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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJFAR_114188
Title of the Manuscript:	Specific diversity of fish ponds in the Haut-Sassandra and risks of contamination by potential pathogens among Oreochromis niloticus (Tilapia)
Type of the Article	

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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>Yes, because it brings knowledge to the fish farmers on the safety of the raised tilapia fish and probably preparing them to practice mechanised system of treating ponds water.</p> <p>I suggest the topic to be: 'Microbial prevalence in Tilapia (<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>) fish farming practiced in Hau-Sassandra Fish Ponds in Cote D'ivoire'</p> <p>The abstract needs revision by complying to the comments made</p> <p>The results section is coming as a surprise because it is representing the data that never reflected in the methodology. So it has to be reworked</p> <p>The manuscript needs to be strengthened with relevant literature especially the discussion section. Complying to the comments provided will improve the work. Most importantly, the grammar, tense used when reporting the work.</p> <p>The references are broad and most recent. However, I think more reference should be those related to microbiology.</p> <p>Lowore, T., Manani, T. N. and, & Kapute, F. (2022). Microbial, Sensory and Biochemical Properties of Fresh Farmed Tilapia Fish Preserved in Lactic Acid Bacteria Culture. <i>Journal of Nutrition and Food Sciences</i>, 12(7), 1–19. https://doi.org/10.35248/2155-9600.22.12.871</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>It needs improvement, grammar check, report be in past tense and lastly the paper must be proofread to rectify some typos and errors</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The authors should read more on how microbial data is reported, presented in the table, how it is handled in the lab for analysis (procedure).</p> <p>Should revise on how the methodology is structured and how the sampling protocol is applied during sample collection</p>	

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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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