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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

**INTRO:** Quote global data in addition to local data on CRC prevalence to make this more relevant to a global audience. "diminutive polyps have been removed commonly by cold biopsy forceps [10-12]. Recent studies reported that the complete resection rate of cold forceps polypectomy for diminutive polyps was 90-92% [13, 14]." Comment should be made about the fact that this is inferior compared to cold snare polypectomy and that this could make the estimation of polyp size less relevant. **METHODS** In estimation of polyp size without forceps or catheter, the researcher watching the clip without operating the colonoscope would have no idea how far from the mucosa they are. Please describe how this was addressed in the methods, or if it was not addressed, please indicate this and list it as a limitation in the discussion. "An ICC below 0.59 was defined as poor agreement, an ICC of 0.60-0.79 was defined as moderate agreement, and an ICC greater than 0.80 was considered to be an excellent agreement." Reference please. What was the hypothesis - please state this clearly. What was the primary end point - please state this clearly. Were adjustments in significance levels made for multiple analyses/endpoints? - If not, why not? **RESULTS** Was there a learning aspect - ie are the results more accurate as the observers progressed through the 40 cases -



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this is likely and should be addressed in the results and analysed as such. Where is the analysis comparing accuracy of beginners and experienced endoscopists? I can see the results for each, but not a specific test used to compare the pair? The analysis by histologic type might also be interesting, has this been done – it looks like you have the data. DISCUSSION “If a polyp which is needed to be removed by endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR) is encountered, measuring the polyp size by forceps estimation before removing the polyp by EMR is maybe tedious and more time consuming than visual estimation alone.” The grammar of this sentence requires work.