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### Compulsory REVISION comments

The authors said in line 116: Age standardized rates was derived using the world standard population for 2003. However, any report of age standardized rates are described in the document. All the results are presented in percentage.

Abstracted data from patient records at RICK and NCI-UG were checked, but any description is reported of how different was the distribution of the top cancers in each source. Only is reported the overall burden in each source, where NCI-UG reported 3,477 cases compared to 23,175 newly diagnosed cancers in RICK.

It is mentioned that Cancer is more prevalent among the Gulyean, Shygea, and Danagla tribes than any other tribes in Sudan, but it is not mentioned if the distribution of the top cancers in each of the main tribes is the same.

In line 119, the authors said that the maximum cancer prevalence was observed in 45-64 year age group in both male and female patients, but previously it was said cancer incidence or newly diagnosed cancers; so the authors must clarify if they referring to incidence or prevalence.

### Minor REVISION comments

In line 206, the authors wrote ... Northern States has the highest rate of cancer prevalence. Clarify if this should be
## Optional/General comments

This an interesting manuscript due to the difficulties to make a description of cancer burden in Sudan, without a national cancer registry. However, a methodological review should be performed to assess the data accuracy. It will be interesting to report how different the burden of cancer is by different subgroups, in addition to sex, in order to validate the findings.

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