Author's response to reviews

Title: Cardiotoxicity of Freon among refrigeration services workers: comparative cross-sectional study

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Dear Editor –in-chief:

Enclosed is the manuscript by Sabik et al. titled Cardio–toxicity of Freon among Refrigeration Services Workers after doing the recommended corrections.

This manuscript is being submitted to you for possible publication in the "Environmental Health Journal". This research paper is new and is not being published or even refereed elsewhere. The authors believed that it is a very important area of research as Freon is considered one of the major gases causing global warming which in turn increases the needs and the utilization of people to all types of refrigerants to overcome the hot climate. This communities and countries trend makes large number of workers involved in the refrigeration related industries; so many workers became exposed to this hazardous chemical which is being strongly associated with many common health problems in our societies such as hypertension, CAD, and arrhythmias. So, we hope from publishing this research in your respectable journal to arouse scientists, employers and workers especially in developing countries about the possible cardiac hazards of Freon to take the corrective actions needed.

Sincerely,

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I will submit a clean copy in word format.

Contents of the manuscript:
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15-Figures will uploaded as a separate 4 files.

Comments:

I carefully review the manuscript and made the recommended changes as follow:

- In the abstract, please leave out the last sentence under Methods, since it refers to standard tests only.

OK, I leave out the last sentence under Methods

- On p. 5, please remove the bolding on thus in the second paragraph. Please be sure the sentences on this page a lined up correctly as the Methods heading seems to be further right than the other first words.
OK, I remove the bolding on (thus) and adjust the distance on method.

- On p. 9, in the Ambulatory Electrocardiography section, the word monitor appears to be misspelled as mointor.
**OK, I correct the spell.**

- On p. 10, in the last paragraph please remove the bolding from the word The.
**OK, I remove the bolding on (the)**

- On p. 12, Average is spelled incorrectly as Avarge. Please correct.
**OK, I correct the spell.**

- The Statistical Analysis section on page 13 should be moved to page 12 under the last section. A return carriage is needed between Results and the text.
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- On p. 15 and in table 3, the 3 in m3 should be a superscript. Please make this change wherever necessary.
**OK, I adjust it in table 3 and inside text (m³).**

- On p. 18, before the sentence beginning "In addition, a case of..." there appears to be two periods. Please delete one.
OK, I adjust the period.
– On p. 21, please change the heading to Conclusions (plural) and insert a return carriage between the heading and the text.

OK, this done.
– In the references section, numbers 10, 23, and 29 do not have a period after the number. Please add.

OK, this done.

Also I made few editing corrections.
I hop that all things are all right, and I hop hearing good news shortly.

Dr. Laila Sabik, MD