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Drs. Grandjean and Ozonoff,

Please find enclosed a revision to manuscript entitled “Low-Level Environmental Lead Exposure in Childhood and Adult Intellectual Function: A Follow-up Study.” Below are point-by-point responses to comments and concerns.

Editorial Team comments:

1. It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

We have reformatted our manuscript so that it conforms to the journal style. This includes the punctuation and capitalization changes listed by the editorial team, placement of headings and reformatting of citations. Please note that reference 21 does not yet have a volume number as it is published on the web ahead of print. We have added the accession information. We have replaced “blood lead level” with “blood lead concentration” throughout the manuscript. We have replaced micrograms/dL with µg/dL as we have seen in recent articles published by Environmental Health.

2. We have made the suggested changes to the text, including changing the phrase “raise questions” to “support the hypotheses” (page 10, paragraph 4). We have included your suggested comments about our findings representing a “more stable blood lead body burden” in addition to possibly representing a “time period of greater susceptibility to environmental lead exposure” (page 11, paragraph 3).

Thank you very much for your continued consideration of this manuscript. We look forward to your reply.

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