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## A PLANT-BASED HIGH ENERGY AND PROTEIN ENTERAL TUBE FEED IS HIGHLY TOLERATED, COMPLIED WITH AND ACCEPTED, AND DECREASES FEEDING TIME PER DAY IN HOME ENTERALLY TUBE FED PATIENTS

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**Rationale:** Plant-based (vegan suitable) high energy and protein enteral tube feeds (PBTF) available to home enterally tube fed (HETF) patients are limited. This one-arm multi-centre intervention study evaluated the effects of a PBTF.

**Methods:** Following a 1-day baseline, adult HETF patients (n=41; age: 51±23years; BMI: 21.5±5.0kg/m<sup>2</sup>) received ≥500ml/day of a PBTF (2.0kcal/ml; 10g protein/100ml) either with or without added fibre (1.5g/100ml) (Nutrison PlantBased 2.0kcal HP +/- Fibre, Nutricia Ltd., UK) for a 28day intervention period. Gastrointestinal (GI) tolerance (%patients reporting no symptoms), daily compliance, prescribed daily feed volume, estimated time feeding per day, acceptability, nutrient intake and body weight were assessed at baseline and end of intervention.

**Results:** Compared to baseline, with the PBTF, the proportion of patients with no GI symptoms increased (63±11 vs. 70±10%, *p*=0.006) with no difference between feed variants (*p*=0.87); compliance was greater (91±17 vs. 97±16%, *p*=0.04); and prescribed daily feed volume (1126±503 vs. 861±354ml/d, *p*<0.001) and estimated time feeding per day (10.0±4.6 vs. 8.2±3.9hrs/d, *p*<0.001) reduced. Patients scored the PBTF highly (mean score ≥8.4/10) for all acceptability outcomes. Protein intake increased from baseline to end of intervention (1.3±0.5 vs. 1.6±0.6g/kg/d, *p*<0.001), and energy intake (1864±512 vs. 1950±559kcal/d) and body weight (60.2±15.3 vs. 60.6±15.5kg) were maintained (*p*>0.08). All mean micronutrient intakes (excluding electrolytes) met the UK reference nutrient intake (RNI) at baseline and end of intervention.

**Conclusion:** In adult HETF patients, a PBTF is highly tolerated, complied with and accepted, increases protein intake, and decreases prescribed daily feed volume and estimated time feeding per day.

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