Reviewer's report

Title: A qualitative exploration of Malaysian cancer patients' perceptions towards cancer screening

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• Abstract: In background section, Add the word cancer, in the statement stating that the response of screening is poor.
• Methodology: In which Language consent form was used.
• For Chinese patients why not their native language was not used
• In methodology section authors mention that there were many studies conducted for healthy individual concerning the perception towards the cancer screening I would like author should add some of important results from those studies in the introduction section.
• Table 1 should be reformatted so that it would be clearly understandable for readers.
• Explain the term used "Slightly advance stage of cancer".
• Results: Table 2 represent the socio-economic status of the study participant as the income was the only criteria, I advise this variable should be only economic status rather socio-economic.
• Add citation for the division of income groups.
• Opportunistic screening program in Malaysia as mention is the discussion section please add some information about this in introduction section.
• As the study targeted only low and middle income groups and didn’t target the high income group, mention this as a limitation of the study.
• Limitation section should come after the conclusion section.
• Please check reference number 6, 10, 12, 13, 25, 28.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests