

Answering Reviewers

1. "Please add author information in the manuscript."

Answer: All requisite author information has been provided where appropriate in the manuscript submission areas on the publishing website.

2. "There are two Figure 2 in the manuscript, please verify."

Answer: The numbering has been fixed and there are no duplicate figure labels.

3. "Please add the innovativeness of this manuscript and the new information proposed."

Answer: This review article highlights important considerations for CRC screening in older patients that age-based screening guidance may overlook. This review proposes the use of specific assessment tools such as the Clinical Frailty Scale and Charlson Comorbidity Index for determining whether to recommend CRC screening to an older patient, and organizes them in a framework that is helpful when addressing this issue in the clinical setting. Endoscopic technique and management of anticoagulation are also addressed in order to minimize complications when proceeding with screening colonoscopy. The combination of the gastroenterologist perspective with that of the geriatrician makes this paper innovative in its review of the literature and approach to screening decisions for older adults.

The authors have added the following to the end of the Abstract and to the end of the Introduction:

This review article offers a unique approach to this topic from both the gastroenterologist and geriatrician perspective by reviewing the use of specific clinical assessment tools, and addressing technical aspects of screening colonoscopy and periprocedural management to mitigate screening-related complications.