Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of Malnutrition and Associated Factors Among Hospitalized Elderly Patients in King Abdulaziz University Hospital, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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In this paper its main objective was to determine the prevalence of malnutrition among hospitalized elderly patients and their associated factors and outcomes in terms of length of stay and mortality.

The study refers to being transversal, but it confuses, since later in the writing refers that the days of hospital stay, readmission and mortality to a year were determined, could better explain the design that I use. And as these results were collected, since it is very brief about obtaining the data of hospital stay, readmission and mortality

How do you collect patient food intake data?

In the statistical analysis, explain better on the calculation of mortality. You may be able to make a survival chart to better demonstrate the data you write.

You explain the statistical analysis of Table 3 in the results; you can change them to the statistical analysis and explain better

How do you calculate the sample size

In the results it never mentions the mortality to a year of the patients

In the foot of each table establish the statistical analysis that was used

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