

## ***Interactive comment on “Removal and transformation of pharmaceuticals in wastewater treatment plants and constructed wetlands” by E. Lee et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #2**

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The study by Lee et al. investigated the removal and transport of numerous pharmaceuticals in WWTPs and wetlands. I see that the findings are somewhat interesting and valid to Drinking Water Engineering and Science readers. I have only a few minor comments below to hopefully improve the paper. 1. Section 2.2: Did the WWTPs have any disinfection processes such as chlorine, UV, and/or ozone. If so, please provide. 2. Page 102, Section 3.1.: How were the removals during the WWTP processes calculated? Did the effluent mean secondary effluent or the effluent after disinfection? The authors may want to provide more specific removal and/or transport mechanisms including biodegradation, adsorption to sludge and sediments, and/or oxidation during disinfection if possible.

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