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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u>	<p>This is of high importance especially in attaining 3rd 95</p> <p>The title is good. However, can HIV Care and Treatment Centre be removed. “Prevalence of Malnutrition and Associated Factors Among HIV Seropositive Adults on Antiretroviral Therapy at the HIV Care and Treatment Centre of the Regional Hospital, Buea, Cameroon”</p> <p>I do not see introduction in the abstract session</p> <p>It is appropriate</p> <p>The manuscript is scientifically correct</p> <p>Reference is sufficient and recent</p>	<p>Well noted, the HIV care and treatment centre will be removed</p> <p>The introduction is not in the abstract section because the general guideline for abstract was used where the introduction was not part of the abstract but it will be included and corrected.</p>
Minor REVISION comments 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	<p>The language is suitable</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>What is the adult population on ART in the centre? How was the selection done? I think a process flow will be very good.</p> <p>Under study population, why was kyphoscoliosis considered as exclusion criteria? Were the participants counselled especially on clothing before being weighed?</p> <p>Can you be more clear about the educational status? No formal education should be included. What is the difference between high school and sec/tertiary education?</p> <p>In the food money/day. 2000-3000 is missing Kindly rework the income session of the result. >100000 is appearing twice.</p> <p>Was there any reason for using 3 years as a bench mark for categorizing enrolled on ART duration?</p> <p>I saw disclosure status as a variable. Your study population is adult, you may need to expatiate more on this because your starting point is 26 yrs.</p> <p>It will be good to provide more insight into the HIV related counselling session. Part of routine clinical service provision is adherence and counselling. Is this different from the counselling session in this study?</p> <p>Obesity categories was not done in the methodology</p> <p>Under discussion; More explanation is needed on why those on counselling session are more prone to malnutrition. In your explanation, you talk about caregivers awareness but the work is centred on adult</p>	<p>Selection of participants was consecutively till we reached the sample size that was 139.</p> <p>kyphoscoliosis was considered as exclusion criteria because bent curvature of the spine can lead to inaccurate readings of the BMI since the BMI is $\text{weight}/(\text{height})^2$. The participants were counselled on clothing before being weighed</p> <p>According to the Cameroon educational system, secondary school is the level where one gets the Ordinary level certificate while high school is the level where one gets the advanced level certificates. No formal education are those who have not gone to school.</p> <p>The duplicated value of > 100000 has been deleted Food money has been adjusted from 1000 to 3000 and 3000 to 5000.</p> <p>3 years of ART duration was used as a bench mark because this is the categories we find in similar studies.</p>

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		<p>By HIV status disclosure here we mean HIV patients who had disclosed their HIV status to their partner.</p> <p>HIV-related counselling is the routine clinical service. The HIV counselling is a standard HIV counselling that all the patients go through. In our questionnaire we asked them if they receive this counselling before initiated into ART, 15 of them denied and 124 accepted.</p> <p>Obesity categories will be included in the methodology. More explanation of HIV-related counselling session will be added.</p> <p>The word caregivers have been corrected to health personnel.</p>
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	