

Review of: "Assessment of Quality, Bacterial Population and Diversity of Irrigation Water in Selected Areas of Minna, Niger State, Nigeria"

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Thank you for allowing me to evaluate this manuscript. This subject is interesting for monitoring the irrigation water quality. The idea of work is good. However, I suggest some amelioration points before it is accepted.

- 1-The title should be reformulated to provide a clearer understanding of the research idea. I suggest the following title:
- "Assessment of Water Quality and Bacterial Diversity of Irrigation Water at Minna, Niger State, Nigeria".
- 2-Rephrase the abstract: show the aim first, and then the methods concisely, the main results, conclusions, and finally, the recommendation.
- 3-The references in the manuscript are up to 2014 only; they need to be updated, particularly in the introduction.
- 4-The aim of the work should be written at the end of the introduction, followed by the objectives as sentences, not points.
- 5- The study needs a map showing the locations and writing the reasons for choosing these locations.
- 6- Mention the number of times and the years you collected the samples in the materials and methods.
- 7- Why did you mention Completely Randomized Design (CRD) in the research? Did you do any experiments?
- 8-Number the table of Standards for Irrigation Water (Table 1), put it in the materials and methods, and re-number the other tables.
- 9-Material and Methods need to be improved. Water analysis needs to be documented by references.
- 10- The temperature symbol should be written as a degree sign (°), not zero (0), in all manuscripts.
- 11-"Preparation of Agar" should be corrected to "Preparation of Media."
- 12- The unit of total hardness in Table (4), "Total hardness (Mg/l)," needs to be corrected.
- 13- The results and the discussion need to be improved and elaborated with more recent references.
- 14-Language in the manuscript needs more improvement.

