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REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Thank you for the effort in answering my queries. Overall, the quality of the manuscript increased significantly, but two issues were still raised.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OBSERVATIONS, PLEASE FIND THE RESPONSES BELOW

Methods

In the manuscript, authors wrote: "Statistical significance was inferred at p &lt; 0.05." However, in their response letter, they wrote: "The level of significance used was p &lt; 0.05." Please align.

The Authors were trying to respond to the question as it was asked by the Reviewer, we affirm that statistical significance was inferred at p &lt; 0.05

Results

The use of flowchart/flow diagram is recommended to several studies design, including cross-sectional (STROBE checklist - item 13c) and randomized clinical trials, not only systematic review. The flow of the participants must be clearly demonstrated for the readers. Please see the examples of the flowchart of the following cross-sectional studies: Stoffel LMB, Muniz FWMG, Colussi PRG, Rösing CK, Colussi EL. Nutritional assessment and associated factors in the elderly: a population-based cross-sectional study. Nutrition. 2018 Nov;55-56:104-110. AND

Thank you for the observation and the suggested examples of cross-sectional studies with flowcharts. A flowchart showing the selection of participants has been included in the manuscript.