

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55450

Title: Heavy Metal Pollution in Drinking Water: Sources, Health Risks, Monitoring, and Mitigation

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality				x
Techn. Quality				x
Clarity				x
Significance			x	

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

While the topic of heavy metal contamination in drinking water is critically important, this manuscript in its current form does not meet the standards for publication as an original research article.

The paper reads as a general, introductory-level review rather than a substantive scholarly contribution. It provides a broad, surface-level overview of sources, health effects, and remediation technologies that is already well-covered in existing literature, without offering novel synthesis, critical analysis, or presentation of new data. The structure lacks a defined methodological framework for the literature review, and the content remains overly generic, failing to address specific knowledge gaps or provide a focused, in-depth analysis on a particular aspect of the issue.

Furthermore, the manuscript contains significant flaws that undermine its academic rigor. There is no dedicated "Methods" section explaining the literature search and selection process. The references are inconsistent, including dated sources (e.g., 2007) without justification and some duplication (e.g., Duruibe et al., 2007 is listed twice). For these reasons, the manuscript does not constitute a sufficiently original or rigorous review to warrant publication in its present form.