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### PART 1:

| Journal Name:            | Asian Journal of Applied Chemistry Research   |  |
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| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJACR_41402  |  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | ASSESSMENT OF HEAVY METAL CONCENTRATIONS IN LEACHATES AND SOILS OF CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA DUMPSITE ALONG UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE ROAD- MAKURDI |  |
| Type of Article:         | Original Research Article   |  |

### PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)  | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments   |
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| Topic: Topic is too long and contains information that can be carried over to the methodology. I suggest the topic below: Assessment of Heavy Metal Concentrations In Leachates and Soils Within Central Bank of Nigeria Dumpsite, Makurdi  | The suggested title has been accepted   |
| Abstract: The author has done well. However, author should reduce the introduction to a simple two or three-line statement. Introduction is too long.   | Introduction has been revised based the recommendation of the reviewers to improve the quality of the paper, therefore there is no need to reduce the introduction in order to convey a wider background information to the readers |
| Line 18: "generation were used" Line 24: allowable and permissible are the same thing Line 75 -78: please remove the numbers attached to the descriptions. See example: 65 % Nitric acid (EMSURE Merck, Germany); Ammonium Hydroxide (Fisher Scientific, New Jersey, USA). Line 76: Poole not Poola Line 80-82: Please remove the information for the other apparatus, leaving only the information for AAS as Flame- AAS (Phonenix 986, Biotech Engineering Management Co. Ltd, Cyprus) Line 90 – 91: Please correct the notation: "!" is exclamation mark not "minute"  | Line 18 -91 has been revised  |
| <ol> <li>Citation in the main work should follow these example:         <ol> <li>Lead concentration (1.2 mg/kg) obtained in our work disagrees with the result of Adewuyi [18], in which lead content was 18.4 mg/kg.</li> <li>Nnorom et al [20] have reiterated the importance of sensitizing the populace on the need</li> </ol> </li> <li>As observed by Gosgh and Singh [21], non-biodegradability of chromium is responsible for</li> <li>On other hand mean level of Lead in this study was higher than what was obtained in other studies [26, 27].</li> <li>Heavy metals accumulate in liver, dorsal spine, hair, nails and placenta where it is traceable to various heath conditions [28].</li> </ol> | This section has been revised   |
| traceable to various heath conditions [28].  6. Onianwa and co-workers [29] defined dumpsite as a pit that receive solid wastes The above are standard ways of citation using this method of referencing. Kindly review and re-write the entire work following this standard. The last examples (4 & 5) —ending the sentence or statement with the reference- is the preferred.  Line 121: Aqua regia is still spelt Agua regia. Please correct!  Line 128: please keep all reagents together i.e. take them to line 75 -78. Again the tense used here is inappropriate. You should use past tense in methodology.  In conclusion, the discussion is still less than adequate. I suggest the authors consult    | Line 121-128 has been revised   |

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| journal articles to enable them see more on discussions.  General overhaul of the work is needed. | This section has been revised |
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