Author’s response to reviews

Title: A seven-year retrospective analysis of patch test data in a cohort of patients with contact dermatitis in Sri Lanka

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Thank you for the reviews

Anna Caroline Pilz (Reviewer 2):

1. The attached table of the shoe series is now of better quality, but significantly smaller than the other tables. Please provide a table of good quality that is the same size as the others.

   I have attached a new one

2. Unfortunately, you did not yet correct #12.9 to a sufficient extent (p.2; p.7):

   Please pay attention to small and capital letters (consistent style). If not located at the beginning of a sentence, the mentioned allergens e.g. "nickel sulfate," "potassium dichromate," "thiuram mix," "2-mercaptobenzothiazole," "mercapto mix," and "p-phenylenediamine" do not need to be capitalized.

   I have corrected
3. Thank you for revising the first sentence of the third page; however, please keep the conclusion concerning the shoe series. If a new baseline series in Sri Lanka is developed, it should be based on the Shoe series.

I revised again

4. p.3, l.39: Please remove the space between "$" and "1,529 million."

Removed

p.6, l.12: Please remove the word "irritant," since you only took allergic reactions into account.

Removed

Paul Schmidle (Reviewer 3):

1. Unfortunately you did not correct #12.9/#4.2

p2 l44/46 inconsistency with capital and small letters (P-Phenyldiamine; Mercapto mix)

Corrected

2. p4 l3 and p5 l18: shouldn't the 's' in Shoe series be also written with a capital letter? -> Shoe Series

corrected

3. p4 l12 ; needs to be corrected to ,

corrected
4. p5 l16 ; needs to be corrected to :  
corrected

5. p5 l23: throughout should be written in one word  
corrected

6. p5 l43: I think what you mean is 'intention' instead of 'intension'  
corrected

7. p7 l10: The p in p-phenylenediamine should consistently be written with small letters.  
corrected

8. p7 l54: nickel sulfate should be written with small letters.  
corrected

9. p9 l34: Why did you put a ';' ?  
removed

Apart from these minor corrections I really enjoyed reading your report.