

Review of: "Medical Nutrition Therapy in Hospitalized Pulmonary Tuberculosis Patients: A Retrospective Analysis of Its Effect on Monocyte-to-Lymphocyte Ratio (MLR), Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte Ratio (NLR), and Prognostic Nutritional Index (PNI)"

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Authors retrospectively analyzed data from 418 inpatient TB cases, among whom 133 were diagnosed with malnutrition and received medical nutrition therapy. They found that the monocyte-to-lymphocyte ratio, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio, and prognostic nutritional index at the end of medical nutrition therapy improved significantly in all 133 patients. They also found that the improvement magnitudes of MLR and NLR were higher if levels of average energy and protein intake were >1500 kcal and >75 grams, respectively.

Major points are as follows:

- "Medical Nutrition Therapy in Hospitalized Pulmonary Tuberculosis Patients" in the heading should be changed appropriately, e.g., "MNT in TB patients with malnutrition."
- What is the objective of the investigation? Is it "to evaluate several indices in hospitalized TB patients" or "in TB patients with malnutrition"?
- Please rephrase "conclusion" in the abstract. You say "significant "clinical improvement" and claim it to be "as shown" with several lab indices. You can say something like "clinical improvement accompanied by better lab indices."
- In general, the aim, discussion, and conclusion are not consistent throughout the text. Plus, authors cannot clearly describe "clinical improvement" and instead create confusion by trying to explain it as improvement in several indices.

In the tables:

- Please round the numbers to no more than one decimal in general. Also, for example, the mean age 48.35 should be rounded to no decimals, 48.
- Marital status might have a negligible impact, if any, and thus should be eliminated.

Please add a Statistics section.

Lastly, please get a proofreading by a native speaker, e.g., "Improvementis higher if levels intake are,respectively" should be corrected as ".....were higher.....were>....., respectively."

