

Author's response to reviews

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Drs. Philippe Grandjean and David Ozonoff
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Dear Drs. Grandjean and Ozonoff

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript, "Air pollution and emergency department visits for cardiac and respiratory conditions: a multi-city time-series analysis".

We have made the following changes:

- revised title
- removed block capitals from abstract headings
- added commas after "95% CI"
- added line breaks after last several section headings
- moved authors' contributions under competing interests
- removed author information
- reformatted the reference list without square brackets around numbers and ensuring that all references have volume bolded and full-page numbers
- removed unnecessary spaces after parentheses in table 3
- moved the material from additional files 2 and 3 into table 1 and a new table 2 in the manuscript and renumbered the tables and additional files accordingly.

We have also made a slight revision to the sentences pertaining to the results

based on 3 hour average exposure and response in the abstract and conclusions, which more precisely summarizes these findings.

Thank you again for considering our manuscript for publication.

Sincerely,

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