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Journal Name:	European Journal of Nutrition & Food Safety
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Title of the Manuscript:	Preschoolers' household dietary diversity and their nutritional status in Tamale Metropolis
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it explores the relationship between household dietary diversity and the nutritional status of preschoolers in Tamale Metropolis, Ghana. The study highlights critical insights into the dietary patterns and malnutrition prevalence among preschoolers, providing a localized understanding of food security and its implications for public health. These findings contribute to global discussions on addressing childhood malnutrition and enhancing dietary interventions in resource-constrained settings. By shedding light on the role of socioeconomic and demographic factors, the research supports evidence-based policymaking and program design.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The current title, " Preschoolers' Household Dietary Diversity and Their Nutritional Status in Tamale Metropolis, " is suitable as it reflects the study's primary focus. However, a more concise alternative could be: "Household Dietary Diversity and Nutritional Status of Preschoolers in Tamale, Ghana."	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract provides a good overview of the study but can be improved for clarity and completeness. Suggested improvements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mention the specific percentage of stunting, underweight, and wasting in the results. 2. Highlight the primary finding that no significant relationship was found between dietary diversity and nutritional status. 3. Avoid technical jargon like "chi-squared test" and use simpler phrases like "statistical analysis" for broader accessibility. 	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The manuscript appears to be scientifically correct, with appropriate use of statistical methods and clearly defined methodologies. However, some claims could benefit from more robust analysis or elaboration, such as why dietary diversity did not correlate significantly with nutritional outcomes.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient and include recent and relevant studies. If possible, the authors could include additional references discussing similar findings from other regions or global contexts to provide a broader perspective.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language is generally clear and suitable for scholarly communication. Minor grammatical improvements and better structuring of sentences in some sections could enhance readability and precision.	
Optional/General comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The paper provides valuable insights into dietary diversity and child nutrition but could benefit from a more critical discussion of why the expected relationships were not observed. 2. The conclusion could offer more actionable recommendations for public health interventions. 3. Adding graphical representations, such as bar charts or pie charts for dietary diversity, would enhance the presentation. 	

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PART 2:

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

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