Reviewer's report

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Authors have addressed the most comments however, given the scope and policy directions of the paper, we find that many remarks are sweeping and are missing the issues in countries. Country by country analysis with real data is necessary if opinion is made on cancer services.

Table 5 has to be from reliable sources (not from the textbook). WHO has developed managerial guidance and a set of modules which provide the full scope of cancer control. Table 6 is more like general impression without hard data on the services.

An in depth analysis of the actual situation is needed before making wide ranging recommendations.

We note the editors comment that this can be an opinion paper, however, the paper is more of review and opinions are not based on in-depth analysis.

Thanks for your consideration,

Hai-Rim

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests