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Dear Dr. McClune:

I'm writing to respond to the referee's rejection of our data on κ -In₂Se₃ for inclusion in the JCPDS PDF database. The response we received suggests that the referee considered only the c lattice constant value of the new phase. This c value is in fact similar to the γ phase of In₂Se₃. However, the a lattice constant, (00ℓ) intensities, film morphology and bandgap are all quite different from those of γ -In₂Se₃. The evidence for the existence of κ -In₂Se₃ has been found compelling by the referees of *Applied Physics Letters* and *Journal of Applied Physics*, where we have published the enclosed manuscripts. We have taken the liberty of highlighting the parts of these manuscripts that discuss the evidence for the existence of κ as a new and distinct phase. Thanks for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Alison Chaiken