

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: The evolving face of childhood cancer in Morocco: An 1 epidemiological Overview of a five-year cohort in 2 Rabat.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is
 Accept after minor revision **YES**.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	YES			
Techn. Quality	YES			
Clarity		YES		
Significance	YES			

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Reviewer's Comment

The manuscript titled "*The evolving face of childhood cancer in Morocco: An epidemiological overview of a five-year cohort in Rabat*" addresses an important and under-researched topic in pediatric oncology within low- and middle-income countries. The study is well-structured, clearly written, and provides valuable baseline data that could inform public health policy and cancer care planning in Morocco.

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Strengths:

- The paper fills an important gap in epidemiological data on pediatric cancer in Morocco, where national registries are lacking.
- The methodology is clearly presented, and the large cohort size over five years adds credibility to the findings.
- The discussion contextualizes the results by comparing them with both global and regional data.

Weaknesses and Suggestions for Improvement:

- The methodology section could be strengthened by explaining inclusion/exclusion criteria in more detail and clarifying how missing data were handled.
- The results would benefit from more detailed statistical analyses (e.g., trends, confidence intervals) rather than only descriptive statistics.
- Figures should be improved for clarity and readability, with legends that provide more context.
- The discussion could be expanded to include potential environmental, genetic, or healthcare system factors contributing to the predominance of CNS tumors.

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- Limitations should further acknowledge potential biases due to the monocentric design and retrospective data collection.

Conclusion:

This manuscript makes a significant contribution and merits publication after minor revisions to strengthen methodological clarity and contextual interpretation.