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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript gives an insight into the number of heavy metals in soils of the Ahoda part of River State Nigeria. Heavy metals in the environment is dangerous not only to the ecosystem and human health. Therefore, this study is significant to giving information about the number of heavy metals in soils of the area.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	No, the title should be more explicit. 1. Is Ahoda, Rivers State in United States of America or Morroca, Please specify the country where this area is located 2. Considering recapturing the title of paper	
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