

Author's Feedback against Editorial Comment:

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Manuscript title:

Comparative chelate-assisted phytoextraction of heavy metals by *Jatropha curcas*, *Jatropha gossypifolia* and *Jatropha multifida* cultivated on soil collected from selected dumpsites located in Ekiti State, South Western, Nigeria

I have evaluated the revised version of the above manuscript in light of the comments of the three reviewers. All comments have been addressed by the author except the one of Dr. **ZY**. In the corresponding author feedback, no reply/justification was mentioned against this comment. i.e.

1. What are the operational parameters of the atomic absorption spectrophotometer?
2. How this equipment is calibrated?
3. What calibration standards were used?

Reply: answer to comments 1, 2, and 3 have been provided in the manuscript.

As this is very essential, the author should provide the necessary information in the manuscript, without which I could not recommend the manuscript for publication.

I also recommend the following suggestions for improvement of the manuscript.

Comments:

Abstract: Give units for the following parameters.

Organic matter content (3.00 ± 0.08 - 7.00 ± 0.13) and the CEC (59.20 - 62.40)

Reply: units of parameters are provided in the manuscript

Introduction: Line 25-54. The literature review is presented in several small paragraphs which are not in accordance with the journals style. It should be made into single paragraph.

Reply: lines 25-54 now appear in one paragraph

Fig.2. is not straight. Make it straight looking.

Reply: Fig.2 was made straight looking

Line 124: HClO_4 . It should be HClO_4 ; **corrected**

Line 125: Mention the make and model no. of AAS

Reply: model of AAS included in the manuscript

References: Make it in uniform font.

Reply: made in uniform font