Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge about hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer; mutation carriers and physicians at equal levels

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Reviewer: Douglas Stupart

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Thank you for inviting me to review this paper.
This article is clearly written, methodologically sound, and of interest to researchers and clinicians in the field of genetic counselling.

There are two points I think need to be addressed:

1. In the paragraph headed 'key statements among at-risk individuals' it is atated that 'half (52%) of the physicians marked the risk...'. I assume that this should read 'half (52%) of the mutation carriers...'.

2. In the paragraph headed 'Risk and surveillance strategies among physicians', there are figures quoted for the 'correct' initiation age for surveillance for gastric and urinary tract cancers. The efficacy of such screening is unproven, and such screening is quite controversial, as stated in the introduction. I think there is sufficient doubt on that issue that one cannot really judge a correct or incorrect answer. I think this should either be more clearly addressed in the discussion.

Thank you
Douglas Stupart

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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