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This study is really well done. I liked it a lot. It answers clinical questions that we routinely face. Someone had a positive Hemoccult test or symptoms after colonoscopy, should you repeat another colonoscopy? The first thing I look to is the patient's last colonoscopy. Second thing I look at is the quality of the bowel prep. I am not surprised with the finding of the study that more than 4 years she tends to find advanced lesions. However, the quality of the prep of the index colonoscopy should be elaborated more. I find table 3 is very helpful. I find table 4 to be very helpful. 6 out of the 7 patients with advanced lesions had poor prep or the prep quality was unknown. I wish I can see a similar table for patients who had cancer. The study also said there was no difference between the 2 groups in terms of the quality of prep, but I am not sure if this accounted for the missed or unknown data. I am surprised that they rated the prep as good, excellent, and poor without a fair. A lot of data from the colonoscopies do not use the proper scoring system, which is a limitation to this study or any other study. Please revisit this. I wish also at least a similar table to table 4 discussing the cases where there is colorectal cancer seen. Also, the 3rd question I will look into is: If the patient has advanced neoplasia on his previous colonoscopy. This should be elaborated more similar to the colon prep issue.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Thanks for addressing the comments I have no further comments