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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Easy and efficacious bowel preparation for colonoscopy has been a challenge to patients as well as colonoscopists in practice. Cleansing efficacy is basically important, but now patient's willing to repeat and satisfaction is important as well. In term of patient's satisfaction, for example, morning colonoscopy is preferable in our country because most patients do not like skipping their meals because fasting time is longer. In addition, another problem is insomnia. SaD bowel preparation has an advantage over SpD because patients can reduce hardship at least on the day before procedure. Therefore, your study about afternoon colonoscopy and same day bowel preparation is one of the most interesting concern of colonoscopists. As you mentioned, minimizing heterogeneity is most important in this study because there are so many confounding factors annoying us such as volume or kind of bowel preparation and patient factor like underlying disease of patients (constipation, diabetes, neurologic diaseas, etc). Although your study can not reduce all confounding biases, I think your study is unique and valuable because you tried to minimize heterogeneity and it is informative and comprehensible. The number of study included in subgroup analysis is small but it is likely to be inevitable. If you show more subgroup analysis including patient factors, it will be better. Thank you