

Biostatistics statement

This study was conducted in 2003 and the efficacy of curcumin in the induction of remission in ulcerative colitis had not been studied previously in any human trial. Hence, this was an exploratory pilot trial where consecutive patients of UC fulfilling the inclusion criteria were enrolled over a period of January 2003 to March 2005. The primary analysis was intention to treat worst-case scenario. Descriptive statistics including measures of central tendency and dispersion were calculated for all variables. Continuous variables were compared using t-test for independent samples and categorical variables were compared using chi-square test. A P-value of <0.05 was considered statistically significant.