

Reviewer #1:

My main concern is that the follow up period is rather short (3.1 years). In some parts of the discussion it is also wrongly stated that the follow up period in the study was 5 years. In addition, only 31 of 82 patients with negative CCE were followed. It is not clear what happened with the others.

Thank you for your insightful comments. We have corrected the study period from five years to 3.1 years; this change has been reflected in the title, as well as throughout the manuscript text.

Additionally, we added an explanation to the text regarding the other 51 patients.

It is not necessary to repeat the results in the Table 1 in the main text. Similarly the results presented in Table 2 are repeated in the text, however they do not correspond completely. For example, there are three polyps of the ascending colon in Table 2 and just two in the text. How were the shape and colour of the polyps evaluated (NICE?, Kudo?).

Thank you for your comments. We have confirmed these data and corrected the number of polyps. We have also added the NICE classification of these polyps to the text, as well as summarized the Tables in the result section.

The terminology for the lesions found on follow up colonoscopy is not correct. The authors should use established terminology such as hyperplastic polyp, tubular/villous adenoma with low/high grade dysplasia, or explain what they mean with “low-mild adenoma”.

Thank you for your suggestions, we have modified the text accordingly.

Please explain what is the definition of intermediate cancer and advanced cancer. Instead of “Screening patients with colorectal cancer” “colorectal cancer screening” should be used as screening is not performed in patients with known cancer.

Thank you for your suggestion. As you have indicated, the use of the terms “intermediate cancer” and “advanced cancer” were incorrect; we thus corrected this to “interval cancer” and “colorectal cancer”.

Reviewer #2:

ABSTRACT 1. In background: “Currently, CCE is widely used in clinical practice as a modality comparable to colonoscopy (CS) for screening patients with colorectal cancer[1]”: This affirmation is not accurate. CCE is not widely accepted for colorectal cancer screening.

Thank you for your comment. We agree with this concern, and have revised the text as follows:

“Currently, CCE is used as an alternative method for colorectal cancer screening^[1], as well as for evaluating the mucosal lesions of inflammatory bowel disease, in cases where performing colonoscopy (CS) is difficult^[2].”

2. In methods: FIT replace immunoglobulin with immunochemical test

Thank you for your suggestion; we have replaced FIT with immunochemical test as appropriate.

3. In conclusion CCE screening for colorectal cancer in patients with CS difficulty in a Japanese population over approximately 5 years was considered acceptable: I do not agree that you can conclude this with 31 patients, and 5 years was not the mean follow-up period.

Our sincere thanks for your comment. We agree with your opinion and have altered the conclusion as requested.

4. RESULTS: You initially stated that 208 patients underwent CCE-2 for colorectal cancer screening, and when you detail the indication of the test for the 31 patients included, you give several other indications; please review the indications.

Thank you for your suggestion; as requested, we have revised the inclusion criteria in the results section.

The subgroup of patients in whom the indication was screening should be analyzed separately regarding interval cancer and length of follow-up period

Thank you for your comment. We agree with your opinion, and have described the outcomes of patients with screening separately in the results section. We hope that this addresses your concerns.

5-DISCUSSION: However, it may be necessary to reduce the total amount of laxatives by increasing the amount of castor oil and reducing the cost of examination by reusing the discharged capsules (personal opinion). Please review this sentence.

Thank you for your comment. Since there is no evidence, we have removed these sentences.