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This editorial focus on the Groningen Frialty Indicator as a risk indicator for "gastric cancer surgery". Whereas ASA is not very powerful the GFI appears to be able to identify risky co-morbidities much better. It would be interesting to know, whether it helps to predict the risk for cancer relapse, as well? There is no doubt that the performance of a patient influences the risk for complications, however there are many other confounders as extent of surgery, experience of the surgeon, size and location of the tumour, What is the impact of the GFI in relation to the other confounders? It it really relevant in comparison? Instead of accumulating various information into a score it may be an heuristic alternative to collect major criteria with a few simple and clear questions ("take the best" from the common anamnesis), which are able to separate the different risk groups and to identify high risk patients? What are the general consequences of such an improved risk assessment for treatment? What is about the false assessments?



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Interesting report. This manuscript is already acceptable with this version.