

Editorial Comments:

I have quickly gone through the paper. Following is my concerns;

- ☐ “Commercial nerve centre” is not a proper word.
- ☐ “Heavy metal” to be presented as “heavy metals” throughout the text
- ☐ “The analysis of the heavy metal concentrations of the Active and Dormant dumpsite is...” does not seem to be the proper. May be corrected as “The analysis of the heavy metal concentrations in soil from active and dormant dumpsite is...”
- ☐ In Table 3 there are many instance of ND. What is the detection limit?
- ☐ “The heavy metal range were on the order of Fe > Cu > Zn > Cr > Pb > Ni > Cd.” Do you want to say range or the concentration?
- ☐ “Accumulation of Cr in the body can results to human health risk.” May be corrected as: “Accumulation of Cr in the human body can possess health risk”.
- ☐ “significant higher” ☐ “significantly higher”
- ☐ Author presents: “This may be attributed to differences in the age of the dumpsite and biodegradation of the dormant dumpsite.” This should be “...biodegradation of the waste in dormant dumpsite”.
- ☐ Author presents: “Elevated level of Ni in soil from active dumpsite above that of dormant site could be as a result of continuous dumping of Ni compounds and alloys at the active dumpsite and biodegradation as result of aging of the dormant site.” It is not clear here that how biodegradation as result of aging of the dormant site decrease Ni content in soil.
- ☐ Presentation is poor. Needs thorough English language editing.

Author's Feedback:

- Commercial nerve centre corrected to **noted for commercial activities**
- Correction for heavy metals effected throughout the text
- Correction taken and effected
- The detection limit is 0.001mg/kg but the result was presented in two decimal.
- The correct word is **concentration** this has been effected

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- Recasted as “Elevated level of Ni in soil from active dumpsite above that of dormant site could be as a result of continuous dumping of Ni compounds and alloys at the active dump site and biodegradation of waste in the dormant site over time’ the biodegradation of waste in the dormant site reduces the nickel level in the dormant site.
- Thorough editing effected throughout the text.