Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with intention to adhere to recommendations for follow-up after an abnormal colorectal cancer screening result in Japan

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Reviewer: Mark Dignan

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General - This is an interesting report on a timely topic. Aside from relatively minor editorial preferences and few places where additional detail is needed, there are few concerns with this manuscript

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) - 1) Literature cited varies in age, but many citations are quite old. Specifically, an updated source for #11 is needed along with revised information. 2) At the end of the 'Procedure' section, additional information is needed describing the reasoning behind the decision not to provide information on costs, etc. to patients. Was the information ever provided? 3) The sections on perceived susceptibility, severity, and benfits are overly brief. Additional information is needed. 4) Under the section labeled 'Intention to adhere to follow-up recommendation (table 2), additional discussion is needed providing information interpreting the results shown in the table.

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) Extra article 'a' in the sentence 'Myers at al suggested that a physician ..

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) - None

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

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests