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Death counts for females in 1878 have been adjusted. The official published data show 134 deaths to females aged 99+ in 1878. In previous and subsequent years there are only a few deaths (less than ten) in the open age interval 99+. The raw data file (Females-T1878.ORI) containing unpublished data shows 128 deaths at age 104 (71 in the lower triangle and 57 in the upper triangle). S. Cotter believes that in selected years (e.g., 1876, 1877), Calot added deaths (shown at age 104) to match the official death numbers for that year and then redistributed these deaths across all ages (see the *Background & Documentation* file for more information about this issue). We assume that in 1878, these deaths at age 104 also represent deaths at unknown ages which have not been redistributed as they should have been. Therefore, we redistributed the 71 lower triangle and the 57 upper triangle deaths proportionately across age (within each triangle) according to the distribution of deaths where age is known.

002

The file sent by S. Cotter from the Swiss Federal statistics Office (SFSO) shows 5 lower triangle deaths to females age 99 years in 1973. The comparable figure in the Kannisto-Thatcher database (which also originally came from the SFSO) is 6 deaths. The official data (Calot, 1998) show 57 deaths to females at 99+ years in 1973, but the sum of deaths at age 99+ in the files sent by S. Cotter is only 56 deaths. Therefore, we report 6 deaths (as KT database indicated) making the sum of all 99+ deaths the same as in the official data.

003

The official data show 58 upper triangle deaths for females at age 36 years in 1892 (Calot, 1998). However, in surrounding years, the number of deaths for the same age group ranges from 90 to 110. Thus, the figure of 58 seems rather low.