Author’s response to reviews

Title: Acute health effects after accidental exposure to styrene from drinking water in Spain

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Dear Editor

Thank you for your numerous comments. I attach a revised version of the paper "Acute health effects after accidental exposure to styrene from drinking water in Spain" by Arnedo et al.

I only respond in more detail to three of the comments. We have done all the other corrections indicated.

15. What is a 'background' level for the solvents? (p. 8 - also p. 12)
You are right. We are now indicating "low" rather than "background" levels.

27. Is the styrene content of black currants a natural phenomenon (p.11)?
It was not clear to me what were you referring to, so I deleted the part of the sentence on black currants, it is not important. We now make reference only to concentrations in fluids.

29. Please clarify what the proper unit is when referring to odor thresholds. The value of 0.7 ppm in water cannot be correct (middle of p. 11).
You are right. I have now specified that we refer to the taste threshold that is around 0.7mg/L.

I hope the paper is now acceptable for publication in the Journal.

Sincerely

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