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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This works reviews the current literature status of the incidence of colorectal cancer in patients with diverticular disease. The topic is very interesting and tries to provide reccomendation for colorectal cancer screening. The review is very accurate and well documented. Even if the data presented do not clarify the increase of risk of cancer in



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presence of diverticulitis, they could be considered a good step forwards to better study this subject. I agree with the authors that promote to monitor the patients affected by diverticulitis with periodic colonoscopy.

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this article, the authors conducted a concise review regarding the CRC risk in patients with diverticular disease. The authors concluded that current literature suggests an increased risk of CRC in patients with acute diverticulitis episodes. I would suggest acceptance for publication of this article.



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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This manuscript proposes new concepts that colon diverticulitis could indicate colorectal cancer existence. It is very interesting and educational, but may need further discussion regarding: pathological relationship between diverticulitis and oncogenesis; efficacy of surveillance of CRC using colonoscopic examinations. So please provide any



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suggestions regarding relationship between CRC oncogenesis and inflammation of diverticula. Also, if the authors could provide data what stages and pathologies of CRC have been found most in case of patients with diverticulitis, that would be very informative. In addition, colonoscopic exams are recommended every 5-10 years in usual cases, and 1 year after curative resection of CRC. If no CRC are found in cases of bleeding diverticulitis, for which colonoscopy should have performed for hemostasis, why CRC could mostly be found in 6 months, as the authors mention in this manuscript. Thank you.

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