Reviewer's report

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Here are my comments/suggestions:

1. I think the authors provided the info. on stepped approach and it's OK.

2. The multi-collinearity issue has been addressed and data were presented in the letter which means that the readers were not accessible to this part of the document so now it's editor's choice if he/she agree that readers should have the same amount of info. as reviewers do.

3. I found another issue which is the readers mentioned that "Korean Americans were the only group that had significantly lower screening prevalence than Japanese Americans in 2001 and "whose trend to 2005" remained

significantly depressed" on pg. 12 and another statement, "Ethnicity-by-year interactions indicated that Korean Americans were the only subgroup that had a statistically significant decline in screening prevalence from 2001 to 2005 compared to the trend among Japanese Americans" on pg. 11 while the data in Table 2 only suggested the statistical significant result for the interaction term of Korean x 2005. It has nothing to do with other years, nor the specific period as the authors suggested, from 2001 to 2005.

Also the authors have not defined what the interaction term of "age x age" means which also is statistically significant in all four models.