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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this report, the authors discuss the feasibility of FIT for screening CRC and monitoring after adenoma resection, demonstrating the value of FIT in primary healthcare and surveillance after adenoma resection. I think this part has important significance. However, there are still many problems to be solved urgently: 1. FIT is still affected by hemoglobin degradation and intermittent bleeding, as well as poor compliance of FIT. Please indicate the possible impact of these deficiencies on primary healthcare screening. 2. FIT screening is used in patients with lower abdominal symptoms in the cited literature[9, 10], please specify whether abdominal symptoms include upper abdominal symptoms in the report. If included, please specify the significance of FIT in patients with upper abdominal symptoms. 3. This report only compares the advantages and disadvantages with previous screening methods, without comparing new screening methods, such as multi-target fecal DNA (mt-sDNA) test (Cologuard) and plasma SEPT9 DNA methylation test (EpiProColon). 4. There are some unnecessary abbreviations, such as AA-Advanced adenoma. 5. The paper needs further proofreading. The text contains some language errors (such as singular and plural problems, lack of subject or predicate, etc.), which are sometimes difficult to understand. I suggest further polishing the language of the paper after modifying the content of the paper.