

Review of: "Probabilistic Assessment of the Heavy Metal Pollution in Debrecen's Topsoil"

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The reviewed paper is dedicated to a significant issue and represents a good example of logical and well-structured results of an important scientific investigation. However, we have several suggestions that I believe will improve the overall quality of the paper. Namely:

1. Page 3/16. "...with previous research studies indicating the distribution of heavy metal contamination originating from transportation, urban settlements, and activities. The 2009 environmental protection program of Debrecen identified the pharmaceutical company (TEVA), fuel stations, airport, food companies, plastic industries, train service station (MÁV), and communal waste dumping sites to be among the other polluting agents within the area. *References needed.*
2. *In situ* and other Latin expressions and abbreviations should be italicized.
3. 2.3. *Analytical Procedures*. It is advisable that standard method/s of analysis will be mentioned with reference and that it be explained why there is a deviation from it, if any.
4. Page 6/16. Table 1. *No empty cells allowed – either dash, or n/d (no data, not applicable), or other indications are needed.*
5. 6/16. "...Cu, Cd, Mo...", and needed before *Mo*.