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I would like to thank first the authors for having taken into account my remarks.

From my point of view, the paper is now acceptable for publication.

Minor remarks:
- P12 - Line 8: We used the Greenwood's formula to obtain the 95% CI for 3 year and 5 year FFS.
- P13 - Line 14: were instead of was
- P14 - Line 16: Please split the sentence into 2. A word is missing for correct understanding
- P19 - Lines 8 to 11: The two sentences can be better formulated.

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