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Minor REVISION comments		
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Optional/General comments	<p>I am sorry that I was not convinced to link the food gap and food insecurity, which is different from low income, to the eating habits of children. As eating habits, some of which may be healthy and others unhealthy, we seek to modify them in several ways, such as nutritional interventions, indicate the possibility of change. But from my reading of the research, I understood that what was meant was food insecurity and the lack of availability of different types of food, so this is an existing situation in which customs have nothing to do, to clarify my point in the following example.</p> <p>If nothing other than rice is available in the children's environment, what else will they eat, and how will we treat this as a habit that can be changed?!!</p> <p>Here, the available alternatives must be shown, even if they are limited, and the extent of the possibility of creating balanced diets that meet the individual needs of children from these available alternatives. Then study the impact of the intervention with nutritional education for these children and their impact by evaluating their nutritional and health status before and after the intervention.</p> <p>In the case of low income or lack of alternatives, the alternatives available in the environment must be shown. There may be cheap alternatives available, but they are not preferable. Here, nutritional education must be done for families and their children, and studies must be done on the impact of education on their eating habits as well as their nutritional status in terms of intake of nutrients compared to their needs.</p> <p>I think the research paper is missing important details Is there evidence that these children's habits were better before the food gap occurred?</p> <p>The research did not mention the adequacy of the daily intake of nutrients compared to the nutritional needs of children according to their age and degree of activity</p> <p>The research did not mention the impact of insufficient nutrition on the health status of these children</p> <p>The research did not mention any of the tests that confirm malnutrition in children as a result of not getting enough food, such as analyzing complete blood pictures, hemoglobin in particular, calcium levels, etc.</p>	<p>Yes, I agree with you but my topic is correlation between food gap and dietary habits of preschool children, in which we studied dietary intake and food security of preschool children on their daily basis with the help of 24-hour recall questionnaires and pre tested questionnaires. As you mentioned rice is easily acquired commodity in our environment which is possible through the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the selected area which is in Nagram because the majority of the households depend upon the government schemes which is followed by ICDS by MoW&CD,</p> <p>Also, I updated some potential policies which helps to improve the preschool children as well as infant and pregnant women. Yes there are many cheap alternatives which is available in the market but for that each and every household should be aware of those products and that can be only possible through general public awareness camps regarding to food and food products(like kisan mela, har ghar poshan, poshan pakhwada, and so on) which create awareness about those cheap alternatives and their nutrition values and help them to improve their daily intake and nutritional status but it is only applicable for those who are financial stable and the current situation is that the majority of people are unemployed but survive by doing labour work and depend on government scheme money which is transferred to their bank account for the betterment of their lifestyle. Yes, you are right about missing data which is I have on my SPSS system like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily intake status (fruits and vegetable and other food items)• Family type and their Income• Demographic region• Morbidity Status• Anthropometric measurements• Food gap as per dietary intake• Recommended Daily Intake (RDI) and Actual Intake• Correlation of dietary habits and food gap (which I already given in paper) <p>Above mention data I have already used it in another paper. And malnutrition, hemoglobin and calcium these are the data which is considered in Morbidity status as of its Past and Present history of child which I got from their parent themselves. (via verbally not in report form)</p>

PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	No.