

Reviewer's report

Title: African-Caribbean Cancer Consortium for the study of viral, genetic and environmental cancer risk factors

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Reviewer: Cristiano Salata

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The paper by Ragin et al reports a summary of the meeting of the "Africa-Caribbean Cancer Consortium".

The Authors describe the scientific collaboration between the United States, Africa and the Caribbean and present an overview of the published studies and of the Cancer Registries available.

The higher rates observed for some cancer in the Caribbean islands in comparison with the USA are the bases to promote studies for evaluating the epidemiology of infectious agents associated with cancer and the contribution of the environmental and genetic factors in cancer development.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The report might be overall interesting but, the Authors should carefully check the spelling and the editing of the text according to the Instructions for Authors throughout the manuscript. For example:

- 1) check the spelling of "Caribbean Islands" in the text, either Island or island should be use.
- 2) at page 4: "Helicobacter Pylori" should be written Helicobacter pylori
- 3) the Authors should always indicate the first name of the speakers as required from the Instructions for Authors.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.