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Dear the Environmental Health Editorial Team,

Thank you for considering the manuscript “Occupational Exposures and Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma: Canadian Case-Control Study” for publication in your journal. We have considered and addressed the reviewers’ concerns. Please find enclosed:

- A response to the reviewers
- Revised version of the manuscript

Sincerely,

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Comment 1:
please remove titles also from the server record so that author names match what is listed in the manuscript.

Authors Response: We removed the titles from author’s names

Comment 2:
Please use the term ‘radiation (radium)’ also in Table 5. In Table 2, the first job title listed - do you mean ‘accountant’?

Authors Response: We corrected the term ‘radiation (radium) in Table 5. In Table 2, the first job title was changed to ‘Accountant’ in ever held and long held occupation categories.

Comment 3:
"Lastly, we are curious as to why this manuscript was so many years underway. Readers may be curious too. Perhaps this is stated in some of your previous reports on this study. Do you think you could insert a sentence to this effect, e.g., just before the section on statistical methods?"

Authors Response:
We finished collecting data in 1994. We prepared an executive summary of the study for the funding agency during 1995-1996. For that we prepared more than 10 appendices presenting results in the form of descriptive statistics, cross-tabulation and univariate conditional logistic regression for each of the four cancer sites (Soft Tissue Sarcoma (STS), Hodgkin’s Disease (HD), Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma (NHL), and Multiple Myeloma (MM)). During the period of 1997-2000, we could not publish any of the papers due to a lack of funding and staff. Starting from 2000 we started analyzing our primary hypotheses and they have been published in peer-reviewed journals (see attached appendix). This paper was one of our secondary hypotheses from cross-Canada and health study.

In my opinion I think it is not really appropriate to add this to the manuscript. But if you think it is necessary I can add this sentence given below.

There have been series of publications on this study (from 2001 to 2007) based on primary hypotheses (pesticides and cancer) and this manuscript looks one of the secondary hypotheses which is occupation exposures and NHL.
Appendix


