Reviewer’s report

Title: A randomized trial of preoperative oral carbohydrates in abdominal surgery

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Reviewer: Anders Thorell

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The manuscript has improved by this revision and most issues raised by this reviewer have been addressed satisfactory. However, I still have difficulties to understand how measurements on the morning on the second postoperative day could be either 24 or 72 h after the operation. Should it not be 36 - 48 h?

Moreover, in Table 3, values are still labelled as Average and SD for most parameters.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'