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| Journal Name: | Asian Food Science Journal |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_AFSJ_48472 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | MICROBIAL ASSESSMENT OF SELECTED, LOCALLY- FERMENTED AND READY-TO-EAT CASSAVA PRODUCTS SOLD IN LOKOJA, NIGERIA |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | The manuscript is not scientifically robust nor technically sound. The methodology is already at a question. Assessing the microbiological safety of the FERMENTED products – by performing TPC and there was not a single detection of yeast in the TPC? What about the yeast count? Another issue is that, with such low pH, and yet some foodborne pathogens that were known not be able to survive the pH was detected. Some of the methodology used are confusing and with no citable reference. This put into question if the experiment conducted by the author is valid. I suggest the author to review the manuscript back again and edit most of the important parts such as the methodology and results and discussion. The methodology part had put the manuscript at flaw. The manuscript also lacks at the incorrect interpretation of results and in-depth discussion with lack of English language proficiency. | |
| Minor REVISION comments | Nil. All revision should be compulsory. | |
| Optional/General comments | Nil. Please refer to the manuscript for detailed comments. | |



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