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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

To the authors: This is a well-written relevant study. Although the information is limited given the lack of trials regarding zinc I believe this is a useful article for the field as it contains good background information. I have some minor comments: In table 1 below the primary outcome I would suggest that you add another line with the actual results, meaning did HE improved? Survival? etc. This will help with the description of the table. There are no figure legends, therefore I suggest to add them with a small explanation of what we see in the figures.