Reviewer’s report

Title: Drinking well water and occupational exposure to Herbicides is associated with chronic kidney disease, in Padavi-Sripura, Sri Lanka.

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I have reviewed paper titled “Drinking well water and occupational exposure to Herbicides is associated with chronic kidney disease, in Padavi-Sripura, Sri Lanka” with great interest. The question authors posed is new and well defined. Although number of factors has been linked with CKDu, authors have tested a new hypothesis. Generally methods are clear however it can be improved in some paragraphs. It lacks coherence in some of the paragraphs and authors tend to highlight some local scenarios that may be not important to the general reader of the article. I have indicated these sentences in the attached file and I would like to request the authors to remove them for the clarity. Data basis is very sound and results are clear. There some sentences that authors tend to discuss under results section which are not necessary. They have the option of discussion in the relevant sections so present only the results in the results section. Discussion and conclusions are supported by the work they have done but restructuring of some of the paragraphs is needed. Title reflects the works that have been performed but abstract need to be reorganized and some comments are given in the attached text to improve the abstract. Finally I would like to recommend publishing this article after the “Minor Essential Revisions”.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'