Reviewer’s report

Title: Determinants of gastric cancer screening attendance in Korea: a multi-level analysis

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Authors aimed to assess determinants for participation on a gastric cancer screening program in Korea. Both individual and area-level variables were tested in different models. 44% participation rate was reported and individuals living in less urbanized areas with higher levels of education, married, with private insurance, with some degree of limitation in their daily activity, previous upper GI diseases and non-smokers were more prone to adhere to screening.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

- Even though limited experiences of screening programs for gastric cancer in other countries, discussion must be improved by comparing this manuscript’s results;

- Further explanation on absence of gender and access influence on adherence to the program should be given. Women tend to be more involved in screening programs and this was surprisingly not the case as it was also the no relation of access and adhesion.

- Explain exclusion criteria namely why non-respondents of gastric cancer screening questions (n=655) were excluded. How different were these individuals?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests