## Authors' Response

Sir,

In our paper, we essentially reported for discrimination between blue colored automotive paints using various copper phthalocyanine pigments being dependent on a number of chlorine atoms substituted. We wrote one sentence that some copper phthalocyanine derivatives have been already detected by LDMS and cited some references (ref. 13 and 15) in our paper.

The official received date of our manuscript was 10 October, 2006. When we contributed our manuscript to the Editorial Office

of *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, the two 2007 papers pointed out by Prof. Allison were not published yet. These papers were published during revised versions of our manuscript.

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