Reviewer's report

Title: Use of various HRT formulations is not associated with increased risk of colon cancer: A case-control study

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. The title somewhat implies that the paper findings are surprising. However, as the AA point out in the text the vast majority of the studies reported a decrease or a null effect of HRT on Colon Cancer risk. A more neutral title is more appropriate

2. CEE and SEE: The AA should give details of these abbreviations

3. The effects of CEE alone and CEE+MPA should be discussed on more details, discussing the interpretations given by the WHI AA

4. Norethindrone acetate (NETA): The European definition noretisterone acetate should be added

5. In table 1 the breast feeding and OC use were reported to be associated to a decrease risk: the AA should discuss these findings in detail

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.