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| Journal Name: | International Journal of Biochemistry Research & Review |
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| Manuscript Number: | Ms_IJBCRR_126048 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | RESEARCH OF PESTICIDES IN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES GROWN IN THE DISTRICT OF ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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| | | highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that |
| | | authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| Please write a few sentences regarding the | This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it addresses the pressing issue of pesticide | |
| importance of this manuscript for the scientific | residues in commonly consumed vegetables, which has direct implications for public health. | |
| community. Why do you like (or dislike) this | The results cannot be generalised but the study contributes valuable data that can inform policy decisions | |
| manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be | and safety regulations as it pertains to the district of Abidjan. | |
| required for this part. | The work can be further improved by incorporating health risk estimation to know if the detected residues | |
| | pose potential health risks to consumers | |
| Is the title of the article suitable? | Assessment of Pesticide Residues in Fruits and vegetables grown in Abidjan, Ivory Coast or | |
| (If not please suggest an alternative title) | Assessment of Pesticide Residues in market garden products from Abidjan, Ivory Coast | |
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| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do | The abstract does not clearly reflect the methodology and key findings presented in the main body of | |
| you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some | the work. These risks misleading the reader. | |
| points in this section? Please write your | Clarification is needed on whether organochlorine pesticides were actually detected, as their mention | |
| suggestions here. | in the abstract is ambiguous. | |
| | Which analytical technique (GC-MS or HPLC) was employed to generate the results needs to be | |
| | clearly stated, as the methods and abstract currently provide inconsistent information. | |
| | Precise terminology should be used to describe what was detected. Were these pesticide | |
| | "compounds" or "molecules"? or residues? | |
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| | of pesticide brands or types. | |
| Are subsections and structure of the manuscript | The subsections and structure of the manuscript are appropriate | |
| appropriate? | | |
| Please write a few sentences regarding the | The manuscript is scientifically okay as it employed established methods for pesticide residue analysis such as the | |
| scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do | use of the QuEchERS method. | |
| you think that this manuscript is scientifically | The discussion effectively contextualizes the findings within existing research, highlighting both similarities and | |
| robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 | differences with other studies. It can still be improved by stating possible sources of the residues detected in the | |
| sentences may be required for this part. | vegetables. | |
| Are the references sufficient and recent? If you | The references included recent studies. However, author needs to incorporate more recent global studies on | |
| have suggestions of additional references, please | pesticide residues in vegetables. | |
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| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | | |
| Optional/General comments | Clarify which analytical method (HPLC or GC-MS) was actually used, as the methods and abstract sections provide contradictory information. It may be more informative to compare detected pesticide residues levels to established maximum residue limits (MRLs), such as those set by the WHO, EU or your country's regulatory body. This would help evaluate if residue levels are within acceptable limits. Consider including a health risk analysis to provide useful information about potential risks to consumer health from eating produce with detected residues. Provide details on the instrument's limit of detection and describe the standard reference materials used to generate calibration curves for pesticide quantification. This information is needed to interpret the results. Use italic formatting for scientific names of vegetables consistently throughout for clarity. Carefully proofread and edit the writing to correct any grammatical errors or inconsistent syntax which could reduce understandability. Also check for any non-English terms that were overlooked. Standardize the in-text citation style (numerical or author-date) to improve coherence and conform with a single formatting guideline. | |

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