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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Research in Biochemistry
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Title of the Manuscript:	PHYSIOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF BLACK SOAP FROM OIL PALM EMPTY FRUIT BUNCHES
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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>I suggest that the manuscript be reviewed by English language editor/software to purge all grammatical errors. There are many of such.</p>																																																							
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The Tables are not in conformity with scientific format. There should be no grid lines as if on graph paper. Usually, two major rows are conventional in which the first row bears the descriptors while the second the values obtained under each descriptor. See example below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1062 1291 2160 1528"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="8">Pure and blended samples</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Paramet ers</th> <th>PO</th> <th>PFAD</th> <th>PKO</th> <th>TO</th> <th>PKO:P O</th> <th>PKO:PF AD</th> <th>PKO:TO</th> <th>PKO:P O:PFAD :TO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>FFA</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>RD</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SV</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>IV</td> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All the Figures should be re-plotted for clarity. The Y and X axes are illegible. I don't agree that the blends are all 1:1 ratio. That may apply to binary blend, composed only of two components, but not more than. How does 1:1 ratio apply to “PKO: PO: TO: PFAD” blend which is made up of 4 components? See my comments on the attached manuscript.</p>		Pure and blended samples								Paramet ers	PO	PFAD	PKO	TO	PKO:P O	PKO:PF AD	PKO:TO	PKO:P O:PFAD :TO	FFA									RD									SV									IV									
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PART 2:

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