Reviewer’s report

Title: Explaining disparities in colorectal cancer screening among five Asian ethnic groups: A population-based study in California

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The health problem at issue is colorectal cancer (CRC). CRC screening becomes important because detection and treatment of CRC results in lower mortality. The information necessary in providing the context for this study is the burden of disease in these populations. What is the rate (prevalence and/or incidence) of CRC for these Asian ethnic groups? Are they at high risk for CRC? Are any of the groups at greater risk, so that screening is more important? This particular survey contained responses from several ethnic groups. How do these trends compare with the trends among the Whites, Hispanics, and African-Americans?

Other responses OK.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'