Reviewer's report

Title: Breast and Bowel Cancer Screening Uptake Patterns over Time in UK South Asian Ethnic Minority Populations Corrected for Differences in Socio-demographic Characteristics

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The question posed by the authors is well defined and of interest. The methods are appropriate and well described and the data appear to be sound. The manuscript is very poorly written however. There are too many tables and figures and all the details of the tables and figures are restated in the text. The text is rambling and over long. Although the journal does not have a limit on the word count or number of tables and figures, the authors should still describe their methods clearly and succinctly. Several of the tables could be combined into fewer tables. The same information should not be presented in tabular, figure and text form. The introduction and discussion are also too long and repetitious. I did not see a discussion of limitations.

This paper is not suitable for publication in this form.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'