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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript of Ballester et al. reviews the current knowledge on early-onset CRC. In general, it is concise and well written and thus it can possibly attract clinical as well as translational and basic scientists. I would like to recommend to acceptance it - almost - as it stands. Some minor comments would to my opinion, however add to it's value: - despite the fact that it was obviously written and/or carefully revised by a native speaker of English, some mistakes could be found - mostly singular/plural problems in long sentences. As a non-native speaker, I would thus only recommend to have it checked once more before publishing. - the weakest part in reading was the abstract. It would definitely be more convenient to read, if the use of "increasing" and "incidence" could somehow be minimized. - the title does not totally reflect the major topic of the review. The increasing incidence of young-onset CRC is not the topic but the molecular features of clinical cases and the growing number of molecular alterations recognized as causative and eventually described as novel syndroms. - on page 10, the numbers for sporadic CRC are given as 12% from ref. 12 as well as 15% from ref.1. This might disturb non-experts. Please modify this.