

**Follow-up Questions from Dr. Tony Cox for Drs. Suh, Manjourides, Eum, and Pun
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Dear Drs. Suh, Manjourides, Eum, and Pun,

Thank you so much for your written comments, dated November 5, 2019, to help assure that I and others correctly interpret your work. Could you please clarify the following points?

1. Does your work show that historical trends contribute to C-R associations such as those discussed in the Draft PA?
2. Does your work show that such trends alone do not explain the entire C-R association you have studied?
3. Does your work rule out other non-causal explanations as contributors to the C-R associations referred to in the Draft PA, including (a) Confounding by easily measured confounders (such as month and daily high and low temperatures); (b) Confounding by unmeasured confounders (as well as by historical trends); (c) Residual confounding; and (d) Modeling choices and model specification errors?

Thanks again for your time, thought, and effort in helping to assure that your work is understood and interpreted correctly.

Sincerely,

-- Tony Cox