Reviewer's report

Title: Nutrition of preterm Infants who develop Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia

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Reviewer: Vineet Bhandari

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General:

This is a retrospective study evaluating nutritional support and growth in the first 2 weeks of life in relation to BPD. The authors concluded that preterm infants developing BPD received significantly less enteral feeding.

Specific:

Major compulsory revisions:

1. Abstract. Page 2, line 9. It is stated here that 69 infants did not have BPD, while Table 1 shows the number to be 70. Please clarify/correct.


5. Methods. Definition of Bronchopulmonary dysplasia. Page 4, line 29. Please confirm if the diagnosis of BPD used in the manuscript was made at 36 weeks corrected gestational age, as per ref. # 9. If so, please delete the sentence: “In short, …..28 days.”


7. Discussion. Page 9, line 11. Other authors have also reported that restricted fluid intake leads to decreased BPD. This should be included in the present manuscript: J Perinatol. 2005 Apr;25(4):276-81.

9. Table 1. Please show data on chorioamnionitis (clinical and/or histological), if data is available.

10. Figure 3. This needs to be of better quality. When I printed it out, quite a few lines were missing.

Minor essential revisions:

1. Background. Page 3, line 17. Correct grammatical error, thus: “Seventy two hours after…..

2. Results. Enteral nutrition. Page 8, line 2. Please correct sentence, thus: “…median of 9.6 days in infants…”

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.