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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very comprehensive review regarding the role of frailty and sarcopenia in predicting outcomes among patients undergoing gastrointestinal surgery. The manuscript is well-written, the structure of the text is reasonable and consistent, and the reference list covers the most important studies. In my opinion this is an interesting review for gastrointestinal surgeons. Comments: 1. Since this is a systematic review, the methods section should include an statement indicating that the review has been performed following the PRISMA checklist (as it should be). 2. I recommend to include a recent manuscript published online by Huang D et al in Colorectal Disease journal. Huang DD et al. Sarcopenia, as defined by low muscle mass, strength and physical performance, predicts complications after colorectal cancer surgery. Colorectal Dis. 2015 Jul 20. doi: 10.1111/codi.13067. [Epub ahead of print] The authors assessed sarcopenia not only by L3 muscle index but also including strength and physical performance. The authors suggest that including a functional aspect (handgrip strength and 6-meter usual gait speed) to the definition of sarcopenia may result in a better prediction for postoperative complications

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This is a well written review article that considers an important topic. The article is however too long to be easily readable & digestable and I think would benefit enormously from significant 'pruning'. At the current length it is almost a book chapter/thesis chapter rather than a journal article. In addition it is a little difficult to read and again would benefit from further sub-division by clear headings and some additional figures such as a CT with psoas cross-section or similar. The table that reviews all the relevant articles is also unwieldy and the authors might consider removing several of the columns that add little to the readers interpretation.