Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinicopathologic and endoscopic features of early-stage colorectal serrated adenocarcinoma

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1. The authors classified SACs to SACs with all serrated morphology and SACs with non-serrated morphology. However, the explanation for this classification is vague. The authors should describe the criteria for this classification in detail.

2. The authors classified 40 early-stage SACs into 4 subgroups according to JNET classification, pit pattern, and serrated component, respectively. Moreover, the authors performed statistical analysis for those subgroups. However, the number of cases in each subgroup is too small to adjust statistical analysis. Moreover, the statistical significance is exaggerated by multiple testing. I think that the authors should not perform statistical analysis for those small subgroups.

3. The resolution of Figure 1 and 2 are too low. Moreover, it is uncertain that those polyps are carcinomas. I think that the figures for H&E stain should be shown in more high power and in more high resolution.

4. In table 5, total number of SACS with serrated morphology is 17. However, the number of SACs with serrated morphology size between 11-20mm is 6, and that of SACs with serrated morphology size over 20mm is 17. The authors should check the exact number of those cases.

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