

Review of: "Assessment of Quality of drinking waterbased on the water quality index method in Hawassa Zuria Woreda, Sidama Regional State, Ethiopia"

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General Overview

1. Abstract section is too long. It's better not to exceed 500 words.
2. The words that appear in Keywords must not be words used in the title.
3. In the third paragraph of the Introduction section, the authors should use more recent references. One of them is for 2015 and the other for 2017.
4. In the fourth paragraph of the Introduction section, why not abbreviate manganese? You need to bring HMs according to their alphabet name. Also, Pb, Zn, or Cu are all symbols, no need for abbreviation.
5. In the last paragraph of the Introduction section, the authors claimed that "there hasn't been any study on drinking water quality assessment using water quality index"!!! This is completely wrong. Even with a quick search, you would find lots of similar studies, and here is the main issue with this paper, which is the novelty of this study. All objects of this study were previously performed by other studies.
6. In the Materials & Methods section, it doesn't matter how many hospitals the studied area got.
7. I couldn't find any of the Figures or Tables.
8. 23 is a very low number of samples.
9. You measured total hardness with a spectrophotometer?!
10. The value for Wn and Sn for calculating WQI should be provided in a Table.
11. Nothing in the Materials & Methods section about the pH and EC measurements.
12. It's interesting that the Methos and Results sections start with anion and cations description, but in the Discussion section, the authors decided to start with heavy metals!!!

