Author's response to reviews

Title: Time trends in breast cancer incidence and mortality in a middle-sized northeastern Brazilian city

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To the Editor Of BMC Public Health

Dear Sir,

The authors revised the paper according to the suggestions of the reviewers:
1. The rates in table 1 were presented with confidence intervals;
2. Regrouping for <45, 45-54, 55-64, and 65+ was done as an approximation to the premenstrual, perimenstrual, and postmenstrual periods of women's lives;
3. Analyses were performed considering the age-groups mentioned with observation whether differences were significant;
4. Discussion about the use of HRT and screening in the community studied was included;
5. Discussion was edited to follow exclusively the results;
6. Correction in the observation that read that breast cancer was the first cause of death globally to ... the first cause of cancer-related death;
7. The manuscript was edited to include the observations of reviewers 2 and 3;
8. Figure 1 was edited to include the curves obtained directly from the Joinpoint Regression Program;
9. The authors maintained the analyses obtained by the Joinpoint Regression Program but onserving the suggestions of the reviewers;
10. The manuscript was revised for grammatical errors.

The Authors thank for your appraisal of the revised manuscript.