Reviewer's report

Title: Gastronet survey on the use of one- or two-person technique for colonoscopy insertion

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This is an interesting and useful article because performance of one and two-persons insertion techniques have not reported before. All that is unknown must be resolved. I have some major questions:

- We do not know the withdrawal time from the cecum and this may be the cause of the different polyp detection rate between the two groups.
- Polyps detection rate was better with one-person technique, but you explain that all endoscopists practice one-person withdrawal technique. How can the authors explain this difference?
- Survey may not be a real representation because patients of non respondents reported more often moderate or severe pain and examinations performed by non-respondents were more often with sedation (41% vs 27%). This may represent a selection bias.
- The Authors stated that some endoscopists in the two-person group converted occasionally to one-person technique and vice-versa during phases of insertion problems. However, we do not konw for how long this was done so this could modify the results.

One minor question:
- Patients' questionnaires were filled in at home on the day after examinations. Why pain was not evaluated after colonoscopy and before leaving the endoscopy ward?

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests