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One outstanding, very minor, revision:

Line 76 - I still feel like the background information given about malnutrition risk factors does not flow well into the information given about cognitive decline. It would even be enough to add "Levels of cognitive impairment often increase with ageing [31], and have the potential to influence nutrition status."

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