Reviewer’s report

Title: Enteral Nutrition Tolerance And REspiratory Support (ENTARES Study) in preterm infants: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Reviewer: Karolline Viana

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It is an interesting and well-done protocol about enteral feeding and respiratory support in preterm infants. I would like to ask just for some minor points that require clarification.

1) It is not clear why just preterm infants with a gestational age of 25-29 weeks will be included.

2) The allocation concealment mechanism is not clear. Please describe the steps that will be used to conceal the sequence.

3) The sample size is based on "a difference of 30% between the 2 arms". Why was this parameter used?

4) The information about "Age ≤ 5 days?" that appears in the picture 1 is not mentioned in the text.

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