

Peer Review

Review of: "Human Exposure to Arsenic and Toxic Metals Through Meat Consumption in Africa: A Review of the Scientific Literature"

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1- There are some writing and editing errors in the English language text that make it necessary to revise the manuscript text.

2- Throughout the manuscript text, write the full phrase related to **abbreviation** for the first time. For other cases, just provide the abbreviation. For example: In the abstract, the names of the metals are abbreviated and should be corrected according to the above advice.

3- In the abstract, simply stating the sentence "Concentrations of toxic metals/metalloids in meat, and estimated intakes, vary significantly" as results and conclusions is not sufficient and is mostly a general statement. Please check and correct.

4- On the bottom line of page 2: This short sentence "The search strategy is detailed below" should be expanded or merged into the following text.

5- In the "Introduction" section, the innovation of the study should be highlighted.

6- The year of the study is stated in Table 1.

7- Provide a PRISMA diagram.

8- For the "methods" section, only the search strategy is stated. It is necessary to state all the necessary items for the "Restrictions" section, referring to the study below.

- The prevalence and concentration of ochratoxin A in meat and edible offal: A global systematic review and meta-analysis. Food and Chemical Toxicology. 2023 Aug 1;178:113921.

9- The findings section should be well organized. The title "Results" is not written.

10- The "Discussion" section is not well presented. Mainly, the results of other similar studies are mentioned without linking the results of the present study with other studies.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.