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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	1. Title is too long , it could be: EVALUATION OF HEAVY METAL SOIL CONTAMINATION 2. ALONGSIDE AWKA - ENUGU ROAD, SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA 3. The road name and soil sample depth should be mentioned in the abstract 4. Remove sample 14 from the map, only 13 samples are reported 5. It is better to mention the distance between samples along the transect and the distance of the sample from the edge of the road 6. Soil texture should be determined using standard method 7. The equation of EF should be mentioned 8. Table 1 should include description of the pollution activity in each location?? 9. The description of soil samples in Table 1 is not standard texture classes 10. Discussion of the mean values not show the differences in locations 11. The mean value of pH is not arithmetic (they are log values) 12. In discussion mention the sites polluted with Cd or any other metal according the concentration in each site not the average 13. Most of references are out of date (old)	The title of the manuscript have been modified accordingly as suggested above This suggestion has been carried out as directed by the reviewers This omission has been taken care of. We are sorry for the mix up We have taken out time to provide these very important details as suggested. Please, see the materials and methods section for details. The procedure for the determination of the textural characteristics of the soil samples has been provided in the materials and methods section as advised. This has been included as advised. Thank you Table 1 has been modified as advised by the reviewer to reflect possible anthropogenic sources of pollution More standard textural classifications have been adopted as advised; please see table 1 This suggestion has been implemented as advised. Thank you Comment noted and implemented as advised This suggestion has been implemented accordingly. We have taken time to improve some of this anomaly. However, some of the old references are key publications and may be indispensable
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