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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The authors significantly improved the manuscript. There are a few points that need to be addressed:

Line 106-107: "There is a lack of consensus about the definition of malnutrition, though it is widely accepted that there is a trajectory from ongoing undernutrition, which is synonymous with 'risk of malnutrition', to malnutrition, though there is currently no agreed cut-off for diagnosis of malnutrition (8;9)." I do not understand why "ongoing undernutrition" is synonymous to "risk of malnutrition". The terms undernutrition and malnutrition are both used to define the same state of resulting from lack of uptake or intake of nutrition. I suggest to check the newest GLIM criteria for the diagnosis of Malnutrition (recently published) and also use this as a reference.

Line 292-294: "Indeed, although some interventions incorporating ONS showed some beneficial effects, others were ineffective (see Supplementary Table 4)." Summarizing the effectiveness of interventions is not the research aim, so this information should not be incorporated in the results section. (if sentence is incorporated in the discussion: effects on what outcomes?)

Lines 355-357. How is community-setting different from primary care? Line 358 and 360 again use the term "community".

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