

Dear editor,

The letter in Aug 27<sup>th</sup> has been received.

I have been made the following corrections mentioned in your letter to meet the journal's requirements.

**Step 1: Verify the accuracy of general information for your manuscript (Yes)**

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO.:** 40974

**Column:** Observational Study

**Title:** Willingness to pay for colorectal cancer screening in Guangzhou

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I have revise the manuscript according the guidelines and your requirements, and upload the revised manuscript and attached filed.

**Step 4: Revise the manuscript (Yes)**

Question: did the survey distinguish between choice of the two major screening options in China - FOBT and colonoscopy? If so, the data should be presented - is there a preference? if not, it should at least be indicated in the Discussion that this is a variable - the people who refused to pay because the "examination is too painful" (presumably colonoscopy) may be willing to pay for FOBT. Also, if people are not willing to pay the cost for colonoscopy, it may be prudent to make first like screening FPBT, and then have colonoscopy reserved for FOBT-positive results (this would reduce costs and may make free colonoscopy more feasible).

I have added the instruction of screening method in the **MATERIALS AND METHODS** in the manuscript. In this study, colorectal cancer screening was consisted of questionnaire risk assessment and FOBT, following by colonoscopy for the positive participants. So the cost of willing to pay included the cost of colonoscopy and questionnaire survey and FOBT.

It is also interesting that a paper is referenced suggesting that colonoscopy detection rates were higher for free colonoscopy than paid, which is somewhat counter-intuitive.

I have checked the reference that colonoscopy detection rates were higher for free colonoscopy than paid. It was not "detection rates", but "uptake of colonoscopy". It have been corrected in the manuscript.

Some minor language polishing/editing by someone fluent in English would be helpful to make it easier to read.

I have revised it as possible as I can.

#### **Step 5: Submit the revised manuscript and all related documents**

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- (11) 40974-Video **(No video in the manuscript)**
- (12) 40974-Image File **(No image file in the manuscript)**
- (13) 40974-STROBE Statement **(Yes)**
- (14) 40974-Supplementary Material **(copy of the full approved grant application form and Chinese references)**

With kind regards,  
Qin Zhou