



Comment on the data of the article titled “Second Primary Non—Small-Cell Lung Cancer After Head and Neck Cancer: A Population-Based Study of Clinical and Pathologic Characteristics and Survival Outcomes in 3597 Patients”

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To the Editor:

I would like to comment on an article titled “Second Primary Non—Small-Cell Lung Cancer After Head and Neck Cancer: A Population-Based Study of Clinical and Pathologic Characteristics and Survival Outcomes in 3597 Patients,” which was published in the journal *Clinical Lung Cancer*.¹ I am confused by the data shown in Table 1 and Table 2. Table 1 shows the patient characteristics at the time of head and neck cancer (HNC) diagnosis; however, the data of the variable “age” were the same as what the author shows in the corresponding columns of “HNC-NSCLC” in Table 2. I noticed that Table 2 was about the patient characteristics at the time of non—small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) diagnosis. How can these data be the same? Moreover, I found that in another article written by the same group of authors,² the results of the aforementioned

variable between the second primary NSCLC at the time of primary cancer diagnosis and the secondary cancer diagnosis was different (see in Table 1 and Table 2).

I am wondering whether the differences are owing to typographical error or other factors.

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