Author’s response to reviews

Title: Burden of Paraquat Poisoning in the Department of Antioquia, Colombia

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Dear Natália Brucker

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We send a point-by-point response letter with revised manuscript:

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular: Asadi, R. and Afshadi, R., 2016. Ten-year disease burden of acute poisonings in northeast Iran and estimations for national rates. Human & experimental toxicology, 35(7), pp.747-759. This overlap mainly exists in the Methods section. This overlap mainly exists in the Discussion section. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in this publication, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. If there is overlap in the Methods section, please ensure to summarize the methods and cite the source. Please rephrase these sections to minimise overlap.
Response: We accept the recommendation. Corrections were made in the methodology and discussion.

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“Consent was not required because this was a study that used secondary sources of information already published. This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of University of Antioquia (2015-4690)”

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Paraquat (PQ)
Disability-adjusted life year (DALYs)
Years of life lost (YLL)
Years of life lived with disability (YLD)
National epidemiological surveillance system (SIVIGILA)
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The authors.