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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Chemical Sciences
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJOCS_114351
Title of the Manuscript:	Levels of phthalate acid esters in carbonated soft drinks bottled in PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles - kept under various storage conditions in Mwanza City
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- The subject of the manuscript is considered a very important issue related to the general health of community with the food safety to be confirmed in packaging. 2- The title of the article is good and sufficient as an informative and concise one. 3- The "Abstract" needs revision to be more informative and concise in shortened length as it seems long somewhat and could be revised to a concise one. The "Background" sub-section of the "Abstract" section could be shortened as it is too long. Also, the remaining sub-sections could be revised to be more concise without deleting much informative data, but just REVISE in an informative and concise way. 4- The "Article Structure" is good, but the "citations numbers" needs REVISION to be edited in correct numerical order "1, 2, 3," As the order of citations is random (7, 28, 17, 38, 8, 3, 14, 27, 2, 37, 13, 21, 32, 18, 34,) and needs revision to be ORGANIZED with the References section matching the citations which need revision, so that the authors should revise the citations matching the references in the same time to avoid any conflict or any mistakes of citing a reference of number not matching its position or contents, so PLEASE CHECK Citations matching the References according to the numerical Vancouver Referencing system according to the priority of appearance in the text. 5- The experimental protocol of the manuscript is scientifically correct. 6- Suggestion of additional references: Please add and focus on the allowed limit of phthalate acid esters according to documented Official Standards, CHECK the following important reference or search for equivalent reference for the allowed limits: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/10/oj which is cited in a recent reference for some packing materials at: https://doi.org/10.21608/ftj.2023.288515 knowing that the authors have the complete right to use any references serving their study without forcing citations. 7- Update the References section after Revision of Citations with any added or removed citations according to numerical order. 8- The Conclusions section needs revision to be more informative and concise in only one short paragraph (shorter than the Abstract section) without any citations or references. 	
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