>                                                                |



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|                                  | <p><b>ethical issues:</b> My only ethical concern is that the control children seem like they were not also give the supplement after the study period.</p> | <p>The paper has been given to an editor to go through and the necessary concerns addressed. It is my hope this has improved the paper and minimized the errors found after the review.</p> <p>The non-interventional children were given the supplement after the study period of six month for each child.</p> |
| <u>Optional/General</u> comments | Use a consistent font type throughout.                                                                                                                      | All font has been changed to Time New Romans 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |