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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>#1 The formation of this manuscript should be massively corrected. For example: Abstract, Inductive Plasma Ionisation Source Atomic Emission Spectrometry. (ICP-AES). An unnecessary "period" should be deleted. Page 2, "2-1- Study area" or "2.1. Study area"? "Figure 1" or "figure 1"? "m3/ s" or "m³/ s"? Page 4, "50 ml" or "50 mL"? Page 5, "I-geo" or "Igeo"? "CF" or "FC"? Page 6, Table 1, "CE" or "EC"? Page 11, section 3.3.3., "this" figures?</p> <p>#2 In the Introduction, the authors mentioned Cd and Hg. Why didn't the authors investigate Cd and Hg in this work? How the authors selected the metals to investigate?</p> <p>#3 Table 1 and Table 2, the significant digits of values should be consistent.</p> <p>#4 Section 3.1., the authors mentioned that these high conductivity values could be explained by the high positive charges of heavy metals contained in these samples. Do the authors have any literature to support this explanation? Metals generally exist in the environment as elemental or compound forms instead of ionic forms. How these metals provide positive charges in these samples?</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	Figures 3, 4, and 5 are better to be presented as bar chars.	
Optional/General comments		

PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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