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PART 1: Review Comments

	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)
Compulsory REVISION comments (JAM)	1. In abstract - The microbial diversity and heavy metal concentrations of fresh and smoked fishes were studied- write the aim clearly 2. Number of samples (n=6) is not enough to study the quality 3. Also collected, were dry samples of red mangrove fire wood used as fuel for the smoking process - the sentence is not clear 4. Check the processing of fish samples- not clear. 5. Did you analyze the microbial diversity in organ sample? – mention it clearly (whole body sample of fresh sample as well as smoked fish?) 6. Author did not mention about the smoking process in methodology 7. In Culture media preparation author need to write about the isolation procedure for each microbes separately and mention how you measure the density of microbes? 8. Write briefly about the identification of bacterial and fungal isolates 9. The heavy metals in beach water and sand samples which were analyzed- what about the fish samples? 10. Heavy metal determination procedure was varied based on the samples, so write the procedure and write the instrument details 11. Beach water and sand samples- seawater and sediment samples? 12. How to identify the bacterial and fungal isolates up to the species level? Write it briefly 13. Results and Discussion - check the title 14. The results of the fungal species – whether it was from fresh or smoked fish- not clear 15. The result section you mentioned heavy metals load of smoked, fresh fishes and the mangrove firewood, but in the methodology section author mentioned about water, sand – confusing	1. Aims added clearly 2. This study is only split part of a more elaborate studies conducted and the six portions mentioned were a composite sampling. For this study a total of six smoked and six fresh fishes were used (12 in total) 3. The wood used in smoking the fishes were also collected from the area. Sentence adjusted 4. One gram of the intestine and skin were homogenized and ten-fold serial dilution done. 5. It is mentioned, intestines and skin portions 6. Mentioned in line 55, low heating is used to achieve the processing. 7. All microbes are isolated and purified same way and these are standard procedures not needful to over flog 8. Same as in issue 7 9. Corrected to fresh, smoked fishes and wood samples 10. Added 11. Removed 12. Corrected 13. Corrected 14. They were mostly from the fresh samples, the smoking removed most isolates seen in the fresh. 15. Corrected
Minor REVISION comments	The work was good , but the methodology was not coincided with the results-check it properly	
Optional/General comments	Methodology is not clear	