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Editor Comments:

Thank you for making all previously requested changes. Please also address the below points.

1. Thank you for clarifying that no permissions were needed to access the data. However, we note that a signed agreement form is required from the authors (https://seer.cancer.gov/data/sample-dua.html), which is then processed before any access can be provided. Due to this, please add a statement discussing this to the "Ethics and consent to participate" section (including the link) and remove the statement " No administrative permissions were required to access the raw data." from the "Availability of data and materials" section.

Response: We have removed that sentence. We have clarified the approval process as suggested. One of the authors (DM) has an ongoing, yearly renewed agreement from SEER to acquire the necessary data (available upon request) and has provided deidentified data to the rest of the authors.

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Response: We have done that.