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Ms. Jonalyn Trampe
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Dear Jonalyn:

Thanks for the additional comments on our manuscript entitled “Analysis of the effects of polychlorinated biphenyls and chlorinated pesticides on serum lipid levels in residents of Anniston, Alabama” regarding the format of our article. The specificity of these comments was helpful, and we have attempted to address each of the specific issues raised. I’ve copied the comments below and added our response to each of them in capital letters.

*Editor’s note:*

Table 1: leave out the total number of subjects for each parameter, just indicate with an asterisk and a footnote that the totals differed for two parameters Table 2: ppb ww is not an acceptable unit. Please use ng/g or similar. Likewise, dl is not acceptable for an international journal - please use L. Chemical names should use Italics when appropriate (for the DDTs).

WE HAVE MADE THESE CORRECTIONS AS SPECIFIED. PPB WW HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH NG/G AND THE DL UNITS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO L. CHEMICAL NAMES (DDT & DDE) HAVE BEEN ITALICISED.

Tables 3-7: For brevity, please leave out the SE. The asterisks can be left out, and the explanation of “significance” can be moved to the main text.

SE HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM TABLES 3-7, ASTERICKS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AS WELL, AND YOU CAN NOW FIND THE EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THESE TABLES WITHIN THE MAIN TEXT.

I hope that you will find this revised version of our manuscript acceptable for publication in Environmental Health. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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