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Reviewer Selbak

We have now re-written the part of the Discussion that specifically concerns the limitations and strengths of our study (page 15, 2nd paragraph). In this way we hope to facilitate better the interpretation of our findings.

Minor comments

P.4: We have corrected the figure.

P.4: We have included the quoted data from Kirkevold et al.

P.6: The procedure we used to secure consent from the participants was approved by (i) the Regional Committee for Medical and Health Research Ethics (REC), (ii) our internal committee at the Department of Nutrition, University of Oslo, and (iii) the individual nursing homes. We are not aware that other approvals should be sought, and we have also used similar procedures in the past for other projects without obstacles. We will in particular emphasize the approval from REC as this constitutes the highest formal body in this regard.

Thank you for the valuable inputs.