

**Review Form 3**

Journal Name:	<b>South Asian Research Journal of Natural Products</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_SARJNP_121027</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Levels in selected Soup Thickeners Marketed in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria</b>
Type of the Article	

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#### PART 1: Review Comments

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is importance in bringing out food safety issues which are paramount in the food industry. I like the manuscript because it informs the consumers to make right decisions when purchasing and using food thickener and producers to think of safety issues of their products	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is suitable as it reflects the study very well as a lab oriented study	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	In the abstract, I suggest the author to add 1 or 2 sentences to bring out the acceptable limits of naphthalene, acenaphthylene, fluorene, phenanthrene, pyrene, chrysene, anthracene and benzopyrene.in thickeners for easy of relating the safety parameters at a glance	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	For the introduction, I would suggest reduction of some literature written a bout the trees which are used to make soup thickeners. I felt that most of the introduction was talking more of the nutritional and health value of the trees as opposed to PAHs	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is scientifically correct as the samples were well identified and the right method of lab analysis was followed..	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient but have a few which are not very recent like the 2010 to 2013 ones	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments  Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language and English is suitable. . Just a few editorial issue to be checked	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	This is a very important study that brings out some of the safety issues that have to be looked out even when using additives from natural foods	

#### PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
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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