Reviewer's report

Title: Use of drug therapy in the management of symptomatic ureteric stones in hospitalised adults: a multicentre placebo controlled randomised trial of a calcium channel blocker (nifedipine) and an alpha-blocker (tamsulosin): study protocol of the randomised controlled SUSPEND trial

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MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS (not for publication).

Title page. – There are two consecutive colons in the title (Use of drug therapy in the management of symptomatic ureteric stones in hospitalized adults: a multicenter placebo controlled randomised trial of a calcium channel blocker (nifedipine) and an alpha-blocker (tamsulosin): study protocol of the randomised controlled SUSPEND trial). As far as I know, this is not optimal English.

Methods. – A reviewer underlined that the authors mentioned that “Consideration of the frequency of monitoring reports, interim analysis and any criteria for stopping rules will be discussed and agreed with the DMC prior to recruitment starting”. Since the trial started a long time ago (January 2011), this sentence must be updated.

References.

The references must be formatted according to the editorial standards of the journal TRIALS.

• How authors are listed is not done according to the standards of TRIALS. For example, the list of authors of reference #1 is presently: “Menon M and Resnick MI”. It must be: “Menon M, Resnick MI” (delete “and”).

• No dot at the end of a journal name (all references).

• Put a comma after year of publication (example: 1999, 200:149-170) (all references after #5).

• Delete number of issue, unless there is a supplement (reference 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, etc).

• Reference 1. – Please, complete this reference.

Illustrations and figures. – The legend of each figure must include the definitions of all acronyms used (CTKUB, NRS, EQ5D/SF 36).