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Dear Dr. Gasiewicz:

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript TAAP5, “Dose response analysis on short-term effects of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin (TCDD) in three differentially susceptible rat lines” We have now done the minor revisions according to your suggestion. The following changes have been made:

Additional sentences have been added to the result section (page 9) to describe the methodological issues arising from the results. The Emax estimates for serum ASAT activity and bilirubin concentration in line A and thymus weight in line B were beyond the experimental data representing an extrapolated part of the dose-response. However, these estimates did not affect the interpretation of the results.

Additionally, the standard error (SE) bars have been added to the figures to describe the deviation of the original data and the curves are drawn up only to the highest actual dose.

The revisions are marked in following copies:

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Sincerely,

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