

Editor's Comment:

I have managed to vet the paper and the comments are as follows:

1. Quoting a detection limit of 1% for the AAS is not accurate enough. Please convert to mg/kg.
2. Include the model of the AAS used for the analysis
3. Give more details on the control sample used to calculate the PLI
4. The paragraph on current ecological condition is irrelevant under the section results and discussion, as it is not bringing forth any results. Please remove.
5. Table 2: how come the soil concentrations of Cd and the PLI for each site are identical? Please check.
6. In paragraph bioaccumulation factor, page 14, the BAF for Mn is quoted to be 0.082, whilst in table 3, the BAF is 0.82. Please check and amend discussions accordingly.
7. Table 4: include the oral-RfD for each heavy metal in the table itself, for ease of referencing
8. Conclusion: please remove sentence 'the results indicated that the wetlands...fanifera', as it is irrelevant this section.
9. Authors contribution: no need to specify in a scientific peer reviewed paper
10. Acknowledgement: same comment as 9.

The authors are requested to amend paper and pay special attention to comments 5 and 6.

Please send back to me for the final evaluation.

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