

Editor's Comment:

"Lead and cadmium levels of African catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*) and the effect of cooking methods on their concentrations" by Okareh and Akande is a well-designed, well-conducted and well-presented article. Since all the concerns raised by the two reviewers have been sufficiently addressed my decision is to accept it for publication in **Archives of Current Research International**.

However there are some few issues need to be clarified before sending the paper for printing.

1. In the abstract, first line, the abbreviations Cd and Pd should be given right after cadmium and lead.
2. In abstract, the third paragraph, the concentrations of cadmium and lead in uncooked groups should also be given.
3. In Keywords, change "Cat-fish" to "Catfish" or "catfish".
4. In Materials and methods, line 77, 5% means a daily supply, but not during the entire acclimatization period, I think. Please clarify.
5. Lines 107 – 108, "The seven groups include the control and five test concentrations". "Five" should be "six", I believe.
6. Line 133, "...was boiled on the electric stove at 180°C for 5 minutes". This temperature is the temperature on the stove, not the water or the fish itself. Please clarify.
7. Table 4, superscripts ^a and ^b are confusing. It reads like there are differences between cadmium and lead groups. Better use ^a in all the groups.
8. Table 6, put the data from uncooked groups (there are should be two groups, one for Cd and one for Pd) in the table itself and indicate that superscripts ^a, ^b and ^c are only related to each metal group.
9. Fig. 1, please put a symbol (a star or the like) above the bars showing that there is a significant difference in comparison with the uncooked group.
10. Line 301, "The test organism could tolerate lead contamination...", change to "The test organism could tolerate more lead contamination...".
11. Line 364, "...to the observation made this study", should be "...to the observation made in this study".

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