

## ***Interactive comment on “Effect of polluted water on soil, sediments and plant contamination by heavy metals in El-Mahla El-Kobra, Egypt” by E. Mahmoud and A. M. Ghoneim***

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The manuscript focused on the effect of polluted water on soil, sediments and plant contamination by heavy metals. The topic is interesting and the manuscript is well structured.

the manuscript can be accepted after minor revision.

The references in the introduction are not updated. See below to improve introduction section: 1. X. Gou, Y. Li and G. Wang Heavy metal concentrations and correlations in rain-fed farm soils of Sifangwu village, central Gansu Province, China Land Degradation Development Volume 18, Issue 1, January/February 2007, Pages: 77–88, 1. Mimi Roy and Louis M. McDonald Metal Uptake in Plants and Health Risk Assessments in Metal-Contaminated Smelter Soils Land Degradation Development Volume 26, Issue

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8, November 2015, Pages: 785–792, 1. Daniel Sacristán, Blai Peñarroya and Luis Recatalá Increasing the Knowledge on the Management of Cu-Contaminated Agricultural Soils by Cropping Tomato (*Solanum Lycopersicum L.*) Land Degradation Development

The figures could be improved to be more attractive.

In table 4 show the average and standard deviation. which is the number of samples?

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