Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of frailty and its associated factors in older hospitalised patients in Vietnam

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Reviewer: Oleg Zaslavsky

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The authors adequately addressed reviewers concerns.

Interesting paper that contributes to the growing body of literature on importance of frailty and developed and developing countries.

I have few suggestions.

1. I would recommend to include response categories to one item question about 'poor nutrition'. It is unclear how this was scored.

2. Limitation should also include statement about selection bias due to unavailability of data on persons no screened for frailty. This might underestimate the extent of frailty in hospitalized population.

The authors mentioned that patients were not approached on weekend and holidays but with only third of patients being recruited there were may be other considerations that affected recruitment.

3. Another important limitation that needs to be addressed is unavailability of cognitive screening. It is unclear whether patients could reliably respond to self report items. The authors mentioned that proxy reports were used in patients with diagnosed cognitive impairment, but because cognitive issues were only reported in 7 out of 461 patients, there might be a misreport of cognitive deficits in this population.

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