Reviewer's report

Title: Nutrition of preterm Infants who develop Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia

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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 revision:
1. Results. Page 8, line 11. By my statistical analyses, the incidence of ROP and IVH in the BPD group was significant (p=0.001 and p=0.004, respectively; chi-square test), assuming the denominators of 26 and 69 in the BPD and NBPD groups, respectively. Please check/clarify.

Minor essential revisions:
1. Background. Page 3, line 3. Correct typographical error by removing the period after “1”, thus: “….below 1000 grams [1].”

2. Methods. Page 4, line 29. Please re-phrase, thus: “…28 days at 36 weeks postmenstrual age…”

3. Methods. Page 5, lines 5-6: Please use the additional symbol for “equal to” for babies with a birth weight of exactly 750g with the appropriate starting amount of feeds.


5. Results. Page 7, line 26. Here it is stated that the cut-off used for “minimal requirement of protein intake” was 43.5 g/kg. However, in the “methods” section (page 5, line 28), the cut-off values are noted thus: “…protein 43.5g, 48 g/kg,…” Please correct/clarify.

6. Table 1. Page 14, line 4. In the revised manuscript, Table 1 still shows the number of “NBPD” to be 70. Please correct it to 69, as stated in the abstract.

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.