Editor's Comment:

The presence of heavy metals in foods is a relevant issue in public health. Although the study is focused in a local problem (milling of corn in a local market of Nigeria), the topic could be of interest for readers. There are a number of issues that authors should deal with in order to be suitable for publication.

The authors should explain why only Cu, Mn, Pb and Fe were determined in samples but no other heavy metals that could be also biologically relevant.

In sample collection and preparation, division into parts of two kilograms does not fit well with the use of 500 grams per milling machine. Please check it.

Statistical analysis should be reflected on tables comparing the heavy metal content of the different millings with its control instead of Table 4. Please indicate in tables that data are mean ± SD. Statistical results might be discussed in text.

It is not clear in text where the FAO recommended limits for heavy metals were published.

Please indicate in text that lead and manganese are also above the recommended limits when Parpela and Premier plates are used.

Figure 1 is unnecessary given that reflects data already included in Tables 1-3.

English language should be improved where possible for better understanding.

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