Reviewer's report

Title: The effects of the Two-Week Rule on NHS colorectal cancer diagnostic services: A systematic literature review

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Reviewer: David Cade

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The results are inaccurate as in table 2 Flashman's paper has been recorded as 26.1% accurate for the identification of cancer via the TWR. In fact the figure is 65/695 which is 9.35%. When this is corrected the overall rate of detection from the TWR clinics is 10.2% and not 15%. This makes the conclusion of the paper stronger. 26.1% was the percentage of cancers that were identified via the TWR clinics.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests