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PART 1:

Journal Name:	<u>American Journal of Experimental Agriculture</u>
Manuscript Number:	2013_AJEA_4696
Title of the Manuscript:	Impacts of Pesticides and Fertilizers on Soil, Tail Water and Groundwater in Three Vegetable Producing Areas in the Cordillera Region, Northern Philippines
Type of the Article	Research paper

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The subject of the paper is very interesting. The article is generally well written and will serve as a valuable resource for increasing our knowledge on the impacts of pesticides and fertilizers on soil, tail water and groundwater in vegetable producing areas. The study let to know that there was a high level of awareness on the negative impacts of commercial pesticides and fertilizers on soil, water and human health but awareness did not influence the way farmers utilize pesticides and dispose of empty bottles/containers of pesticides after use. The authors are quite right when insisting on the need for such a kind of studies, especially regarding the most toxic pollutants. I suggest going ahead in a future in such a research line focusing on other residual pollutants. Anyway, I feel the authors should include some related papers such as: 1. "Solid phase microextraction – gas chromatographic – mass spectrometric method for the determination of the fungicides cyprodinil and fludioxonil in white wines.	



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	processes within the food production chain. Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition, 2011, 51(2), 99-114". 40. "Adsorption and desorption kinetics of carbofuran in acid soils. Journal of Hazardous Materials, 2011, 190, 159-167". 41. "Application of new fungicides under good agricultural practices and their effects on the volatile profile of white wines. Food Research International, 2011, 44, 397-403". 42. "Influence of tebuconazole residues on the aroma composition of Mencía red wines Food Chemistry, 2011, 124(1), 1525–1532". 43. "Decay of fungicide residues during vinification of white grapes harvested after the application of some new active substances against downy mildew. Food Chemistry, 2011, 125(2), 549-560". 44. "Distribution of polychlorinated biphenyls in both products and by-products of a mussel shell incinerator facility. Environmental Science and Pollution Research, 2011, 18(7), 1139-1146". 45. "Impact of phytosanitary treatments with new fungicides (cyazofamid, famoxadone, mandipropamid and valifenalate) to control downy mildew on the volatile profile of Godello white wines. Food Chemistry, 2012, 131, 826–836". 46. "Changes of the sensorial attributes of white wines with the application of new anti-mildew fungicides under critical agricultural practices. Food Chemistry, 2012, 130(1), 139-146". 47. "Surveillance of fungicidal dithiocarbamate residues in fruits and vegetables. Food Chemistry, 2012, 134, 366-374". The science presented is of a high quality with plenty of detail. This is a substantial manuscript that occupies	
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	the bounds between agricultural and environmental chemistry. I do express my positive opinion on the acceptance of the article to be published by "AJEA" after minor revision updating the cited references.	
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