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Title: Minimum follow-up time required for the estimation of statistical cure of cancer patients: verification using data from 42 cancer sites in the SEER database

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To the Editor:

Respond to Reviewer 1 (Angela Mariotto):

Major Points:

(1) The following statement is added to the Data Sources:

"Data from registries of Connecticut and Detroit were used in this study and results were compared with the SEER-9 registries." The results are consistent, as already mentioned in the discussion section.

(6) The cancer-specific survival rate of Cervix Uteri was re-calculated to be 69.7% at the threshold year.

The following statements are added to the Discussion:

"The cancer-specific survival has not included the deaths due to other causes. The cancer-specific rates also depend on the reliability of the assignment of the cause of death."
Response to Reviewer 3 (Colin Mathers):

The following statements are added to the Discussion:

"The cancer-specific survival has not included the deaths due to other causes. The cancer-specific rates also depend on the reliability of the assignment of the cause of death."