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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors investigated the impact of the colonoscopy hands on skill up course in the UK. They found attendance of the BSC was associated with a step-change improvement in PICI. The PICI reflects some of the key UK quality standards in colonoscopy. This study also showed the BSC improved CIR in earlier stages of training. This manuscript is clear and well written. However, there are some major issues. Major 1. This study does not provide the written informed consents obtained from the patients who underwent colonoscopy. Please provide the informed consents. 2. The authors concluded that timing of course attendance appears to be at earlier stages of training. However, in this study, they did not compare among the three groups. They overstated. Minor 1. The authors should compare the improvement of the outcome between the endoscopists who attended the BSC and those who did not attend the BSC. If possible, please show how much the BSC cost. 2. The ethics committee's consent is not stated in the manuscript. More information of ethics should be included. 3. Please discuss which factors of the BSC have improved the endoscopist's procedure. 4. Please indicate what the PICI target should be.

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This is an excellent manuscript from one of the most experienced groups in colonoscopy quality, training and certification. The paper provides confirmatory evidence of the impact of structured systematic training on colonoscopy outcomes. It is well designed and presented with optimal analysis, discussion, tabulation and graphic display of data.