Reviewer’s report

Title: Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening in Community Health Centers: a Qualitative Study

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Thanks for giving me the opportunity for looking at this interesting qualitative study again, examining barriers to Colorectal Cancer screening in Community Health Centres. In my review I had a few concerns which I believe now have been largely addressed.

Specifically, the authors now include evidence from randomised control trials of FOBT screening from out-with the US. There is a much better description of the existing recruitment processes and the screening environment in which this study was undertaken - it is now clear that it did not occur in the context of other organised programmes and I think this is helpful for the reader.

The authors now give a description in their covering note of the process of developing the interview pro-forma; my feeling is that this process should be included in the paper along with a reference to the way in which the instrument might be accessed via the internet.

The authors now give a suggestion about a potential intervention involving a community health worker component - this seems a sensible development from the qualitative work and is, I think, a valuable addition to the paper.

So in summary my concerns about the paper have been largely addressed and, provided the other reviewers are satisfied with the paper, I would recommend it for publication.