Reviewer's report

Title: Factors related with symptom duration till diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic colorectal cancer

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Unfortunately some of the English for the new sections is not well written and may not make sense - e.g. this section in the abstract

"Symptom presentation as vomits or abdominal pain and the presence of obstruction led to shorter diagnostic or treatment intervals. Also time elapsed was shorter in those patients that perceive their first symptom/s as serious, disclosure it to their quittances, contact with emergencies services or feel confident with their GPs."

Neither does this sentence, and in any case 4 and 5 are both relatively recent "While there is recent rigorous literature on time duration to cancer diagnosis or treatment, most of it is old and presents methodological issues that need to be taken into account, such as different ways of measuring symptom duration and accuracy in recording symptom presentation [4-5]."