

**Review Form 1.7**

Journal Name:	<b>Microbiology Research Journal International</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_MRJI_107359</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Isolation and Screening of Biosurfactant-Producing Bacteria from Hydrocarbon-Contaminated Soils in Awka, Southeast, Nigeria</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Research Article</b>

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### PART 1: Review Comments

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<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</b></p>	<p><b>Yes.</b> Hydrocarbons are among the most persistent soil contaminants, and some hydrocarbon-degrading microorganisms can produce biosurfactants to increase bioavailability and degradation. This study when proceeded further can help in screening of an efficient isolate for reducing the contamination.</p> <p><b>Yes.</b></p> <p><b>No. Needs re-writing</b></p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Yes</b></p> <p><b>Add some new references</b></p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
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