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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I accept this manuscript for publication after answering the following questions: 1-Did the delay in screening and diagnosing of colorectal cancer affect the prognosis later on ?
2-If COVID-19 pandemic affect the rate of surgery for those diagnosed cases? -I declare no conflict of interest regarding this manuscript -I declare this is the 1st time to review this manuscript

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The text's overall Scientific Quality is excellent. It highlights the delays of screening campaigns in CRC with the covid-19 pandemic and its consequences of the reduced CRC screening activity, a current problem that has been partially solved through the covid pandemic, screening which is fundamental in the diagnosis and treatment of malignant and pre-malignant lesions. I believe that this review helps to fulfill its purpose of defining the effects of the COVID-19 pandemics on colorectal cancer diagnosis, treatment, and of most importance, prevention. Thereby I recommend its prompt publication after some minor language polishing; for example, in the following sentence, "is offered" is twice in a row: In most regions, a FOBT by the immunochemical technique is offered is offered every 2 years to all men and women aged 50–69 years, who are at the highest risk of developing the disease.

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First, i would like to compliment the authors for the time and effort put into the manuscript, as it provides valuable knowledge to the global literature. Overall, the manuscript uses an adequate scientific language and manages to communicate the main idea clearly. Therefore i recommend this article for publication.