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Title of the Manuscript:	EVALUATION OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AND HEAVY METALS IN SARDINE FISH FROM KIVUKONI, KUNDUCHI AND BAGAMOYO FISH MARKETS IN TANZANIA
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (I agreed with reviewer's comments which are very constructive)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	No comment	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At line 199-201, authors state that "This suggests that, apart from the natural activities such as precipitation, dust, as well as weathering of rocks and soils, <b>the higher mean concentrations of iron recorded for samples from all fish markets, are may be due to industrial discharges, domestic discharges and municipal wastewater treatment plants.</b>" Can authors give some reference about this statement?</li> <li>Also, at line 206-209, authors state that "Also natural activities such as weathering and abrasion of rocks as well as anthropogenic activities such as <b>corrosion of zinc galvanized ships and boats, domestic and industrial discharges are the factors which might have caused elevated levels of zinc for samples from all fish markets.</b>" Can authors also give some reference about this statement?</li> <li>At line 290-293, authors state that" Almost all chemical laboratories (academic, research, industry) discharge considerable amounts of chromium into the environment every day [33]. <b>This suggests that, natural activities and industrial discharges are the main sources of chromium for samples from all fish markets.</b>" Did any report describe the discharge considerable amounts of chromium into the study area?</li> <li>At line 243-248, authors state that "samples from Kunduchi fish market had significantly higher (p &lt; 0.05) mean concentration of Se when compared to samples from Kivukoni and Bagamoyo fish markets. <b>Since, there are many human activities around Kivukoni and Bagamoyo fish markets compared to Kunduchi fish market, these variations suggest that, apart from natural activities, human activities plays a significant role to rise the levels of Ca, Cu and Zn among the sampling markets.</b> Can authors provide some reference about this statement?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ref [4] added in the text line 203</li> <li>Ref [23] added in the text line 211</li> <li>Ref [33] added in the text line 297</li> <li>Ref [28] added in the text line 253</li> </ol>
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	It is well prepared manuscript about essential elements and heavy metals in sardine fish from kivukoni, kunduchi and bagamoyo fish markets in Tanzania. The results are interesting and will have a great contribution to the Journal.	Note the displacement of lines at most by three as we incorporate all corrections from all reviewers.

### PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	