Reviewer’s report

Title: Barriers and facilitators to screening and treating malnutrition in older adults living in the community: A mixed-methods synthesis

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This study investigated the barriers and facilitators to screening/ treating malnutrition in community-dwelling older adults by a mixed methods approach.

The authors concluded that several barriers and facilitators were found in practical, physiological and psychosocial aspects for both patients and healthcare professionals.

I think the research theme is clinically important in primary care setting and the findings from this study very interesting.

Abstract is concisely written in structured manner. Descriptions of research backgrounds are well-flowed, cited appropriate references, the purpose is clear and clinically significant.

Method is described precisely, and the reason for choosing the method is clearly stated. Results are exactly listed without subjective evaluation.

Discussions are based on the findings obtained from the results, and the future prospects and the application to the clinical settings are properly stated.

Overall, I believe that this research is worth publishing except for minor errors.

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#4 ref. 57 seems to be under review. This may not be suitable for reference in the research paper. Please delete.

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