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PART 1:

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| Journal Name: | Microbiology Research Journal International |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_MRJI_45193 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Isolation and identification of microbial deteriogens of fresh tomatoes stored at ambient temperature |
| Type of Article: | Original Research Article |

PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any) | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments |
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| <p>Authors cited Berdegue when in reality is from Akinmusire (2011) or Singleton and Sainsbury (1978). Berdegue don't define deterioration or this subject in his article; but If we suppose that Berdegue describes it, it was cited incorrectly in the reference because the real citation should be "Berdegue, J.A., Balsevich, F., Flores, L., and Reardon T. (2005). Central American supermarkets' private standards of quality and safety in procurement of fresh fruits and vegetables, <i>Food Policy</i>, 30: 254-269", instead of "Berdegue, J.A., Balsevich, F., Flores, L. and Reardon, T. (2005). Central American Supermarket and private standards of quality and safety in procurement of fresh fruits and vegetables, <i>Food Policy</i>, 30: 254-269."</p> <p>Also authors mention that the identification of fungal isolated were performed "by morphological and biochemical characteristics with those of known taxa". However, authors don't shown data of the biochemical characteristics.</p> <p>Additionally, authors should cite by using accurate references, how they did its methods in the present manuscript. Even more important the media used for isolation were specific for dermatophytes in the case of fungi, and selective/differential medium for enterics bacteria. This information is important since authors are looking specific microorganisms that would support opportunistic contamination from human activity in the tomatoes selected.</p> <p>Other suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Authors should re-check the abstract after the word Nigeria. 2- Please provide the expansions of 've', 'Nil' (located in Tables 2.1 and 4), if necessary. 3- Please add after "sabouraud dextrose agar" the abbreviation between parentheses "SDA". The Authors mentioned it later in "Purification of fungal isolates". | <p>Thanks for the review. I have done the necessary corrections.</p> |