Reviewer's report

**Title:** Cancer screening in a middle-aged general population: factors associated with practices and attitudes

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**Reviewer:** Luigi Bisanti

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The study is properly designed, analyzed and discussed. The authors clearly stated the mayor limitations of the work. The writing is more than acceptable. The subject of the study is not original and the authors aknowledge this limitation. The most original contribution of the paper comes from the large sample size and the population-based sampling frame; it allowed a larger and a more in depth exploration of an already explored field. Unfortunately the low response rate (i.e. 49 %) cannot rule out selection bias, but this point of weakness is quite common to the epidemiological surveys. The paper is almost ready for publication.

**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