

## **Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Nutritional status and functional capacity of hospitalized elderly

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In the introduction the author gives some background of the MNA and its use. In more recent times, the SGA has also been used to assess nutritional status. Comparing the two and discussing why one was used over the other may be of use.

An additional table in the introduction to describe the components of MNA may be useful

Is there a reference for the last line in paragraph 3 of introduction..." The lack of functional autonomy to look after oneself....etc.."?

In the second last paragraph of results the author stated that the some of the patients had chronic disease. It may be helpful to know what types of chronic disease as they all have varying effects on nutritional status.

Also, if possible, the conclusion should better summarize the findings of this study.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

### **Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.