Reviewer’s report

Title: Mode of primary cancer detection as an indicator of screening practice for second primary cancer in cancer survivors: a nationwide survey in Korea

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This is an interesting manuscript assessing an important public health issue related to the factors that influence the uptake of screening for second primary cancer in cancer survivors. The importance of screening and increase of compliance is of utmost importance and this manuscript provides useful information on the factors that affect good compliance and the groups that are likely to complete screening. This may allow targeted interventions for that population in the future.

Major compulsory revisions:
There are no major comments. The manuscript is well written with appropriate methodology.

Minor compulsory revisions:
No minor comments.

Discretionary revisions:
The major limitation of this study relates to population sample included. As the patients responding to the survey were self-selected, there is a concern whether the population is representative of the actual cancer survivors. It is likely that patients with good screening compliance were more likely to participate in this study. The authors commented on this in the discussion.

It would be useful to present an analysis according to the site of the primary tumour and to include details of the exact perceptions of this population based on validated questionnaires. This has not been possible in this study and the authors have commented on that in the discussion.

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.