

Dear Authors,

For early operable colon cancers, we already inflate the colon for observation, usually clip, inject carbon nanoparticles while we perform colonoscopy, and perform CT colonography immediately after colonoscopy. Clipping and injecting carbon nanoparticles during colonoscopy are popular and useful techniques. We may add some carbon dioxide for CT colonography.

The authors say that we do not have to inflate the colon in all cases, but we think colonography (inflating colon) is useful in some cases because of the following two reasons. First, running of the colon becomes clearer. It may detect adhesions of the transverse colon and the ascending colon and the information may be useful in the surgery. Second, we can predict the tumor invasion depth from the wall deformity as we mentioned in the article.

When the lesion has already caused intestinal obstruction, we do not inflate the colon as the authors have mentioned in this letter.

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