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BookName:	CurrentPerspectivesinAgricultureandFood Science
ManuscriptNumber:	Ms_BPR_2344
Titleof the Manuscript:	ComplementaryFood Situation inSierraLeone:NutritionalProblemsandPossibleStrategies-AREview
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PART1:ReviewComments

CompulsoryREVISIONcomments	Reviewer'scomment	Author'sFeedback(Pleasecorrectthemanuscriptandhighlightthatpartinthemanuscript.Itismandatorythatauthorsshouldwritehis/herfeedbackhere)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance ofthismanuscriptforthescientificcommunity.Whydo youlike(ordislike)thismanuscript? Aminimumof3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This work is important to the scientific community, particularly in the fields of public health and nutrition,sinceitrevealsconsiderableissuesassociatedwithsupplementalfeedinginSierraLeone. It emphasizes the relationship between inadequate complementary diets, malnutrition, and high newborn mortality rates. I admire the manuscript's emphasis on practical answers, such as using locally sourced foods and traditional processing processes that can be easily applied at the communitylevel.However,thepaper maybenefitfroma moreextensiveexplanationonhow these proposals could be scaled up to have a larger impact.	
Isthetitleofthearticlesuitable? (Ifnotpleasesuggestanalternativetitle)	Thetitleofthearticleisgenerallysuitableasitclearlyconveysthefocusoncomplementaryfoods in Sierra Leone and addresses both the nutritional problems and possible strategies.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggesttheaddition(ordelation)ofsomepointsinthis section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is fairly comprehensive and provides a good overview of the issues related to complementaryfoods inSierraLeone.However,thereareafewareaswhereitcouldbeimprovedto enhance clarity and impact: - ClarifytheScope:Theabstractcouldbenefitfromaclearerintroductionthatexplicitlystatesth e broader context of the problem in West Africa before narrowing down to Sierra Leone. - HighlightKeyFindings:Whiletheabstractdiscusseschallengesandrecommendations,itw ould be helpful to briefly mention any significant findings or insights that the review uncovered. - SummarizetheImpact:Astrongerconclusionthatemphasizesthepotentialimpac tof implementing the suggested strategies could make the abstract more compelling.	
Aresubsectionsandstructureofthemanuscript appropriate?	Themanuscript'sstructure appearsappropriate,butthereareafewareaswhereitcouldbe improved to enhance clarity and logical flow: SuggestionsforImprovement: - Introduction Section: The introduction could be more concise. While it provides valuable background information, some points are repeated, such as infant mortality rates and food insecurity.Considerstreamliningtheintroductiontofocusonkeyissuesandstatistics,sett inga strong foundation for the rest of the manuscript. - SubsectionTitles:Thesubsectiontitlesaregenerallyappropriate,buttheycouldbemorespec ific. For example, instead of "Weaning Practices and Complementary Foods in Sierra Leone," consider a title like "Traditional Weaning Practices and Complementary Foods in Sierra Leone and West Africa." This provides a clearer focus on both the practices and geographical context. - LiteratureReview:Whilethemanuscriptreviewsvariouspracticesandchallenges,itcouldben efit fromaclearerseparationbetweentheliteraturereviewandthediscussionoffindings.Adedicat ed "Literature Review" subsection would help distinguish between the existing knowledge base and the specific findings or recommendations of this manuscript.	

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Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This work is intellectually and technically solid since it builds on a well-established body of research on supplemental feeding practices and malnutrition in underdeveloped countries, notably Sierra Leone. The writers use relevant sources such as the World Food Programme and several peer-reviewed research to ensure the data given is reliable. Additionally, the book gives a detailed analysis of the nutritional difficulties encountered in Sierra Leone and compares them to other West African nations, demonstrating a deep awareness of the regional context. The recommendations for increasing supplementary feeding techniques are realistic and rely on traditional procedures like as fermentation and germination, which have been scientifically demonstrated to improve nutritional content. The manuscript also appropriately highlights gaps in research and the need for further investigation, reflecting a sound scientific approach.	
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. - Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Your references are quite extensive, covering a wide range of topics related to infant nutrition, malnutrition, and food security. They include recent studies (such as Kanu et al., 2023) and reports from international organizations (like the WHO and UNICEF) The language quality of the passage is generally clear and understandable, but it could benefit from some revisions to enhance its suitability for scholarly communication. Here are some suggestions for improvement: Sentence Structure and Clarity: Some sentences are long and may be challenging to follow. Breaking them into shorter sentences or rephrasing them for clarity would improve readability. Grammar and Punctuation: There are a few grammatical issues and awkward phrasings that need revision. Correct use of punctuation, such as commas and periods, can also improve flow.	
Optional/General comments	The passage provides a detailed overview of the challenges and potential solutions regarding complementary foods in Sierra Leone. However, there are a few general comments that could further improve the clarity and impact of the text: Structured Approach: Consider organizing the content under clear headings or subheadings (e.g., "Introduction," "Challenges," "Current Practices," "Recommendations"). This will enhance readability and make it easier for readers to follow the discussion. Supporting Data: Incorporating specific data or statistics related to malnutrition, infant mortality, and the effectiveness of proposed strategies would strengthen the argument and provide a more comprehensive analysis. Comparative Analysis: Including examples or comparisons with successful initiatives in other African countries could highlight the potential for similar approaches in Sierra Leone. This would provide a practical perspective on the feasibility of the recommendations. Language Refinement: While the passage is generally well-written, minor language improvements, as suggested earlier, could further elevate the scholarly tone.	

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)	

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