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Dear Dr. Lentz,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to comment on the draft report *2,6-Xylidine*, which was published for public review in January 2015 by the Subcommittee on Classification of Carcinogenic Substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS) of the Health Council of the Netherlands. The Committee has taken your comments into consideration. On behalf of the President of the Health Council, I herewith send you the reply.

The Committee agrees with including the recent publication of nonsmokers in Shanghai, which indirectly suggested an association of 2,6-xylidine and human bladder cancer. This publication is added to Section 4 of the report.

As mentioned previously, all comments received and the response of the Committee will be publicly available ([www.gezondheidsraad.nl](http://www.gezondheidsraad.nl)) from the moment of presentation of the final report. The following information will be provided: name of person delivering the comments, company name (if applicable), and place of residence or business.

The Committee appreciates the comments by NIOSH. Enclosed you find a copy of the final report, which was published on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Professor Coggon,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to comment on the draft report *2,6-Xylidine*, which was published for public review in January 2015 by the Subcommittee on Classification of Carcinogenic Substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS) of the Health Council of the Netherlands. The Committee has taken your comments into consideration. On behalf of the President of the Health Council, I herewith send you the reply.

The reason why adduct levels were lower in cigarette smokers than in non-smokers is not fully understood by the authors. Also the Committee has no arguments for this finding.

The typical error in Section 4 has been corrected.

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