Reviewer's report

**Title:** Comorbidity, age, race and stage at diagnosis in colorectal cancer: a retrospective, parallel analysis of two health systems

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**Reviewer:** Selwyn O Rogers

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This is a well written report comparing two different populations (Fee for Service vs VA) with colorectal cancer. The authors sought to examine the impact of age, race, and comorbidities on presentation of colorectal cancer. From my previous review, major revision has led to a stronger manuscript with attendant limitations and appropriately drawn conclusions.

**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:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.