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Title: RiskDiff: a web tool for the analysis of the difference due to risk and demographic factors for incidence or mortality data

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Melissa Norton, MD  
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Dear Dr. Norton,

Enclosed please find our manuscript entitled *RiskDiff: a web tool for the analysis of the difference due to risk and demographic factors for incidence and mortality data*, which we wish to submit to the journal *BMC Public Health*.

This paper presents the implementation of a method proposed by Bashir and Estève (International Journal of Epidemiology, 2000, Oct;29(5):878-84). This method is frequently used in applied epidemiology to measure the effect of demographic factors and the risk of disease, in the observed difference in incidence or mortality data when comparing two groups, such as two different time points.

We have implemented a set of functions in R code but also a web facility, available at http://rht.iconcologia.net/riskdiff/, to perform this kind of statistical analyses. We think that the tool implemented may serve to promote and divulgate the use of this method to give advice for epidemiologic interpretation and decision making in public health.

Because we describe the tool and its use in applied epidemiology and public health, we believe that our work would be of interest to the readership of BMC Public Health.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me on any matter that may arise.

Sincerely

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