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Minor Essential Revisions:

Abstract. No suggestion.

Background: No suggestion.

Methods: The incidence results should be present rounding to one digit, example 1.23 to 1.2. this suggestion also includes figures and tables.

Results.

To corrected:

1) Change the numeration of the tables 1 and 2. The data of table 1 correspond to the table 2 and the data of table 2 correspond to table 1.

2) Delete Figure 1, because the information in table 1 is duplicated.

3) If Figure 1 is eliminated, Results of paragraph 1 should be changed “AAIR for each of the selected embryonic tumours are shown in Table 1”.

4) Correct the AAIR of RB. AAIR from Curitiva is the lowest (3.52).

5) Correct interval from HB. Interval goes from 0.0 to 2.78. It is a mistake to write 0.4 to 2.78.

6) Supplementary figure 1 is confusing, I suggest you to eliminate it, if you wish to show the difference between the incidence rate according to gender, you should estimate the ratio male/female of each incidence and show it in a complementary table. It would be easier display the differences according to sex.
and also I suggest to round your numbers into one digit.

7) Figure 2 represents the proportion of each tumor from the total of 4 embryonic tumors. You should say that it is really a proportion instead of distribution ratio.

8) For the correlations between SEI and incidence, I suggest to round to 3 digits in all results.

Discussion. Correct. Authors discussed more important issues and it is in correlation with results.

Conclusions. Right.

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