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Title of Article: Decrease in liver cancer incidence rates in Bamako-Mali over 28 years of population-based cancer registration (1987-2015)

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Institutional review board statement: this is not applicable to this study [NA].

The Institutional Review Board, University of Lyon was set up 3 months ago in 2022 and did not exist at the start of the study.

In France, the validation of research protocols is the responsibility of the "Comité Consultatif de Protections des Personnes". But their fields of application concern interventional research, which is not the case of our study. There was also the "Ethics committee" (replaced by the Institutional Review Board in 2022) but it only assessed hospital projects.

In France, our database search concerns an organization called "Commission National Informatique et Liberté [CNIL]". But as its name indicates, it focuses only on French national data.

In conclusion, the review by an Institutional review board is "not applicable".

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