

Author's response to reviews

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Dear Sir or Madam,

we had uploaded the revised manuscript of our research article (version 3).

In the following we give our comments to the concerns:

1) Editor (e-mail):

“As for the formatting and as requested earlier, please rephrase the run-on sentence in the second to last sentence in the second paragraph at the bottom of page four or make it into two sentences.”

We have changed the sentence to:

“Apart from these studies, few measurements on consumer exposures are available, for example, on the emission of biocides from emulsion paints [4-6], or on the exposure to insecticides such as dichlorvos or chlorpyrifos [7-9].”

2) Reviewer (4315839983234462_comment.pdf):

“There is only one discretionary revision suggested: the last few sentences of the first paragraph of the discussion need editing for clarity.”

We have revised the paragraph and hopefully clarified it.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our manuscript or comments.

Best regards
Stefan Hahn