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To: Managing Editor

Subject: Re: Request for final decision for manuscript number 2014/BJAST/9363

I have evaluated the manuscript in light of the reviewer's comments. Some of the comments of one of reviewers have not been incorporated in the revised version. As it is very essential, I recommend that it should be incorporated before accepting it. I have also suggested some minor corrections. The manuscript may be accepted after making these corrections by the author. Please see the attached file for comments.

Attached Part:

MS no. 2014_BJAST_9363

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.

What are the operational parameters of the atomic absorption spectrophotometer?

How this equipment is calibrated?

What calibration standards were used?

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)

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.

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

Line 124: HClO_4 . It should be HClO_4

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

References: Make it in uniform font.

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