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<p>Please write few sentences regarding the importance this manuscript for scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>Chromium (VI), is a very toxic and dangerous metal for human health, because at the industrial level, it is used in the tanning of skins, the production of pigments, preservatives of the textile and wood industry, alloys, antifouling paints, catalysts, anticorrosive agents, drilling muds, high temperature batteries, fungicides, metallic and electrogalvanized coatings, which are an important source of contamination by this metal, so currently, alternatives have been sought to try to eliminate it from the environment, and the objective of this work was analyze the Chromium (VI) removal capacity in aqueous solution by the Horsetail (Equisetum hyemale) biomass, These results suggest their potential applicability for the remediation of Cr (VI) from polluted soils in the fields.</p>	
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<p>Please write few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>In bioremediation tests, it was found that biomass efficiently removes metal from contaminated earth and wastewaters with chromium (VI), therefore, their application is viable for its treatment, in addition, the biomass analyzed very efficient, of easy obtained, handling, and low cost.</p>	
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