

**A Randomized Controlled Study to Explore the Clinical Effect of Intermittent  
Oro-esophageal Tube Feeding vs. Nasogastric Tube Feeding on Cerebral Small  
Vessel Disease Patients with Dysphagia**

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The measurement data with normal distribution obtained in this study were represented in the form of  $(x \pm s)$ , while those with skewed distribution were expressed as medians and quartiles (m, q). A t-test or Mann-Whitney U test were recruited accordingly to analyze the difference. Categorical data and grade data were expressed as number of cases and percentage (n, %) and Chi-square tests or Mann-Whitney U test were performed accordingly. Besides, we conducted Fisher's exact tests instead of Chi-square tests to categorical data when there was at least one minimum theoretical frequency  $T < 1$ . SPSS 21.0 statistical was used for analysis and a p-value of less than 0.05 was regarded as the existence of statistical significance.