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Please respond within the appointed time so that we can give the authors timely responses and feedback.

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Manuscript Title: Detection and genotoxicity of OTA in raisins	
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Evaluation Criteria:

Please give each evaluation item a numeric rating on a 5-point scale, along with a brief explanation for each 3-less point rating.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Rating Result</i> [Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]
1. The title is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.	4
Title is self explanatory and adequate. Only suggestion I would have is to please use the full form of OTA in the title.	
2. The abstract clearly presents objects, methods and results.	4
Yes, the abstract highlights all the points addressed in the manuscript.	
3. There are few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.	4
Yes, there are few grammatical mistakes such as in the abstract OTA induces alterations in the genetic material of plant cells which suggests (it should be suggest) that OTA presents genotoxic effects at the concentration studied. Paragraph spacing can also be corrected. There are no spelling mistakes. References is termed as Refrencia, that may be corrected.	
4. The study methods are explained clearly.	4
Yes, the methods were clear and methodical.	

5. The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.	4
No errors seen.	
6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.	4
Yes, the conclusions are accurate and are supported by the experiments conducted	
7. The references are comprehensive and appropriate.	4
Yes, the references are comprehensive	

Overall Recommendation (mark an X with your recommendation) :

Accepted, no revision needed	X
Accepted, minor revisions needed	
Return for major revision and resubmission	
Reject	

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s): OTA is a highly abundant food and animal feed contaminant and it is important to understand its role in causing mutations. Thus it's an important compound to study. The study is well written and addresses the concern of chromosomal aberrations in a well defined manner.

Comments and Suggestions to the Editors Only: The study entitled “Detection and genotoxicity of OTA in raisins” by Lerda et al focuses on genotoxic effects of OTA, recent scientific evidence indicates that OTA causes DNA damage and genotoxicity thus studies of this kind are necessary to evaluate the damage done.