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Dear Dr. Souizi,

I am pleased to submit the manuscript for publication in Mediterranean Journal of Chemistry. The manuscript as an original article is entitled “Valorization of snail shell (*Hélix aspersa*) from Tangier-Tetouan region (north of Morocco): an application to eliminate methylene blue”

On behalf of the co-authors, I herewith testify that the contents of the manuscript are original and have never been published or submitted elsewhere.

The objective of this paper is to search for effective and less expensive and environment friendly adsorbents, to this end we use the shell of snail *Helix aspersa* as a biosorbent for the removal of methylene blue (MB). It was found in this study that it is possible to work with the snail shell in its raw state without any pre-treatment.

I chose the Mediterranean Journal of Chemistry for submission because it covers many areas of chemistry.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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