Reviewer's report

Title: Simultaneous Exposure to Multiple Heavy Metals and Glyphosate May Contribute to Sri Lankan Agricultural Nephropathy

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1. In the abstract, the authors should report significant differences from Table 3, rather than Table 2 data. For example:

With the exception of Mo in patients and Al, Cu, Mo, Se, Sn, Ti, and Zn in endemic controls, creatinine adjusted values of urinary heavy metals and glyphosate were significantly higher when compared to non-endemic controls. Creatinine unadjusted values were significant higher for 12 of the 20 chemicals studied in endemic controls and 6 in patients, compared to non-endemic controls.

2. The paragraph in the discussion on dehydration that the authors added is very useful.

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