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Subject: Re: Request for Editorial decision for manuscript number 2014_BJAST_13557

Please find below my comments about the manuscript.

Attached Part:

The main problem is that the author/authors did not validate its analytical data with respect to the elemental analysis. There is a lack of quality assurance procedure. It is not mentioned if CRM or standard addition method was applied in establishing validation parameters. Recoveries (as a measure of accuracy) and relative standard deviations (as a measure of precision) should be provided for the metals quantified. Bearing in mind the determination of Pb and Cr is especially controversial by the use of such analytical technique as flame AAS, checking correctness and reasonability of the analytical measurements should be performed.

For instance, there is "ml" (P.4) instead of "mL".

There is too many digits in some values, e.g. instead of "19345 mg/kg" (Abstract) it should be: "19350".

The References section should be corrected according to the journal instruction for the authors: most of abbreviated names of journals are generally incorrect. For instance instead of "J of Food Eng" it should be "J Food Engin". Moreover, in the References section the authors use full and abbreviated names of the journals, e.g. "Food Chemistry" and "Food Chem". This system should be unified!

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