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Prof. Andrzej S Tarnawski
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Dear Editor,

I wish to submit revision of our original article for publication in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, (manuscript No 43088), titled “**Viewpoints of the target population regarding information sources for and barriers and facilitators of colorectal cancer screening in the Czech Republic.**” The paper was coauthored by Monika Ondrackova, Petra Kovalcikova, Milan Dastych, Tomas Pavlik, Lumir Kunovsky, and Jiri Dolina.

We have edited the manuscript according to recommendation of reviewers. The manuscript was corrected according to specific comments.

Anonymous

Review Date:

2018-11-22 22:01

Specific Comments To
Authors:

This work focuses on the perspectives of subjects who are within the age for CRC screening
SPECIFIC COMMENTS
1. The Methods of the ABSTRACT includes the number of subjects. These are results - this needs to be moved to the results section
2. The INTRODUCTION is too long and should be shortened and focused more
3. The second sentence of the INTRO includes three incidence figures - accordingly the verb should be plural
4. In the INTRODUCTION it is stated that gynaecologists are involved - is this correct?
5. Abbreviations are used on page 7 without explanation
6. The RESULTS section would be enhanced by the use of subheadings
7. The DISCUSSION could be abbreviated which would enhance flow and readability

Scientific Quality:

Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality:

Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion:

Anonymous

Review Date:

2018-11-07 21:37

Specific Comments To
Authors:

This is a very interesting paper that aimed to investigate the viewpoints of asymptomatic subjects older than 50 years regarding the source of information for and barriers and facilitators of CRC screening. In general the manuscript is good; English language is adequate. Please check throughout the text for grammar and spelling errors. The tables and figures are clear and useful. I would suggest to include more references in the text about possible screening and early diagnosis methods (e.g. Falzone L, et al *Aging* (Albany NY). 2018 May 18;10(5):1000-1014; Godos J et al *World J*

Gastroenterol. 2017 Mar 14;23(10):1909-1919.; Rametta S et al BMC Surg. 2013;13 Suppl 2:S17). In the conclusion paragraph I would include a statement on the future application and utility of questionnaires for CRC screening.

Scientific Quality:	Grade B (Very good)
Language Quality:	Grade A (Priority publishing)
Conclusion:	Minor revision

Our answers: Yes, gynecologists are involved in invitation and distribution of FOBT. We reduced the text. We added one of suggested references, others are not related to the topic of the manuscript. Future application of surveys is suggested.

The aim of this study was to obtain perspective from the target population for colorectal cancer (CRC) screening regarding sources of information on CRC screening and the reasons for and against screening uptake. Clients' feelings regarding screening perceptions and challenges affiliated with the screening process were also surveyed. The impact of certain factors on initial and longitudinal screening uptake was studied.

Biostatisticians were members of the team (Kovalcikova, Pavlik) and are listed as coauthors. They certified that methods used for statistics are correct.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review board. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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