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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting concept in a well-written editorial but requires far more detail before it should be published. -If the target of screening was "appropriate screening candidates and/or underserved population," the a priori definitions of each of these groups must be much more clear and the patient characteristics matching these definitions also must be clearer (i.e. how many patients did have a family history of prostate cancer? how many percent were actually appropriate screening candidates? what does underserved mean?). Right now it's just unclear to me what exactly the objective of the study is besides describing a population that the authors screened that may or may not be appropriate for screening. -A table comparing demographics of the cohort vs. demographics of the region (with appropriate statistics) should be included, since if 98% of patients in the cohort are Caucasian and 98% of the region is Caucasian, then you're doing OK. -A more thorough discussion of the relevant prostate screening implementation literature is also needed.