

I do **favor for publication** of the revised paper (2012 BIAST 1572). However, I have few suggestions to authors as follows

1. Abstract: Heavy metals of Zn, Mn, Cr, Cu, and Pb, were not detected. Delete “of” from here and correct the sentence.

Response: Accepted thus the statement reads, Heavy metal; Zn, Mn, etc

2. Key words: “Spectrophotometrically analysed”? Is this the right term to use? Better to use spectrophotometric analysis.

Response: Right word is spectrophotometric analysis

3. Potassium (K) is major constituent in biomass, why was this not analysed, can it be added?

Response: No, analysis was not done on potassium so we cannot add it. More so, potassium has no negative effect on the plant and will not alter our results.

4. “....Zn, Cu, Mn, Cr and Pb were not detected”? To clarify more authors need to provide detection limit.

We did not include their detection limits because all the elements have different detection limits and our findings did not exceed these limits. eg the detection/tolerable limits for most of them are;

Zn. =0.20mg/l, Cu. = 0.10mg/l, Cr. =0.050mg/l and Pb. =0.010.

N.B. At these levels these substances should not be consumed since there is the tendency of cumulation.