

## Review Form 1.7

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| Journal Name:            | South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology                                                                                          |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_SAJRM_100654                                                                                                                          |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Antimicrobial Activity of Lactic Acid Bacteria Against Food-Borne Pathogens from Selected Fruits Sold In Major Markets, Ibadan, Nigeria. |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                                                                                                |

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### PART 1: Review Comments

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| <p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community?<br/>(Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. Is the title of the article suitable?<br/>(If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</li> <li>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</li> <li>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</li> <li>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</li> </ol> <p><b>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. No. The title is grossly inconsistent with the study conducted. The study devoted more attention to antibiotic resistance rather than what the topic indicates.</li> <li>3. No</li> <li>4. No</li> <li>5. Yes but study design does not make for proper presentation</li> <li>6. Yes</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | English quality is poor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | The concept of lactic acid bacteria producing inhibitory substances to hinder or compete with spoilage organisms and pathogenic organisms is one that can be investigated. This could aid in preservation of fresh fruits or increase in shelf life and also prevent the multiplication of potential pathogens on fruits. But the study has not been able to elucidate this. So I think this can be achieved with a better study design. Moreover materials and methods used in this study are not sufficient to prove that the study was worthwhile. |                                                                                                                                                                               |

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**PART 2:**

|                                                     | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                    | <b>Author's comment</b> <i>(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)</i> |
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