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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have no further comments on this well written manuscript.



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very important clinical question; the aims of the study are clearly of high relevance. Comments; 1. The only major comment is the relatively small cohort size, therefore interpretation of the results should be realistic, and the study as such should be interpreted as a pilot 2. Moreover it is somewhat controversial that patients after declining to consent for colonoscopy were not offered any alternative methods, some of these although could be explained by financial reasons, but in the discussion authors should clearly list this as a limitation and give insight on how the program could be improved by offering alternative methods in referral where the subject declines endoscopy.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well constructed study, of high clinical significance. It seems that it is sufficiently powered to detect pre-specified 25% difference in referral frequency, but in my opinion this sample size is not sufficiently enough to portray independent predictors resulting in declining referral between insured and underinsured patients. Inclusion criteria for CRC-S are not provided. Some of the results are given for first time in the discussion e.g.: First, college education were more prevalence in patients with medical insurance coverage (43% vs. 11%)..... The most important issue is the lack of a logistic regression model that would unmask independent predictors for referral reject between insured and underinsured patients.



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is interesting conceptually. The intervention is educating patients to educate their primary care provider about screening colonoscopy. This makes sense and forms the basis to increase public awareness of effective screening for cancer. If a patient initiates the discussion about cancer screening, it seems intuitive that the provider will act upon the prompt. On the other hand, it appears that providers are less efficient about recommending screening for colorectal cancer if not prompted by their patients.



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting concept of the study. It is interesting to know the level of residences of two groups, gender, and age. Can you perform additional analysis according to these parameters?



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Major 1. It is very important issue that only 60% of eligible patients are screened for CRC-S in the US. However, it is also easily expected that prompting of physicians promotes screening referrals. Although the authors selected two types of clinic, results were almost same except financial affordability. 2. It seems to be effective to giving pamphlet, but its contents are important. The authors should describe about pamphlet in detail. 3. Unfortunately, it is though that there is little significance of this study because acceptance rates from referrals did not increase.