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Title: Differential correlation of medical/laboratory examinations with blood levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated quarterphenyls and 2,3,4,7,8-pentachlorodibenzofuran in Yusho patients from 2001 to 2004

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<p>The authors made some efforts in revising the ms. I believe the revised version is significantly improved. It is more readable to the audience of EH.</p> <p>I have some concerns about the ms though.</p>	<p>Thank you for your follow-up review of our paper. We most appreciated the invaluable suggestions.</p> <p>We made the following corrections:</p>
<p>1. The tables are not easy to read, and not compatible with the formats of major journals.</p>	<p>We made appropriate corrections in the Table so that they accorded with normal practices.</p>
<p>2. Some of the findings (such as arthralgia, blood sugar, etc.) have been reported in previous studies in other similar exposure events, such as Taiwan Yucheng events and Italy Seveso event. Adequate citations of relevant papers are lacking.</p>	<p>As suggested, we referred to the literatures related to Taiwan Yucheng events and the Italy Seveso event. We described those results in the Discussion in combination with the results from this study.</p> <p>The relevant reports were added to the References.</p>