

**Supplementary Table 1.** Recommended items for assessment of training and competence of colonoscopists

| Recommended item     | Description  |
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| Colonoscopist        | Did the colonoscopists perform at least 100 polypectomies in the last 2 years?   |
| Endoscopy assistant  | Are there guidelines for required education and training for endoscopy assistants before participating in the actual procedures and are these guidelines being followed? |
| Maintenance training | Are there education programs provided periodically within the center?  |