**S1 Table. Comparison of morphometric measurements with historical data.**

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| Reference | Sample description | VH a *(µm)* | CD a *(µm)* | VH/CD a |
| Penna et al1 | British children *n=24* | 332 (45) | 169 (28) | 2.00 (0.35) |
| Campbell et al2 | British children *n=19* | 355 (35) | 170 (20) | 2.1 (0.3) |
| Cook et al3 | Ugandan children  (Kwashiorkor 4 years previously) | 321 [271-359] | - | - |
| Gendrel D4 | Gambian children with SAM *n=13* | 218 (43) | 154 (17) | - |
| Gendrel D4 | Gambian children with malnourished *n=38* | 243 (68) | 278 (69) | - |

a) Values expressed as mean ± S.D. or median [range].

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