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Aviano, November 27, 2017
Dear Prof. Amy Downing,

Thank you for the opportunity to improve our manuscript, and to the Reviewers for the appreciation of our work and careful checks. We have now completed the revision, taking into consideration the only essential revision required.

Here enclosed a clean version of our revised article, we are resubmitting for a third evaluation of publication in the BMC Cancer journal.

The article has neither been published nor is under consideration of publication elsewhere. All authors have seen and approved the final version for this submission.

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Thank you for the attention and best regards,

Sincerely,

Dr. Luigino Dal Maso  
(on behalf of coauthors)

Point-by-point response to Reviewers’ reports:

Samantha Mason (Reviewer 1): Much easier to understand and follow this time around. One issue from last time remains.

RE: Thank you for appreciating of our work.
Line 153-155 - sentence still reads, "These 27 cancer registries covered about 19 million people (i.e., 32% of the entire Italian population in 2010), contributing with a total of 1,655,687 cancer cases diagnosed between 1976 and 2009." It says in the point by point response that this has been deleted, but it hasn't.

RE: Sorry. The sentence has been deleted and only the specification “(i.e., 32% of the entire Italian population in 2010)” has been added in the first paragraph of Methods section.

Sandra Mallone (Reviewer 2): The topic is interesting since (complete) tumour prevalence is not frequently estimated. The objectives of the study are clearly stated, the study is based on a large set of high quality data, has an appropriate and consolidated methodology and the conclusions drawn are supported by the data. The manuscript is well written and enables the reader to understand a method which is actually complex.

The findings are discussed coherently and the projections at 2020 are extremely useful to epidemiological researchers and clinicians, and essential for allocating health care resources in Italy.

RE. Thank you. We hope they could be helpful for researchers, clinicians and patients.