

CHARACTERISTIC DISTRIBUTION AND SOURCE APPORTIONMENT OF SOME HEAVY METALS IN STREET DUST OF IKORODU AREA OF LAGOS STATE, SOUTHWESTERN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This research reports the characteristic distribution and source apportionment of some heavy metals in dust of Ikorodu area of Lagos State. The dust samples were collected randomly four times a month at ten different locations in Ikorodu area. Dust samples were obtained by sweeping surface dust into plastic waste packer using plastic brush and transferred into pre-labeled polythene bags. The samples were filtered through 75 μm stainless steel sieve, weighed, digested with appropriate amount of $HNO₃$ and $H₂O$ for 2 h. The concentrations of heavy metals were analyzed using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS). Results showed that the percentage contribution of each heavy metal at Ikorodu area were: Zn 79.4, Pb 14.8, Cu 0.9, Ni 4.9 and Cd 0.01. The most abundant heavy metal was Zn 2869.70 $+$ 0.01 mg/kg while the least was Cd 0.69 $+$ 0.01 mg/kg. The most polluted site was Residential Area 1 (993.674 mg/kg) while the least polluted was Industrial Area 3 (81.397 mg/kg). The major roads (38.1%) had the highest concentration of heavy metal pollution while the agricultural area (5.7%) had the least pollution. The sequence and distribution follow the pattern: $Zn > Pb > Ni > Cu > Cd$. The Principal Component Analysis PCA showed that the major sources of heavy metals in Ikorodu dust are anthropogenic. Pearson correlation analysis also showed that there was strong positive correlation (0.887) between the heavy metals. The concentrations of Heavy metals Zn, Pb, Ni, Cu exceeded the recommended limits of the Federal Ministry of Environment (FME), European communities (EC) and United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) permissible levels for dust suggesting that the study area is polluted.

Keywords: Anthropogenic, concentration, dust, environment, heavy metals, pollution

INTRODUCTION

With increase in the level of industrialization and urbanization, the quality of air in major cities around the world especially in a developing city like Lagos, Nigeria particularly Ikorodu area is rapidly deteriorating as a result of the presence of heavy metals contamination arising from energy generation, vehicular traffic, combustion of fossil fuel and poor waste management policies. The Characteristic distribution of Heavy metals in Street road dust may depend upon different functional sites of an urban area because of the types and intensities of anthropogenic activities in the study area (Wang *et al.,* 2016; Chen *et al.,* 2017). Dusts are fine solid particles in the atmosphere from various sources such as soil, dust lifted by wind and pollutions. It acts as the sink and source of toxic metals to its corresponding environment especially soil and air (Men *et al.,* 2020). Dust may be described as fine solid particles that exist in the environment through diverse processes and can accumulate outdoor, especially on cemented roads and hard pavements (Lu *et al.,* 2014; Rahman *et al.,* 2019). Resuspension of surface particle loading is an important source of road dust emission. However, the main mechanisms leading to road dust emissions are still

unidentified (Qin-Qin *et al.,* 2023). The chemical contents of street dust and airborne particulates are similar (Liu *et al.,* 2007). Chemical composition of Street dust can be used as an indicator for environmental pollution (Han *et al.,* 2006), a valuable medium for characterizing urban environmental quality (Liu *et al.,* 2007) and exposure health risk assessment (Hussain *et al.,* 2015).

Heavy metal levels in dust are important indicators of environmental contamination (Yadav *et al.,* 2019; Jahandari *et al.,* 2020; Dytlow *et al.,* 2021). Dust can be a major exposure route for some hazardous substances, leading to potential health risks (Schweizer *et al.,* 2007). People on the street and those residing in the vicinity inhale dust through the skin and in hand-to-mouth eating of poorly washed fruits and vegetables (Lorenzi *et al.,* 2011). There are various methods of sampling dust, already reported include the use of : a plastic dustpan and a brush (Wei *et al.,* 2009; Aguilera *et al.,* 2019; Preveena *et al.,* 2019), a plastic hand broom and dustpan (Zhang *et al.,* 2012, Soltani *et al.*, 2015), brushing 1 m^2 of previously delimited surface of asphalt (Reyes *et al.,* 2013), an ABA- 1-120- 02A portable aspirator (Saghatelyan *et al.,* 2014; Sahakyan *et al.,* 2016) a brush and plastic hand shovel

(Trujillo-Gonzalez *et al.,* 2016), a vacuum cleaner (Tanner *et al.,* 2008; Yu *et al.,* 2016) and a portable high-pressure washer device with a piston fitted into a rigid, sealed rubber dome (Budai *et al.,* 2018). They are made up of solid particles deposited on permeable materials that originate from the interaction of solids, liquids, and gases in the environment (Keshavarzi *et al.,* 2018). Heavy metals are the stable metals or metalloids whose densities are greater than 4.5 g/cm^3 , namely Pb, Cu, Ni, Cd, Zn, Hg and Cr, etc. (Chopra *et al.,* 2009). Some of these metals are essential for life at very low concentration levels but at high levels of concentration they may lead to harmful effects in humans, plants and animals (Cao *et al.,* 2009). Those that are of grave concern are the non - essential heavy metals like As, Pb, Cd and Cr which are considered major air and land pollutants in areas where they are most concentrated (Moses *et al.,* 2009). Heavy metals are dangerous because they bio-accumulate (Bawuro *et al.,* 2018). Long term exposure to the polluted road dust would cause severe damage through inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact (Lu *et al.,* 2010). Chemical composition of Street dust can be used as an indicator for environmental pollution (Han *et al.,* 2006), a valuable medium for characterizing urban environmental quality (Liu *et al.,* 2014) and exposure health risk assessment (Hussain *et al.,* 2015). Heavy metal levels in dust are an important indicator of environmental contamination (Yadav *et al.,* 2019; Jahandari *et al.,* 2020; Dytlow *et al.,* 2021). The five metals addressed in this study (Zn, Pb, Ni, Cu and Cd) are among the most often found heavy metals in the atmosphere including dust and to a large extent are harmful to human beings and the entire ecosystem. For instance, consumption of excessive amounts of zinc might results in pancreatic problems, anemia, and muscle sorenes (Roney *et al.,* 2006). Studies on atmospheric dust fall reported that Zn likely comes from the fossil fuels, tire wear, vehicular emissions (Valotto *et al.,* 2015; Hwang *et al.,* 2016; Valotto *et al.,* 2017; Wang *et al.,* 2020). Lead in the road dust might accumulate from traffic emission, industrial activity and as pollution from the use of arsenical pesticides, herbicides, crop desiccants and metal smelting (Bhuiyan *et al.,* 2015; Men *et al.,* 2018; Rahman *et al.,* 2019; Xiao *et al.,* 2020). Copper is regarded as a tracer for non - exhaust vehicle (Cui *et al.,* 2019; Rai *et al.,* 2021). Copper is used in lubricants to improve friction stability and is emited during brake abrasion (Querol *et al.,* 2007; Amato *et al.,* 2014). Sources of Copper also include non ferrous metallurgical industry, metal processing and refinery industry (Men *et al.,* 2018; Ramírez *et al.,*

2018). High levels of copper exposure can impair the immune system, induce liver, renal, and gastrointestinal problems, as well as Wilson's syndrome and anxiousness (Briffa *et al.,* 2020; Taylor *et al.,* 2020). Exposure to excessive amounts of Cadmium has been linked to renal disease, infertility, mental and digestive issues, and cancer (Faroon *et al.,* 2012). A number of health problems are associated with prolonged exposure to cadmium particularly in children, including neurologic problems, kidney problems, high blood pressure, heart disease, and reproductive system problems (Abadin *et al.,* 2007). The major sources of Cd in road dust might be lubricating oil, diesel fuel, tire and brake wear, batteries, plastic and building materials (Wei *et al.,* 2010; Foti *et al.,* 2017; Men *et al.,* 2020; Heidari *et al.,* 2021).

Human exposure to Nickel, could led to respiratory problems, cardiovascular disease and cancer (Buxton *et al.,* 2019). Although, there are enormous studies on the levels of Heavy metals in Street dust in the world (Liu *et al.,* 2015; Abbasi *et al.,* 2020; Li *et al.,* 2020; Kara *et al.,* 2020; Wang *et al.,* 2020; Salwan *et al.,* 2020; Zhe *et al.,* 2021) currently there are few literatures on Heavy metals in Street dust in Nigeria but little or literatures in Lagos State, particularly in Ikorodu except those of (Ojiodu *et al.,* 2022a; Ojiodu *et al.,* 2022b; Ojiodu *et al.,* 2023a; Qin - Qin *et al.,* 2023; Shinggu *et al.,* 2007).

Ikorodu is an urban area with a large market characterized with high Population density with high Commercial and vehicular activities. Therefore, the objectives of the present study were to assess and evaluate the levels of Zinc, Lead, Copper, Nickel and Cadmium in Street dust of Ikorodu area, determine the degree of bioaccumulation and Characteristic distribution of these Heavy Metals and determine whether there is a significant difference in the levels of Heavy metals from one location to another within the study area. It is hopeful that this study will provide the percentage contributions of each Heavy Metal and their potential sources.

MATERIALS AND METHODS Study area/sampling locations

The study was conducted in the following areas of Ikorodu (N6⁰ 60748, E 3⁰ 6184 - N6⁰ 03052, E3⁰ 64452). Lagos state which include the major roads - Agric, Ile - Epo oba, Roundabout; Residential areas - Residential areas 1 and 2; Industrial areas - Industrial areas 1, 2 and 3 and Agricultural areas - Farm 1 and Farm 2. Epe - Odogbonle Noforija was used as the control site (Figure 1).

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Figure 1: GIS map showing the percentage composition of the selected heavy metals in each site in Ikorodu area

S/N	Location		Coordinates				
		Codes		Latitude Longitude	Site description		
	Agric	AG			$N6^0.60748$ E3 ⁰ .6164 It is a commercial area with high vehicular and human activities.		
	Ile - Epo Oba	IEO.			$N6^0.62548$ E3 ⁰ .76972 It is an area with high vehicular activities and filling station.		
	Roundabout	RA.			$N60$.00492 E3 ⁰ .42784 It is a commercial area with high vehicular activities, motor park and		
					clusters of filling stations.		
4	Residential Area 1	RA1	$N6^{0}.852$		$E30$.4596 It is a residential area with mechanic workshops, abandoned vehicles		
					and metal works.		
	Residential Area 2				RA2 $N6^0.05704$ E3 ⁰ .75108 It is a residential area with few vehicular activities.		
6	Industrial Area 1				IA1 $N6^0.48472$ E3 ⁰ .9406 It is an industrial area with high vehicular activities with generating		
					plant emissions.		
	Industrial Area 2	IA2	$N6^0.69604$ E3 ⁰ .3004		It is an industrial area with high vehicular activities with generating		
					plant emissions.		
8	Industrial Area 3	IA3	$N6^{0}.897$		$E30$.3004 It is an industrial area with high vehicular activities.		
9	Farm 1	F1			$N60$.46648 E3 ⁰ .8744 It is an agricultural area with few vehicular activities, farm houses		
					and animal houses.		
10	Farm 2				F 2 N6 ⁰ .49552 E3 ⁰ .77396 It is an agricultural area with few vehicular activities, farm houses,		
					animal houses such as pigs and building under construction.		
11					Odogbonle Noforija ODN $N6^0.03052 E3^0.64452$ It is a residential area with little or no anthropogenic activity.		
	(control)						

Table 1: Sampling sites, characteristics and coordinates in Ikorodu area

Selection of sampling sites

The eleven sites including the control site, as shown in Table 1 were carefully chosen based on accessibility, availability of open spaces and of course area with maximum influence from anthropogenic activities such as vehicular traffic density, human activities as well as industrial activities. The geo-referencing was carried out by using GPS MAP 76S (Garmin).

Sample collection

Dust samples were collected from eleven sites within the study area, at least 100 m apart, four times a month from October, 2022 - March, 2023. Samples were collected in the morning while the dust has settled well throughout the night and before heavy morning traffic movement that can disrupt the dust. The samples were randomly collected from both sides of the road by weeping surface dust into plastic waste packers using plastic brush and transferred into pre - labeled polythene bags (Shabbaj *et al.,* 2018; Aguilera *et al.,* 2019; Praveena *et al.,* 2019).

All irrelevant materials such as cigarette ends, papers, plastics etc. were carefully handpicked. Thereafter,

samples collected at each location were filtered through 75 μm stainless steel sieve. The samples were then taken to the laboratory for further treatment and analysis.

Sample preparation and digestion

The 2.0 g of sieved dust was weighed using an analytical balance and transferred into a conical flask for digestion. 30 ml Trioxonitrate v acid and 10 ml concentrated hydrochloric acid prepared in the ratio 3:1 was added. The solution was mixed thoroughly and heated on magnetic stirrer, then refluxed at 90° C for 20 minutes. After the disappearance of brown fumes, the digest was cooled and then filtered through Whatman type 589/2 filter paper. The filtrate was diluted to 50 cm^3 with de-ionized water. The metal contents in the filtrate were determined using an Atomic absorption spectrophotometer (AAS) PG-990 (Benhaddya *et al.,* 2016; Men *et al.,* 2019).

Statistical analysis

Analysis of Heavy metals was carried out using ANOVA to check for the standard error and Significant differences of the mean concentration of the results from October, 2022 - March, 2023 in Ikorodu area (Table 3). Kaiser-Meyer- Olkin and Battlet's test were carried out to confirm the Sampling Adequacy (Table 2).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Characteristic distribution of selected heavy metals in Ikorodu area

Residential Area 1 (993.674 mg/kg; 27.5%) is the most polluted site in Ikorodu (Table 3). This is due to anthropogenic activities in and around the site such as release of fumes from generators and emissions from numerous heavy duty vehicular/traffic and commercial activities in and around the site while the least polluted site is Industrial Area 3 (81.397 mg/kg; 2.3%). The most abundant heavy

metals is Zinc (2869.699 mg/kg; 79.4%) while the leastabundant heavy metal is Cadmium (0.692 mg/kg; 0.01%) (Figure 2).This may be attributed to the versatile use of Zinc in form of Zinc oxide present in paints, rubber , cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, wearing of brake lining of vehicles, loss of oil and cooling liquids from automobile, corrosion of galvanized steels, scrap iron bars and improper disposal of industrial waste in the area. There is a significant difference in the levels of Zinc metal in Ikorodu Area compared to other sites ($p < 0.05$). The highest Concentrations of Zn (836.704 mg/kg) and Pb (113.126 mg/kg) were recorded at Residential Area 1 while the highest concentrations of Cu (5.972 mg/kg), Cd(0.209 mg/kg) and Ni (77.639 mg/kg) were recorded at Roundabout. The high Concentration of Pb in Residential Area 1 may be due to the high commercial and vehicular activities, spillage of petroleum products, smoking of cigarettes, paint chips from the walls of industrial buildings, careless discard of lead acid batteries used in automotive as well as the use of industrial grade and non - domestic paints by the surrounding industries. The level of Pb in Residential Area 1 was significantly different ($p < 0.05$) from all other sites. The highest concentration of Copper, Nickel and
Cadmium at Roundabout may be due to Cadmium at Roundabout may be due to manufacturing of electrical cables, production of cans and the use of pesticides, combustion of fossil fuels, smelting of metals, vehicular emission, traffic congestion and industrial processes that use these metals or their compounds fuel combustion by generators as well as frequent bush burning in that environment. The level of Nickel at Roundabout is significantly different from all other sites ($p < 0.05$). There is significant difference in the levels of heavy metals in the study area $(P < 0.05)$ (Table 3). The Characteristics distribution and degree of bioaccumulation of Heavy metals content of Ikorodu dust is as follows: $Zn > Pb > Cu > Ni > Cd$ with the mean concentrations of 286.9699, 53.3344, 17.8706, 3.3350 and 0.0692 mg/kg, respectively.

Mean difference is significant at $P < 0.05$

Figure 2: Percentage contribution of heavy metals to pollution in the dust of Ikorodu

Roundabout (773.306 mg/kg; 21.4%) is the most polluted site in Major roads while the least polluted is Agric (231.355 mg/kg; 6.4%). This may be due to high vehicular activities within and around the Major roads in the area. At the Major roads, the highest concentration of Zn 603.349, Pb 86.136, Cu 5.973, Ni 77.639 and Cd 0.209 mg/kg was recorded at Roundabout while the lowest Concentration was recorded at Agric site Zn 171.302, Pb 46.651, Cu 3.147, Ni 10.156 and Cd 0.099 mg/kg.

At the Industrial areas, the most industrialized area is Industrial area 2 (446.231 mg/kg; 12.3%) with the highest concentration of Zn 346.788, Pb 85.931 , Cu 4.183 and Ni 9.300 mg/kg and Cd 0.029 mg/kg while the least industrial area was recorded at Industrial area 3 (81.397 mg/kg; 2.3%) with the lowest concentrations Zn 64.501 mg/kg; Pb 9.968 mg/kg; Cu 1.475 mg/kg and Ni 5.453 mg/kg and Cd 0 mg/kg.

The most polluted Residential area is Residential area 1 (993.674 mg/kg; 27.5%) with the highest concentration of Zn 836.704, Pb 113.126, Cu 4.741 , Ni 38.934 and Cd 0.169 mg/kg and the least polluted Residential area 2 (198.971 mg/kg, 5.5%). Residential area 1 is polluted due to high Anthropogenic activities (commercial) of Man.

The most polluted Agricultural area is Farm 2 (112.340 mg/kg; 3.1%) with the highest concentration of Zn 103.137 , Pb 6.605, Cu 1.369 , Ni 1.22 and Cd 0.09 mg/kg and the least polluted Agricultural area is Farm 1(93.950 mg/kg; 2.6%). Farm 2 is polluted due to high use of fertilizers, Agricultural chemicals including Pesticides, herbicides. There is a significant difference between the levels of Zn, Pb, Cu, Cd and Ni in Industrial, Major roads, Residential Areas and Agricultural Areas $(P_V < 0.05)$.

The major roads, residential, industrial and agricultural areas contributed 38.1, 33.0, 22.3 and 5.7% respectively to dust pollution in Ikorodu. The high concentration of heavy metals in the major roads may be attributed to high anthropogenic activities i.e. (human and vehicular activities) while the low concentration in the agricultural area is due to low anthropogenic activities i.e. (low vehicular emissions and majorly rearing of pigs, fish and farm houses). The level of bioaccumulation of heavy metals in street dust of Ikorodu is as follows: Residential area1 > Roundabout > Industrial Area 2 > Ile-Epo oba > Industrial Area 1 > Agric > Residential Area 2 > Farm2 > Farm1 > Industrial Area 3 (Figure 3). There was progressive increase in the levels of bioaccumulation of these heavy metals from October, 2022 - March, 2023. There is significant

variation in the level of heavy metals in the study area $(P_v < 0.05)$. The high significant levels of Zn, Pb, Ni and Cu obtained in the samples from Ikorodu is an indication of their concentrations in the dust while the low concentration of cadmium Cd suggest low contributing factors to their spread and as well as dust inability to preferentially accumulate these metals (Table 3). The trend and percentage contribution of each site to pollution in Ikorodu dust is as follows: RAI $27.5\% > RA$ $21.4\% > IA2$ 12.3% $>$ IEO 10.3% $>$ IA1 7.7% $>$ AG 6.4% $>$ RA2 5.5% $>$ F2 $3.1\% > F1$ $2.6\% > IA3$ $2.3\% > ODN$ 0.9%. The

result of this research agrees with the results obtained in Nigeria and in other areas of the world (Kara, 2020; Li *et al.,* 2020; Xu *et al.,* 2020; Ojiodu *et al.,* 2023a,b; Wang *et al.,* 2021; Ojiodu *et al.,* 2023a,b). This results also showed that concentrations of heavy metals depends on the nature of activities in and around the sites (Karbassi *et al.,* 2005; Christoforidis *et al.,* 2009; Adie *et al.,* 2014; Ekpo *et al.,* 2012; Mohsen *et al.,* 2012; Adie *et al.,* 2014; Ojiodu and Elemike, 2017; Ojiodu and Olumayede, 2018; Ojiodu *et al*., 2018).

Figure 3:**Percentage contribution of each site to pollution in the study area**

world (mg/kg)						
CITY	Pb	Zn	Cu	Cd	Ni	
Ikorodu (this study)	533.34	2869.69	33.35	0.692	178.706	
Ketu - Mile 12 (Ojiodu <i>et al.</i> , 2023c)	322.99	1767.09	1623.133	4.078	69.811	
Oshodi - Isolo (Ojiodu et al., 2023a)	1031.73	1445.43	242.77	6.99	78.47	
Ikeja (Ojiodu <i>et al.</i> , 2023b)	1043.73	2449.53	328.97	33.10	88.09	
Central China/Arid Desert (Chiana) (Zhe et al., 2021)	91.55	222.82	20.00	0.39	$\overline{}$	
Shijiazhuang (China) (Kui et al., 2019)	154.78	496.17	91.06	1.86	40.99	
$Xian(Chiana)$ (Li et al., 2015)	97.4	169.2	46.6	0.72	29.3	
Shanghai (Korea) (Li et al., 2015)	295	735	197	1.23	84	
Chengdu(Korea) (Li et al., 2015)	375	1117	244	4.4	88.1	
Guizhou(Korea) (Duan et al., 2017)	67.81	185.98	129.80	0.62	61.07	
Shihwa(Japan) (Jeong <i>et al.</i> , 2017)	612	1824	992	2.22	164	
Delhi (India) (Suryawanshi et al., 2016)	120.7	284.5	191.7	2.64	36.4	
South Africa (Olowoyo et al., 2016)	754.3	304.6	157.2	2.54	74.3	

Table 5: Mean concentration of heavy metals in street dust of Ikorodu and other selected cities of the world (mg/kg)

The levels of heavy metals in Ikorodu area was far greater than the recommended limits of the Federal Ministry of Environment (FME), European Communities (EC) and United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) permissible levels for heavy metals in the atmosphere (European Commission, 2006). The concentrations of heavy metals in all the sites was higher than the control value (Table 3). This may be due to the fact that the control site is an area with little or no anthropogenic activity. **Source apportionment**

Using principal component analysis (PCA) to identify the potential sources of heavy metals in Ikorodu area

The Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was widely used to reduce large data sets to few components

and here it makes it easier to understand the potential sources of Heavy metals in Ikorodu dust. It is used to classify variables into groups that can then be associated with factors that contributes to pollutant levels at receptors. The data acquired at Ikorodu sites were used to conduct PCA analysis. All KMO values for the individual items $(0 > 0.70)$ were well above 0.5 and the Kaiser - Meyer Olkin KMO measured was 0.822 indicating that the data was sufficient for Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) (Table 2). The Bartlett's test of Sphericity χ^2 ₍₁₀₎ = 174.562, $p < 0.05$ showed that there was patterned relationships between the items. The Scree plot confirmed the findings of retaining two (2) factors. The results in Table 6. showed the factor loadings after rotation using a significant factor criterion of 0.50. Using the Eigen value greater than one rule, two factors were identified. The two factors were identified as those contributing to the measured values in Ikorodu area. The PCA analysis classified the dataset of heavy metals into two principal components (PCs) PC1 and PC2 which accounted for the variances of 75.061% of the total variation in the dataset collected from Ikorodu area of Lagos state. PC1: This factor 1 accounted for 39.635% of the total variance in the data. This factor was highly loaded with Pb and Cd. The sources of this heavy metals were from emissions from traffic/vehicles, industrial wastes, lubricating oil, diesel fuel, tire, and brake wear (Foti *et al.,* 2017; Men *et al.,* 2020; Heidari *et al.,* 2021). PC2: This factor 2 accounted for 36.426% of the total variance. This factor is loaded with Zn, Cu and Ni. These heavy metals were released through emissions from traffic/vehicles, industrial activities, combustion of fossil fuels, gasoline and diesel exhaust.

Table 6: The rotated component matrix for data of heavy metals in street dust of Ikorodu

Heavy metals	Principal components			
	PC1	PC2		
Pb	0.879	0.412		
Zn	0.005	0.877		
Cu	-1.04	0.887		
C _d	0.984	-0.080		
Ni	0.256	0.765		
Eigen values	1.827	1.964		
% of Variance	39.635	36.426		
% of Cumm. Variance	39.635	75.061		

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization.

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). *Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Pearson's significant correlation analysis was employed to statistically link the concentrations of heavy metals with the sources of Street dust. Pearson correlation coefficient, r, was used to measure the strength of the inter-relationship between the heavy metals (Lv, 2019). Table 7, Showed Pearson correlation coefficients, their significance and the total number of observations. There is a significant strong positive correlation amongst the heavy metals. The correlation for the five heavy metals in Ikorodu area of Lagos state were moderately correlated and significant, which indicates that fewer components are required to account for the variation. We can see the sample correlations among Zn, Pb, Cu, Cd, Ni ranges between -0.056 to 0.887 which shows that the variables were suitable for the Principal component analysis. There is strong positive correlation (0.887) between the heavy metals at 0.01 levels of significance (Enuneku *et al.,* 2017; Kara, 2020; Wang *et al.,* 2021). This results showed that Zn, Pb, Cu, Cd and Ni are from anthropogenic sources such as traffic/vehicular, industrial wastes, waste dumpsite/improper disposal of domestic wastes and sewage, industrial activities, combustion of fossil fuels, gasoline and diesel exhaust.

Figure 4:**Bi-plot of the components**

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Cluster analysis

Figure 5: Cluster dendrogram

The bi-plot suggest that there were two clusters groups for the heavy metals in Ikorodu dust (Figure 4). We used hierarchical clustering because the datasets were small and continuous in nature and its' represented by dendrogram (Figure 5). There are two clusters 1(Pb and Cd) and Cluster 2 (Zn , Cu and Ni). The heavy metals in each cluster are from the same origin or Source i.e Traffic / vehicules, industrial activities, industrial wastes, Waste dumpsite/ improper disposal of domestic wastes and sewage industrial activities, combustion of fossil fuels, gasoline and diesel exhaust. The results of the cluster analysis is in agreement with the results from the Principal component analysis Factor 1 PC1- Cluster 1 - Pb (0.879) and Cd (0.984), Factor 2 PC2 - Cluster 2 - Zn (0.877), Cu (0.887) and Ni (0.765) and Pearson's significant correlation analysis.

CONCLUSION

The high levels of Zn 79.4 , Pb 14.8 , Cu 0.9 , Ni 4.9 and Cd 0.01 % obtained in the dust samples from Ikorodu area could be attributed to anthropogenic activities such as traffic/vehicular emission, industrial activities, industrial wastes, Waste dumpsite/ improper disposal of domestic wastes and sewage, lubricating oil, diesel fuel and brake wear. The low concentration of Cadmium Cd suggest low contributing factors to their spread and as well as the dust inability to preferentially accumulate this metal. Therefore, there is need for constant environmental Monitoring of Ikorodu area dust due to the high concentration of heavy metal pollution which could be very hazardous to human and plants existence.

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