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#### **Comment from Editor in Chief**

**Comment** I recommend the manuscript to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must add a table/figure (medical imaging) to the manuscript. There are no restrictions on the figures (color, B/W). Before final acceptance, when revising the manuscript, the author must supplement and improve the highlights of the latest cutting-edge research results, thereby further improving the content of the manuscript. To this end, authors are advised to apply a new tool, the RCA. RCA is an artificial intelligence technology-based open multidisciplinary citation analysis database. In it, upon obtaining search results from the keywords entered by the author, "Impact Index Per Article" under "Ranked by" should be selected to find the latest highlight articles, which can then be used to further improve an article under preparation/peer-review/revision. Please visit our RCA database for more information at: <https://www.referencecitationanalysis.com/>.

**Response** The article was revised, and the RCA database was used according to your suggestions.



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**Reviewer ID:** 06048170

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Accept (General priority)

#### **Specific Comments to Authors**

**Comment** This is a review article to address Clinical Presentation, Management, Screening and Surveillance for Colorectal Cancer during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This review was conducted to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the management of colorectal cancer and to identify the changes made to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. That is interesting and helpful.

**Response** Thank you very much for your positive comments. We hope this article will be helpful to readers.

**Reviewer ID:** 05774529

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Major revision

#### **Specific Comments to Authors**

**Comment 1** During the pandemic, the management of colorectal cancer is the biggest problem, especially "Surgical Treatment". I suggest that authors add more references, such as "Liu Z, Zhang Y, Wang X, Zhang D, Diao D, Chandramohan K, Booth CM. Recommendations for Surgery During the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Epidemic. Indian J Surg. 2020 Apr 11:1-5. doi: 10.1007/s12262-020-02173-3.



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**Response 1** The authors appreciate the reviewer's input, the article had vital insights and had been cited.

**Comment 2** Screening for colorectal cancer varies widely from country to country, and for developing countries, cost-effectiveness and accessibility of screening tools need to be considered.

**Response 2** The authors have made necessary changes to appreciate the need for clinicians to be conscious of resource limitations and utilize the most economically viable route to screen for CRC.

**Comment 3** Due to the impact of the epidemic, whether neoadjuvant therapy has been overused? Whether it has an impact on the prognosis of patients? This is also what needs to be discussed.

**Response 3** Though the authors did not come across literature regarding overuse of neo-adjuvant therapy in CRC during the pandemic, there was a tendency to postpone surgical procedures that posed a risk of exposure and Covid-19 infection and increased use of neoadjuvant in this window. There is a need to assess the impact of this on the prognosis of the disease in the long term.

**Comment 4** Some standardized treatments do not need to be elaborated, and the manuscript should focus on changes in the pandemic.

**Response 4** We appreciate your interest in our article. We have tried to make the necessary changes in our article and here, we are submitting the revised form of the manuscript for your evaluation.



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