Reviewer's report

Title: Estimates of cancer incidence, mortality and survival in Aboriginal people from NSW, Australia

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Reviewer: Patricia Valery

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I have read the revised manuscript, and in my opinion, the authors have addressed most of the reviewers points well to allow their manuscript to be published. In particular adding a sensitivity analysis, adjusting the hazard ratios as well as presenting their results more clearly. I take their point about comparing their results with incidence rates reported for Queensland. It is true that there is wide variation of rates between states. Also, the time period compared are not the same.

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  None.

- Discretionary Revisions
  1st para in Introduction: third sentence is not clear. Best to rephrase it.
  7th para in Discussion - While it may be expected that the authors would speculate on reasons for their findings and where to go from here, I still think it seems premature and tenuous to discuss genetic factors influencing response to anti-cancer drugs. However, if the Editor agrees that the authors keep the paragraph on the topic as is, that's fine.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.