

Author's response to reviews

Title: Impact of tetrachloroethylene-contaminated drinking water on the risk of breast cancer: Using a dose model to assess exposure in a case-control study

Authors:

Veronicz Vieira (vmv@bu.edu)

Ann Aschengrau (aaschen@bu.edu)

David Ozonoff (dozonoff@bu.edu)

Version: 4 **Date:** 23 February 2005

Author's response to reviews: see over

Title: The Impact of Tetrachloroethylene-Contaminated Drinking Water on the Risk of Breast Cancer: Using a Dose Model to Assess Exposure in a Case-Control Study
Authors: Veronica Vieira, Ann Aschengrau and David Ozonoff

Editorial Comments

The reviewer suggests that you add a sentence to the effect that you are unaware of previous 'nested' exposure categories, and that the reason for choosing this method was too few subjects for mutually exclusive categories.

- We have added text as suggested by the reviewer (pg 9).

Please note that the manuscript is not yet in accordance with our instructions for authors. Your revision should be in strict accordance with these instructions, cf. the pre-acceptance checklist at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/edgr-preacceptcheck.asp>. In particular, please upload the manuscript as a Word copy. We can't proceed with file conversion from the .pdf version. References need to be formatted in strict accordance with the instructions at <http://www.ehjournal.net/info/instructions/>. The titles for table 2, 3, and table 4 are over the 15-word maximum word limit. Please abbreviate (e.g. by moving words to the footnotes). Table 4 is too big to be included in the main text and should be submitted as a separate file. References in appendix file need to be formatted the same way as references in text and should be included in the reference list of the main text. Additional file #2 needs to be a properly formatted table.

- We have made changes to the tables and references and sincerely hope they are in accordance with the journal's instructions. If not, please indicate specific errors we have made.