Reviewer’s report

Title: A randomised controlled trial of six weeks of home enteral nutrition versus standard care after oesophagectomy or total gastrectomy for cancer: protocol for a pilot and feasibility study

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In their registered trial entitled „ A randomised controlled trial of six weeks of home enteral nutrition versus standard care after oesophagectomy or total gastrectomy for cancer: protocol for a pilot and feasibility study”, Bowrey et al. aim at assessing the benefits of supportive nutrition via feeding jejunostomy after discharging the patient.

The problem that the authors want to analyse is clinically relevant and the rationale is understandable. The manuscript is written in a clear and understandable way. The methodology is appropriate and the sample size chosen is sufficient for a pilot study. The study is approved by the Nottingham Research Ethics Committee (protocol #11/EM/0383) in January 2012 and recruitment commenced in July 2012. The study protocol provides sufficient detail to reproduce the work.

The protocol is acceptable in its current form.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

There are no competing interests.