

Reviewer's report

Title: Study protocol: Cost-effectiveness of transmural nutritional support in malnourished elderly patients in comparison with usual care

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1. This manuscript is a good description of the study protocol of a RCT on the cost-effectiveness of transmural nutritional support in malnourishes elderly patients. The results of this RCT will be very relevant for the medical practice in patients with malnutrition.

2. minor essential revision. In the study population an important category of patients with a high prevalence of malnutrition is missing: patients with COPD. Can the authors explain why this group is not included?

3. Discretionary Revisions.

In the costs that will be measured only medication from the patients pharmacy will be obtained. A suggestion is to ask also about OTC-medication.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.