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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Reviewer: Anne M. Stoddard

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The revisions made the authors have greatly improved this paper. It is very clearly written and the tables and figures are interesting and relevant.

I have a few minor descretionary comments:

1. Abstract. Data: Insert the word screening: “Bowel screening data analyzed…. ”
2. Methods. Data preparation p.6. We need a bit more information about where the data were obtained. Were they collated from clinic records, programme records, something else or a combination of sources?
3. Results. First sentence of second paragraph: Add mention of comparison group: “Breast screening uptake for the South Asian population was significantly lower than for non-Asians in all three rounds.”
4. p-values should be rounded to 2 decimal places unless less than 0.01.
5. Table 3, add a footnote to state explicitly what variables controlled.
6. p.13, first paragraph, third sentence: “In particular, the adjusted odds ratios show …. ”

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'