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Dear Editors,

We thank the reviewers for the comments that they made concerning our manuscript entitled Incidence of leukemias in children from El Salvador and Mexico City between 1996 and 2000: Population-based data. We took these comments into account and we think incorporating them into the manuscript has enriched our work. Below we answer, in the order in which they appeared, the questions raised or suggestions made by Dr. Stiller.

With respect to the comments of Dr. Stiller, the modifications are the following:

We have changed ‘a subestimation’ to ‘underestimation’; ‘another’ to ‘other’ and ‘cities’ to ‘states’.

With relation to the page 13, line 8, we check our comment and we change the term ‘developing’ to ‘developed’.

We have chose do not do none comment about the possibility that the incidence rates in the study population are an over-estimate of those in the total population in Mexico, because we do not have data to support it.

In addition, we made corrections to the language.

We truly think that the comments made by Drs. Stiller and McNally have helped us to improve greatly our manuscript.

We hope that we can count on your support for the publication of this work because we think that it will be of vital importance in the planning of the Health Services that deal with the medical attention of children with cancer in Latin America. We think that publication of this work would act as an impetus to strengthen this combined effort of different Latin American countries to improve our registries of childhood cancer.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

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