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Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting manuscript. Current topic. Well organized manuscript. Multiple pieces of information that increase the knowledge of any reader and, above all, expert readers.



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The objective of the current Editorial by Triantafillidis and his associates is to provide an overview of early-onset of gastrointestinal (GI) cancers and its implications. The current editorial describes the data gathered from epidemiological studies to provide significance and implications of early-onset of different GI cancers. The primary objective of this editorial, however, is to summarize the incidence and prevalence of many GI cancers shifting from older to younger generations, which is termed as 'early-onset cancer'. The authors propose some measures regarding the attitude of the scientific community to this alarming condition. The editorial is well-written but may require some editing in areas of articles and prepositions. In general, the current editorial provides some valuable information on early-onset of GI cancers, which would be beneficial to clinical investigators. However, this information would be of great value if the authors provide some meaningful information about prevention and treatment of the early-onset of GI cancers. The authors may also like to address the following issues: The authors state there has been a huge increase in GI cancers in several middle eastern countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar. Could this in part be due to the large



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increase immigrant population in recent years. It would be useful if the authors discuss the rates of GI cancers between Arab and non-Arab populations in middle eastern countries. The issue also arises for colon cancer in the USA, where African Americans are shown to have higher incidence of this cancer. It would be of interest to know whether there also has been a shift in early-onset of colon cancer among the African Americans. The editorial will greatly benefit from a small write-up on "future direction" of research in this area.