

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reviewed the current status of CRC screening, the performances of various screening tools, and the imperfections of these tools, and other aspects of the CRC screening. This review was properly designed, well conducted and written. This article of interest for physicians and scientists. Nevertheless, this reviewer has a few minor suggestions. 1, Introduction: Page 2, second paragraph, when describing age as a risk factor of CRC, I suggest the authors to incorporate recent data on Chinese population [Gastroenterol Rep (Oxf). 2021 Nov 17;9(6):571-582. doi: 10.1093/gastro/goab048. eCollection 2021 Dec. Clinical characteristics and survival analysis of colorectal cancer in China: a retrospective cohort study with 13,328 patients from southern China] [Gastroenterol Rep (Oxf). 2022 Feb 9;10(1):goac002. doi: 10.1093/gastro/goac002. eCollection 2022 Feb. A risk-prediction score for colorectal lesions on 12,628 participants at high risk of colorectal cancer. 2, Introduction, page 3, first paragraph. There has been an exploration of the CRC early screening at the adenoma stage for CRC: [Nat Commun. 2021 May 24;12(1):3063. doi: 10.1038/s41467-021-23265-y.] , and at the stage of polyps [Gastroenterol Rep (Oxf). 2021 Sep 16;10:goab038. doi: 10.1093/gastro/goab038.



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eCollection 2022. Risk factors for recurrence of colorectal conventional adenoma and serrated polyp] The authors should discuss the significance of these literature in this paragraph. 3, Page 10. When discussing the ineffectiveness of early detection, the authors may consider the idea of targeting adenoma and polyps in the early screening of CRC. Unlike targeting CRC, screening for colorectal adenoma and polyps could truly reduce the incidence of CRC [Nat Commun. 2021 May 24;12(1):3063. doi: 10.1038/s41467-021-23265-y].

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The article presents colorectal cancer screening in a highly methodical and thorough manner; nevertheless, to make the text more readable, 1-2 charts or tables may be added.