Reviewer’s report

Title: Mesalazine in the initial management of severely malnourished children with environmental enteric dysfunction: a pilot randomised controlled trial

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Reviewer: William Petri

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This is a pioneering although preliminary study of therapy for environmental enteropathy. Through randomization of a small number of individuals the authors demonstrate that such a study is feasible, although the number of individuals and the length of treatment and follow-up are likely not adequate to see any effect.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

no competing interests