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We thank the authors for bringing the new data on faecal occult blood testing to our attention. The recommendations were completed in 1999. We acknowledge the new Japanese case—control study from 2000, and we are looking forward to the outcome of the Florence screening programme. However, new screening tests should be sufficiently documented

before they can be recommended for use in screening programmes.

The setting up of recommendations on cancer screening in the European Union is a dynamic process incorporating new data as they become available. Our recommendation document from 1999 was a first step in this process.

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