

Author's response to reviews

Title: Malnutrition prevalence and precision in nutritional care differed in relation to hospital volume - a cross-sectional survey

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Dear Editor

The manuscript entiteled ” Malnutrition prevalence and precision in nutritional care differed in relation to hospital volume – a cross-sectional survey” has now been revised in accordance with reviewers comments (se below).

/ Best Regards Albert Westergren

Reviewer #1

1. The title and conclusion are not in accordance with each other. Does the precision in providing nutritional care differ in relation to hospital volume?

This was an important comment. The title was correct but there was a need for clarification in the conclusion and abstract.

Abstract, one sentence was added: Eating assistance was provided to a greater extent and artificial feeding to a lesser extent in small compared to in middle and large sized hospitals.

Conclusion, it was clarified that there are no differences regarding the provision of PE-food and oral supplements:

There are no differences in the precision in providing PE-food and oral supplements that are due to the hospital volume.

2. How did you define parenteral nutrition, was pre- and/or postoperative sodium chloride or glucose solution included? (page 7)

This has now been clarified: Artificial nutrition includes enteral feeding (nasogastric tube, gastrostomy or jejunostomy) and parenteral feeding (via a peripheral or central vein) given alone or as a supplement to oral intake, and pre- and/or postoperative artificial nutrition with glucose or sodium chloride solutions.

3. The relationship between surgical treatment and artificial nutrition.

In tables 5 and 6 figures regarding Pre- and/or postoperative AN have now been given. In addition, in the text relating to table 6 it is now written: Patients with energy problems in small sized hospitals got less artificial feeding, less pre- and/or postoperative artificial nutrition and more eating assistance than patients in large and middle sized hospitals.

4. Present not only the share of men but also women in table 2.

In table 2 also the share of women is now given.

Other: quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.

The paper has gone through professional language revision (English speaking). Before sending the revised manuscript it has also been read through especially checking the English, some minor changes were made.

Reviewer #2

Point 2 and discretionary revisions: It is not described how height and body weight was measured and kind of scale.

This has now been clarified by the following sentence (in methods): Height and weight were measured using the standard equipment available at the particular units.