near water bodies with cyanobacteria blooms was a risk factor for ALS.³

It is likely that sporadic ALS is a multifactorial disease, resulting from the interaction of multiple environmental risk factors with multiple genetic predisposing factors. Therefore, studies of regional distribution of cases and of underlying genetic factors may fail if they do not focus on individual risk factors.

Author Response: James P. Rooney, Anthony Staines, Orla Hardiman, Dublin: We thank Bradley et al. for their interest and comments on our article.¹ We agree that “If cases are aggregated over large areas, the effect of a localized toxic exposure may be lost.” Therefore, we have undertaken a new study where we replicated our analysis at a higher spatial resolution of over 18,000 small areas consisting of no more than 200 residences each.⁶

We also agree that “sporadic ALS is a multifactorial disease, resulting from the interaction of multiple environmental risk factors with multiple genetic predisposing factors.” There is recent epidemiologic evidence for this in the form of multistep models for ALS.⁷ We are also cognizant of the ecological fallacy (i.e., inappropriately ascribing group-level correlations to individual-level variables), and agree that individual risk factors are important to include in models wherever possible.

However, our study did report positive results. Our methods were sensitive enough to find 2 statistically significant low-risk areas, as well as detect 5 cases that presented late and 2 that presented cross-border. The algorithms used are agnostic to hot or cold spots; therefore, if hot spots did exist, we are confident we would have detected them.

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CORRECTION

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In the Clinical/Scientific Note “CNS neutrophilic vasculitis in neuro-Sweet disease” by R. Charlson et al. (*Neurology*® 2015;85:829–830), there is an error in the discussion and the references. The last name of the first author of reference 2 should be Hisanaga, not Hisanga as originally published. The authors regret the error.

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