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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Sir, It is really an interesting review, worth to be read. However, what are your final conclusion? What is your proposal about the obesity markers? Hope you can complete it in order to publish it? Thank you



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Tanton et al. present a nice editorial in which they establish the importance of colorectal cancer (CRC) screening to reduce the incidence and mortality by this disease, as well as the usefulness of determination of the body mass index (BMI) to reach this goal. BMI has been considered as a useful marker for CRC screening due to that obesity has been linked with an increased risk of CRC and its precursor lesion adenoma in several studies. However, the literature shows a lot of controversy about this field, and different conclusions have been raised about the utility of BMI in CRC screening, and particularly on the influence of BMI by gender. Herein, authors discussed about these limitations, as well as the pathogenic mechanisms by which obesity is linked to increased risk of colon polyps and colorectal cancer, and finally they emphasized on the need of further studies of the influence of BMI on CRC and its utility on CRC screening programs. I consider that minor corrections should be made before considering this manuscript for publication:

- At page 4, paragraph 4, it is necessary a reference: "The link between BMI and colorectal adenomas may also have a genetic association, as studies reveal that polymorphisms in the fat-mass and obesity-associated (FTO) gene could be related to development of colorectal adenoma "(ref...?).
- In page 5, it is mentioned that references 4 and 5 are meta-analysis. I think that they are another type of study or publication. Please revise.
- In table I: Please include a legend with the meaning of abbreviations. Authors could also include references?
- In page 3, paragraph 3: it is cited reference 27 (Kitahara et al., 2013), however and at the end of the second paragraph at page 4 this reference is cited again together with Nagata et al.



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(2014) apparently referring to a particular study. Please clarify. 5) Authors could comment a little bit about that the obesity condition of some patients may affect their participation to undergo cancer screening compared with their normal weight counterparts (Maruthur et al. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev*; 737-46). Therefore, this fact could limit the evaluation of markers in clinical trials.