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## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Assessment of Colonoscopic Findings in Patients Presenting with Lower Gastrointestinal Symptoms

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Accept as it is .....	Originality		✓		
✓ Accept after minor revision.....	Techn. Quality		✓		
Accept after major revision .....	Clarity		✓		
Do not accept ( <i>Reasons below</i> ) .....	Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

### *Detailed Reviewer's Report*

#### **Strength of the study:**

- The study addresses an important clinical problem related to lower gastrointestinal diseases
- Adequate sample size was included for observational analysis
- Colonoscopic and histopathological findings were presented systematically
- The objectives are clear and clinically relevant
- Data are supported by tables, figures, and lesion distribution analysis
- The study highlights the diagnostic value and safety of colonoscopy
- Findings have practical relevance for surgeons and gastroenterologists

#### **Weakness of the study:**

- Single center study limits the generalizability of findings
- Histopathological examination was not performed in all patients
- Long term patient follow up was not included
- Risk factors such as diet, smoking, alcohol use, and family history were not assessed
- Statistical analysis remains largely descriptive
- Some grammatical and formatting errors are present
- The discussion could include more comparison with recent literature

#### **Reviewers Comments:**

This manuscript evaluates colonoscopic findings among patients presenting with lower gastrointestinal symptoms and provides useful information regarding the spectrum of colorectal disorders detected during colonoscopy. The study is well structured, and the objectives, methodology, results, and conclusions are clearly presented. The inclusion of histopathological findings strengthens the diagnostic relevance of the work. Ethical clearance and informed consent procedures should be clearly mentioned in the manuscript if not already documented. The writing quality is generally satisfactory, although minor grammatical corrections and formatting improvements are needed to enhance readability. The study is limited by its single center design, absence of long term follow up, and incomplete histopathological assessment in all participants. In addition, important lifestyle related risk factors were not evaluated. Despite these limitations, the findings support the important role of colonoscopy in diagnosing lower gastrointestinal diseases. Overall, the manuscript is clinically relevant and suitable for publication after minor revision.

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There is no obvious indication that this work has been published previously. The manuscript appears to be an original observational study based on patient data collected at a single institution. A formal plagiarism assessment using standard similarity detection software should be performed by the journal to confirm originality and ensure compliance with publication ethics before final acceptance.