

## **Author's response to reviews**

**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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To whom it may concern,

We trust that this letter finds you in good health and enjoying success in your endeavors.

Thank you for advice to my manuscript; Manuscript ID 1931029800184438 entitled "Differential correlation of medical/laboratory examinations with blood levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated quarterphenyls or 2,3,4,7,8-pentachlorodibenzofuran in Yusho patients from 2001 to 2004" to your journal.

I revise the e-mail from The Environmental Health Editorial Team on, September 19, 2008, and I corrected my manuscript about the contents pointed out by the comments of Editorial Team as having attached behind.

I summarized my correspondence on one sheet of paper "Comments of Editorial Team and Correspondence of the author" following the cover letter.

So, I think that I would like you to submit again.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime, should you have any inquiries. We are deeply grateful for your time and consideration.

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"Differential correlation of medical/laboratory examinations with blood levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated quarterphenyls or 2,3,4,7,8-pentachlorodibenzofuran in Yusho patients from 2001 to 2004" (Text and tables)

## Comments of Editorial Team and Correspondence of the author

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**Reviewer:** The Environmental Health Editorial Team

Editorial Team 's report	Correspondence of the author
Please rearrange the affiliations and email addresses and leave out phone and fax numbers.	I rearranged the affiliations and email addresses and left out phone and fax numbers.
Through o put the manuscript, please use the word 'concentration' when you refer to the relative amount of PCBs and other contaminants in biological samples, instead of the non specific 'level'.	I replace the 'level' to concentration.
The first section of the main text should have the heading	The heading Introduction has changed 'Background'.
On page 7, line 4, please revise the wording to 'with beta-i as the cofficients' (where you insert the symbol for the beta-i.	I revised the wording to revise the wording to 'with beta-i as the cofficients'.
Page 8, line 4: Please revise text to say 'as indicated by the diagnostic criteria [3].'	I revised text to say 'as indicated by the diagnostic criteria [3].'
Abbreviation should be in a single paragraph.	I corrected the explanatory note of the abbreviation in a single paragraph.
Please delete the list of authors under 'Authors ' Contributions'. I'm copncenred that author TU did not approve the final version of the manuscript.	I deleted the list of authors under 'Authors ' Contributions'. Since it was a mistake of UH and TI, TU was corrected.
We require that all authors do so. Please note that all tables should have visible margins and borders.	I am using margins and borders, in order to prepare appearance. However, it is not visible-like.
For clarification, when you measured the contaminants in blood, did you actually mean 'serum'? If yes, then please indicate so.	Yes, I mean serum, so I added the indication.
In the Discussion, you repeatedly use the word 'presumably'. It does not seem necessary, and I would suggest that you leave it out.	I left the word 'presumably' out as your suggestion.
Would it be possible to expand the Conclusions to say, e.g.: 'The blood PCB concentration was strongly related to ophthalmological symptoms; while PCQ blood level was related to total cholesterol. These findings suggest that the co-contaminants may affect other functions than those originally associated with Yusho.'	In Conclusions, I added the sentence 'These findings suggest that the co-contaminants may affect other functions than those originally associated with Yusho.'