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Editor's comments: In addition to the below suggestion, we suggest that you soften the language so that the word "hazardous" is preceded by "potentially". The overall message will still be clear, and the manuscript will appear less confrontational. Thank you for this suggestion. I went through the document and either deleted "hazardous," or added "potentially" before the word in places where the results of the paper were being discussed.

Reviewer #2: The revised paper has been improved, and the only issue I have for the R1 manuscript is in page 5 line 85: the description as a "veritable labyrinth" might not be appropriate in the objective research article. I suggest that the author should reconsider and rewrite the expression. I restructured the sentence to remove the "veritable labyrinth" reference.