Reviewer's report

Title: The Effect of Health Literacy on Knowledge and Receipt of Colorectal Cancer Screening: a survey study

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General

Overall, this manuscript is clearly written. Although the sample size is small, the authors explain that this is a pilot study.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. CRC knowledge is the dependent variable. The authors state that they developed a 26-item questionnaire to assess patient knowledge of CRC screening interventions. Please outline specifically HOW this tool was developed. Were the psychometric properties (i.e., validity and reliability) of this tool evaluated? How were questions formatted (true-false; multiple choice)? Please address these issues and provide specific examples of questions.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Did patients receive an incentive to participate?

2. What about other study limitations?

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.