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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I commend the authors for such an interesting topic involving outcomes after colorectal surgery in frail patients. Manuscript is easy to understand, and is well written. Just a few points or comments maybe to add in the Discussion or authors comments: 1. A Frailty assessment tool perhaps the author can recommend based on study(ies) comparing the different tools, and which tool has stand out? 2. “Early identification of frail patients can enable the implementation of personalized interventions to optimize their perioperative care, reduce potential complications, and enhance overall outcomes” – Although there are different/multiple domains under the Frailty definition, would the authors give some or cite studies where pre-operative interventions given did improve outcomes in colorectal (or other) frailty patients after surgery (or did this preoperative intervention did no effect even after identifying a patient frail. For example, patients with preoperatively identified poor nutrition, would you cite how outcomes can be improved.



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3. Is there clinical implication for frailty during the consent-decision making of the patient/surgeon- so risks can be further discussed preoperatively? 4. “The findings of our review have profound implications for the operating room nursing staff.” – As you mentioned that this is a collaborative effort, it is more practical to generalized to health care team rather than putting only the spotlight to the OR staff. Similar in the Introduction, “Nurses must develop a keen ability to assess and recognize frailty in these patients.” The whole surgical/medical team should have collaborative efforts to recognize frailty.