

Review of: "Knowledge, Perception and Challenges of Implementing Nutrition Screening: A Survey of Healthcare Professionals"

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The researchers have taken up a topic for research in an appropriate area, i.e., pre-operative Nutrition Status screening to improve patient outcomes.

However, it is only a type of awareness/perceptions and practice survey of health care providers in the surgical department to check the existence of a problem in a single hospital, the findings from which would be useful only to the decision makers for action (capacity building of care providers who are expected to do nutrition screening) in the organisation where the study was conducted.

The need for the study and the need to study the specific health care groups who are **expected** to carry out the nutrition screening is not established. The analysis of the study subjects (demographics) shows that they are mainly nurses. It is not made clear whether it is part of the institutional protocol or a professional task that **expects** nurses to do nutritional screening of all in-patients. Hence, it would be prudent to only study those health care providers who are expected to do nutritional screening; otherwise, the findings won't be of any practical use even in the institution where the study was undertaken. If this expectation from the nurses to do nutritional screening is only an institutional expectation, then the findings from the study would only be useful to the institution and not to the audience of the journal outside the local context where the study was done.

To sum up, the manuscript needs to be thoroughly rewritten to first establish the need for the study among the study participant groups to whom the questionnaire was administered. Also, in its present form, since there is nothing new in the process used and in the construct of the questionnaire that would be useful for the audience of the journal outside the local context, a better description of the process to communicate the construct and content validity of the questionnaire developed is needed for the audience of the journal to judge the validity and utility of the findings that emerge/conclusions drawn from the study.