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This manuscript needs an extensive revision. In particular, the results of the method validation should be presented to support the reliability of the analysis results. Furthermore, more attention should be paid to the editing of the article and the English style.

Answer:

The authors of the article thank the reviewer for their comments and have made several changes in the manuscript, in addition to adding a section that includes the quality control of the method to the article with the following information that is has now been included in the section on material and methods:

To ensure that the quantified concentrations of the three toxic metals (Al, Cd, Pb) are correct and have been correctly determined, a recovery study was carried out, the results of which are shown in the table below (Table 4):

Table 4. Recovery study

Metal	Certified Reference Material (CRM)	C. Obtained (mg/kg)	C. Certified (mg/kg)	Recovery (%)
Al	SRM 1515 Apple Leaves	312.60 ± 6.3	286 ± 9	109.3
Cd	SRM 1573a Tomato Leaves	1.40 ± 0.07	1.52 ± 0.04	92.3
Pb	SRM 1515 Apple Leaves	0.456 ± 0.054	0.470 ± 0.024	94.8

The English language content of the manuscript has now been edited by an experienced native English-speaking editor of scientific articles for publication in international journals. Thank you very much again for your comments.