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Title: High Cancer Mortality for US-born Latinos: Evidence from California and Texas

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In the current manuscript Pinheiro et al. utilized mortality data (2008-2012) from the California Department of Health Vital Statistics and the Texas Department of State Health Services to examine cancer mortality rates in Latinos by birthplace and compared them to non Latino whites (NLWs) and non Latino Blacks in both states. This is the first detailed analysis of cancer mortality by site in Latinos by birthplace.

This manuscript is well written. The major findings underscore the importance of birthplace information when examining cancer mortality patterns in Latinos. US-born Latinos have similar cancer mortality rates to NLWs. The study also highlights that US-born Latinos are particularly at high risk of death due to liver, kidney and colorectal cancers. These findings have important clinical and public health implications.

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