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Review Comments

Reviewer A

The title of the manuscript has to be changed to The European Reference Network. As this is the main focus of the manuscript.

Reply: Thank you for the comment. We changed the title of the paper. The new title is: “The European Reference Network: the keystone for the management of rare thoracic cancers”

Reviewer B

However, there are a couple points I wish to address.

1. It would be nice if your team had included span of dates for your data and if possible, actual counts of each rare thoracic cancer instead of simply listing them.
2. Many rare cancers were not diagnosed, or misdiagnosed as other malignancies in the past. I realize this would be beyond the scope of this editorial commentary and a response would thus be unnecessary.

Reference:

1. Sidsling S, van der Zwan JM, Izarzugaza I, et al. Rare thoracic cancers, including peritoneum mesothelioma. *Eur J Cancer* 2012. May;48(7):949-60

Reply: Thank you for this comment. Unfortunately, to our knowledge, there are no updated reports indicating the incidence of all the types and subtypes of rare thoracic tumors included in Table 1. Therefore, in order to avoid to provide incomplete information, we reported in the text the updated incidence of the major tumor variants (page 1, lines 25-29). We also added a sentence (page 1, lines 29-31), indicating that detailed incidence and outcome data relative to several tumor variants included in the table 1 were reported in a previously published study (Sidsling S, van der Zwan JM, Izarzugaza I, et al. Rare thoracic cancers, including peritoneum mesothelioma. *Eur J Cancer* 2012. May;48(7):949-60).

Reviewer C

The article was well written in English. However, some terms were not described as the same way. For example, in line 108, the paper said, "Euracan G8...". It should be

"EURACAN G8". Among citation and index, you would see many mistakes. Appropriate proofreading should be done.

Reply: Thank you for this comment. We revised the text and reference list accordingly:

- Page 1, Line 25; Page 1, Line 31; Page 1, Line 37; Page 2, Line 43; Page 2, Line 44; Page 2, Line 50; Page 2, Line 67: we changed number of references
- see Page 2, Line 71: we changed "European Reference Network EURACAN" with "ERN-EURACAN"
- see Page 3, Line 86: we changed Euracan G8 to EURACAN G8 domain.
- see Page 1 Line 34; Page 2 Line 39: removed "in order";
- see Page 2 Line 39; Page 2 Line 41; Page 2 Line 46; Page 2 Line 48; Page 2 Line 69: we removed ","
- see Page 2 Line 66: we removed ", and"
- see Page 5 we changed the order of reference
- We changed number of references of table 1