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Journal Name:	<b>South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_SAJRM_116236</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>INCIDENCE AND SPREAD OF FUNGI-ASSOCIATED RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS AMONG COMMERCIAL BANK TELLERS, SOUTH-EASTERN NIGERIA.</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original research article</b>

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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)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1. Certainly. Climate change and fungal disease in plants and human are on rise. The article is relevant .Article deals with mould on Nigerian currency and their secondary transmission to human.This is an important way acquiring allergenic fungi from currency notes to human. Mold may be carcinogenic e.g mycotoxigenic <i>Aspergillus flavus</i> which produces <i>Aflatoxin</i> which is one of the potent naturally occurring carcinogenic agents. Another fungus <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> causes <i>Aspergillosis</i> in immunocompromised human.</p> <p>2. Title is not suitable .The alternative title may be "Diversity of fungi and bacteria associated with respiratory ailments among commercial bank teller , South Eastern Nigeria".</p> <p>Or Diversity of microbes in nasal and sputum sample among commercial bank teller and their association with respiratory ailments among bank teller ,South Eastern Nigeria.</p> <p>3. Abstract : Under Methods 3<sup>rd</sup> line delete "from".</p> <p>4. Not exactly. Introduction : a reference should be given after 1<sup>st</sup> sentence supporting the claim. Material and methods , site of study should form a sub head and Lat and long should be given. Detail reference on identification of fungi and bacteria should be given. Stokes 1980 cited in the text but not in reference section ,which may be added. Similarly a reference Cowon (1993) cited in the text but not in the text.</p> <p>5. Identification of all microbes is based on morphological aspects which may be considered tentative and hence no conclusive evidence can be drawn from the study .However a association exist between occurrence of microbes and respiratory ailments of subjects.</p> <p>6. A few references in the Introduction may be added .(1) Anaam Jawad Alabbasy. A Literature Review on Microbial Contamination of Paper Currency. International Journal of Environmental Chemistry. 2019; 5 (1): 18–22p. (2) Sucilathangam, G., Ajay Mal Reventh, G. Velvizhi and Revathy, C. 2016. Assessment of Microbial of Paper Currency Notes in Circulation. Int.J.Curr.Microbiol.App.Sci. 5(2): 735-741. doi: <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.20546/ijcmas.2016.502.082">http://dx.doi.org/10.20546/ijcmas.2016.502.082</a>.</p> <p>The aim of study : The study was undertaken to survey nasal and sputum microbial diversity among commercial bank teller of South Eastern Nigeria and their association with respiratory ailments. (May be included at the end of Introduction chapter).</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>There is a scope for improvement of language. Introduction part may be improved. Reference should be put in ascending order while mentioning work.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>		

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

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