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Reviewer Comments

Reviewer A

Is an excellent review, reflecting the depth of knowledge of Latin America and the situation of paediatric oncology nurses, both educationally and occupationally.

Comments to the authors:

A very clear description of the situation of oncology nursing in Latin America, from the past to the present and the difficulties they face today. Even though I still miss some countries, like Colombia or Bolivia where nurses are still struggling to find their place. but in Paraguay and even more so in Uruguay, oncology nurses are gradually developing their educational projects.

Reply 1: We thank the reviewer for this kind comment. We recognize that we did not have participation from all LATAM, and agree about the oncology nursing situations in Colombia, Bolivia as well as Paraguay and Uruguay.

Reviewer B

This manuscript is a fascinating description of the development of oncology nursing in Latin America, the pioneers in these countries faced many challenges and have undoubtedly improved the lives of numerous oncology patients. I wonder if the authors could make some general statements regarding if stand alone pediatric oncology nursing societies exist in these countries or if the pediatric nurses are supported within adult oncology professional organizations. It seems that the pediatric nursing groups are well supported in international Latin America consortia.

Reply 1: We thank the reviewer for this comment. We have inserted information about pediatric oncology nursing societies in each country according to feedback from the authors. We have removed the Latin America (LATAM) under the second section on page 4 since the acronym was already introduced in the Introduction.

Two very minor points.... The abbreviation LATAM is described within the first paragraph of the main text, but appears earlier within that paragraph. On page 6, line 238 uses the term "lounges". This passage is not clear and could be better described.

Reply 2: A new table (**Table 1**. List of Oncology Nursing Societies/Associations in the Eight Participating Latin American Countries.) has been inserted (page 21) to respond to the reviewer request for a “general statements regarding if stand alone pediatric oncology nursing societies exist in these countries or if the pediatric nurses are supported within adult oncology professional organizations”

Reply 3: The term “lounges” has been revised to state “specific rooms”.