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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an important review on the question if a routine colonoscopy is mandatory after resolution of acute diverticulitis. It is well written and discusses all relevant data. 1) Figure 3 and 4 are identical in the provided version of the manuscript; I suppose that figure 4 is missing (showing a tumor in the colon). 2) I agree that colonoscopy has not to be performed routinely if diverticulitis is uncomplicated and there are no other indications (especially if a previous screening colonoscopy has been performed). However, the studies performing endoscopy after resolution of diverticulitis demonstrated malignant tumors in 1-4 %. This is very high and would support routine follow up colonoscopy. Do we know if these patients had colonoscopies before developing acute diverticulitis? In other words: if a patient > 50 years develops diverticulitis, and never had a colonoscopy, this episode is a good reason to perform screening colonoscopy that should have been performed earlier.