Author's response to reviews

Title: Impacts of highway traffic exhaust in alpine valleys on the respiratory health in adults: a cross-sectional study

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Dear Editors,

on behalf of the entire author team, I would like to thank you for having given us the opportunity of submitting another revised version of our manuscript "Impacts of highway traffic exhaust in alpine valleys on the respiratory health in adults: a cross-sectional study". In the second revision, we have implemented the required editorial changes. The description of these changes follows underneath.

We hope that the revised version will find your approval.

Sincerely yours,

C. Schindler

Description of changes made

Please also highlight (with 'tracked changes'/coloured/underlines/highlighted text) all changes made when revising the manuscript to make it easier for the Editors to give you a prompt decision on your manuscript.

Response: We have highlighted all the changes (with ‘tracked changes’) between the previous and the revised manuscript.

On page 3 in the second paragraph, in the citation there are three citations "and many others." Either list the "others" or remove.

Response: We removed "others".

Please replace the apostrophe in the numbers with a comma i.e. 20,000.

Response: We have done this.

All italics except where indicated in the references section should be changed to normal font.

Response: The text fragment "LJS Liu, submitted manuscript, 2010" (page 3 and 6) has been changed to normal font at both places.

On page 12, please fix the spacing between the comma and the next word in the first sentence in the second paragraph.

Response: We fixed the spacing between the comma and the next word on page 11, first sentence in the second paragraph (it was on page 12 in the first revision). And we fixed another spacing on page 13, third paragraph, first sentence.

Please list the abbreviations in sentence format separating the pairs with semi-colons.

Response: we have made these changes.

The references should be formatted as number, period. space (not tab) and reference and all authors should be listed i.e. no et al.

Response: We have implemented these changes.
In the tables, all horizontal lines should be visible.

**Response:** The horizontal lines in Tables 1 and 2 in the main text as well as tables 2-7 in the additional file 3 have been made visible.