Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of organised programs on colorectal cancer screening

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Minor Essential Revisions

This study reports the results of two telephone surveys in France concerning colorectal cancer screening, conducted in the general population aged 50 to 74 years and among GPs. This paper is of importance in its field. I have only minor comments:

- The main one concerns the division into 3 categories of screening areas ("departements") according to the timing of initial program implementation. In reality screening started in Côte d'Or and Ille et Villaine in 2003 and only a small part of Saône et Loire was involved in a pilot program. So I suggest to make only two categories: "more than 18 months ago" and "about 12 months ago".

- Concerning influencing screening test performance a table reporting the results of the univariate analysis could be a good complement to the written text. I suggest to add it.

- Similarly a table reporting the screening attitudes and perception of GPs could be a useful complement to the text.

- Interviewed subjects cannot be considered as "patients" (Abstract). In the conclusion of the abstract, I am not sure that you can conclude from your data that organised screening "decrease socio economic inequalities". For colorectal cancer screening "decrease inequalities" could be more adapted?

- Pilot studies started in 2003 (not in 2002) (in background)

Also in this paragraphe a precision is needed : the screening test is first provided by GPs, free on charge, over a 4 to 6 months period, then mailed to non participants with eventualy a reminder letter.

- In Methods/framework: no more than one analysis center by department.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**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