Reviewer’s report

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This first revision of the manuscript has been significantly strengthened.

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1. Please cite a reference to support your definition of the criteria of NTIS.

2. Under the Methods section of "EN Therapy", "Detailed" should be changed to "In detail,..."

3. Table 1: The hospital cost figure is irrelevant to the baseline characteristics of the study sample and should be deleted

4. Results, Changes in Thyroid Function: Suggest rewriting this slightly to be more clear and to include the respective p-values. For example: Serum FT3 concentrations were significantly increased, from --- to --- (p=----), while TSH, etc.

5. Table 4: Suggest changing the orientation of the x and y axes in this table, so that the differences in the variable lab tests can be more easily visualized across rows, to include a final column reporting the respective p-values.

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