

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for reviewing our work and considering it for possible publication in your Journal. We are also thankful to all reviewers for their valuable contribution. Below you can find our replies to reviewers' comments. All changes in the revised manuscript are highlighted, as requested.

Reviewer 3475749

Comment: *Very small study with few study objects. Does not allow a solid conclusion that can be generalised. Nothing is stated on whether or not the persons invited have had CRC screening performed previously or if they have had any bowel symptoms. An interview with those not tested on why would have been of great interest.*

Answer: We are thankful for your comment. Indeed, as we acknowledge in the Discussion, our study is limited by the small number of participants that precludes generalization of its results. The questionnaire completed by the study population included only demographic data and data regarding relevant family history. Unfortunately, no information as regards previous CRC screening or current bowel complaints was captured. Moreover, the reasons why those who eventually did not undergo the testing preferred to do so, were not investigated. All the aforementioned interesting issues are added as limitations of our study.

Reviewer 3270693

Comment: *The manuscript in its current version is well written. I recommend accepting it for publication as is.*

Answer: Thank you very much for your kind comment!

Reviewer 43819

Comment: *Interesting manuscript on important topic. The paper is well-written and suitable for publication.*

Answerer: We appreciate your comment. Thank you!

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