**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Improving early detection initiatives: a qualitative study exploring perspectives of older people and professionals

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**Reviewer:** Ralph Möhler

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the interesting manuscript. Following you find my comments which might further improve the manuscript.

**Methods**

**Study sample**

I recommend moving the last passage of the description of the first stage sampling (page 5, line 118-121), to the end of line 114. Please think also about adding a paragraph before "Interviews were conducted until all researchers were confident no new data would emerge."

**Data analysis**

In this study both individual interviews and group interviews have been analysed. Please add some information about how this aspect was addressed in the process of data analysis.

**Results**

The results are presented comprehensively.

**Discussion**

The discussion addresses important points.

Regarding to the small amount of information about the topic of cognitive decline could also have its reason also in a kind of taboo of this topic.
One limitation of the study might be the lack of participants with experiences in using early
detection interventions or without using such services but with the experience of increased
frailty. A retrospective investigation about the views of these participants might add valuable
insights about the topic.

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