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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for considering my article *Patients presenting for colonoscopy: A great opportunity to screen for sleep apnea*. I believe screening patients for sleep apnea at the time of a colonoscopy offers a unique opportunity not only to screen for colon cancer but also to identify patients at high risk for OSA who should undergo further testing. I have made the requested changes as able as noted below.

1. The manuscript was edited and changes to the title, references, and other areas of concern raised by the editor were revised. The IRB approval letter has been uploaded.
2. Reviewer 00074859: No changes were recommended
3. Reviewer 00503883: I appreciate the reviewer's comments on the dose of propofol. Patients were given a bolus of propofol by the nurse anesthetist with additional injections every few minutes titrated to a moderate sedation level. This was added to the manuscript. The patients did not have episodes of bradycardia or arrhythmia. The same method of delivery of propofol was used for all patients. I do not believe calculating the total dose of propofol per patient or dose of propofol per weight will resolve the issue, as all patients require different amounts of propofol based upon differences in patient metabolism, baseline medications, etc. I agree that this is a potential confounding variable, although personally I do not believe this is a major issue. The dose of propofol

was not recorded as part of the study. Obtaining this information would require a revision by the IRB and approval in order to obtain this information.

Reviewer 0043396: Glenn Harvin contributed to study design, collection and analysis of the data, and writing of the manuscript. Eslam Ali, Amit Raina, William Leland, Sabeen Abid, Zahid Vahora, Hossein Movahed, Sumyra Kachru and Rick Tee assisted with data collection, and were actively involved in the study. All authors approved the manuscript.

Thank you again for your help. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Glenn Harvin, M.D.