

Paper: “Water Safety and Hygienic Practices of Formal and Informal Food Outlets in Malawi”

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Reviewer A:

Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title accurately reflects the content, and the topic is relevant to the journal's audience as it aligns with its scope.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The abstract summarizes the study's objectives, methods, results, and conclusions providing valuable insights on WASH conditions in both formal and informal sector.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

Well written document with no grammatical errors, allowing audiences to understand WASH conditions at hand.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The study design is appropriate for the research objectives. Data collection tools and techniques used are they valid and reliable, allowing the author to achieve the WASH objectives of the research.

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There is clarity, coherence, and quality in the document, with no grammatical errors. The study also contributes new knowledge or insights to the field of water safety and hygiene, providing direction for policy makers. There is also need for a clear map of Nkhotakota.

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The conclusion summarizes the main WASH findings. The paper also provides practical WASH recommendations based on these findings. The author may consider on what can be done by traders to improve WASH conditions in their areas of operation.

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

On policy issues, author may consider adding on what can be done by traders to improve WASH conditions in their areas of operation.

Reviewer B:

Recommendation: Accept Submission

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My suggestion is some level of physico-chemical and biological test would have been conducted to ascertain the actual level of safety of the water and food in this study.
