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Title: Is hospital discharge administrative data an appropriate source of information for cancer registries purposes? Some insights from four Spanish Registries

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Dear Editor,

Following your requirements, a new version of the manuscript has been uploaded.

1) With regard to the major comment by the reviewer, a short paragraph has been included.

An additional source of false negative cases could be found in the exclusion of metastatic disease in the definition of incident case; it would the case for patients that initially present with metastases and the original prostatic tumour is only found once they are discharged. These patients would be flagged as false negatives if they are discharged without definitive diagnoses. None out of the 58 cases which could potentially be affected in our sample was actually misclassified.

2) Additional copy-editing has been done using two native English reviewers;
both of them have got a special certification for editing purposes.

3) Finally, we have included a sentence in the methods section describing which departments approved the use of the data; and, authors’ contributions were properly detailed.

Many thanks for your interest in our manuscript

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