Reviewer's report

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The possible bias due to different age distribution between compared populations, that may seriously bias results, has not been worked out.

As I requested in the previous review I repeat that the effect of age should be considered in the statistical analysis to disentangle ageing from cancer effect. The way the Authors chose does not work out the problem.

A different statistical approach (multivariable model) should be considered.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No