Reviewer’s report

Title: A population-based cross-sectional study of colorectal cancer screening practices of first-degree relatives of colorectal cancer patients

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This is a well written paper examining within an Australian population-based sample of at-risk first-degree relative of CRC patients: (i) the proportion that had ever received any CRC testing in their lifetime (ii) the proportion screened in accordance with national screening guidelines for each level of risk and (iii) the individual and provider-level factors associated with outcomes (i) and (ii). Study findings highlight the need for systematic approaches at a population-level to improve first-degree relatives of CRC patients' risk-appropriate CRC screening participation.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interest