Trends in net survival from breast cancer in six European Latin countries: results from the SUDCAN population-based study
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Introduction
The SUDCAN study was carried out upon an initiative of the Group for Epidemiology and Cancer Registration in Latin language countries (GRELL, http://www.grell.net/work.org). It aimed at comparing cancer net survival (NS) between six countries: Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland. In these countries, breast cancer (BC) is a major public health issue for women; it ranks first among cancer cases and deaths. Precisely, the world-standardized incidence ranges from 67.1 to 111.9 per 100,000 person-years and the mortality rates range from 11.8 to 20.3 per 100,000 person-years (Ferlay et al., 2013). The European mean age-standardized 5-year survival from BC was 81.8% (De Angelis et al., 2014).

EMR both immediately after diagnosis and by the second and third year of follow-up. There were only minor differences in survival from BC between European Latin countries. The general improvement in NS is presumably because of advances in early cancer diagnosis and improvements in treatment. European Journal of Cancer Prevention 25:S85–S91 Copyright © 2016 Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc. All rights reserved.

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