Reviewer's report

Title: Age and manifestation related symptoms in familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)

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Reviewer: Paul Rozen

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General
1. The manuscript requires language editing.
2. The list of references can be shortened to include only major or recent relevant publications.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. There is some repetition within the text.
2. The manuscript can be shortened in order to emphasize the main point which is to emphasize the clinical manifestations of FAP in the patient without a history of being a FAP patient.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. In the Tables, there is a need to define what is the meaning of "a" and "nd".
2. The presentation of data would be simplified by using figures to supplement the text. Specifically, this refers to data given on page 7 referring to age, site of polyps, extra colonic manifestations.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

NONE