Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

We are submitting to BMC Public Health our revised manuscript entitled "Burden of disease due to cancer in Spain".

We have checked our manuscript for any small typographical mistakes and we have made some small changes. Below, we provide you a summary of these changes.

- We have replaced the expression “years lived with disability” with “years lost due to disability” in all the text and the title of Figure 1. We have also replaced Figure 2.
- We have replaced “Organisation” with “Organization”, “generalised” with “generalized” and “characterised” with “characterized”.
- We have corrected the title of one of the cited studies, both in the text and in its reference:
  “Victorian Burden of Disease Study”
- We have removed a parenthesis at the end of page 5.
- We have corrected the reference number for Victorian BoD Study at the last line of page 6.
- We have replaced the last sentence of the first paragraph in page 7, with: “In the open age group (over 85 years of age), midpoint is defined by the life expectancy at 85 years, so these figures were considered (91.22 years among women and 90.24 among men).”
- On page 10, we have replaced the sentence in the line 14 “In malignant neoplasms of gall bladder and prostate, it is the older age groups that register maximum BoD” with “In malignant neoplasms of gall bladder and prostate, older age groups register maximum BoD.”
- On page 12, line 21, we have added an “s” to the word “weight”.
- Page 14, second paragraph, last sentence: We have replaced it with “Given that discount rate adds more weight to older ages and age weighting gives less weight to this age group, their joint influence on our results will not be crucial [36].”
- We have corrected references 9, 12, 17, 18, 28 and 36.
- We have corrected the title of Additional file 1: “Classification of cancers at diagnosis and distribution of incident cases in subgroups. Spain 2000”

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