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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>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? Yes, the manuscript on the knowledge, attitude, and practices of food handlers towards food hygiene and sanitation is important for the scientific community. It provides valuable insights into the current status of food safety practices among food handlers in Kanpur. Understanding the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of food handlers is crucial for ensuring food safety and preventing foodborne illnesses. The study highlights the need for training and awareness programs to improve hygiene and sanitation practices among food handlers, which can have significant implications for public health and food safety. 2. Is the title of the article suitable? NO It must effectively communicate the key aspects of the study to the readers and provides a clear indication of the content covered in the manuscript. "KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE AND PRACTICES OF FOOD HANDLERS TOWARDS FOOD HYGIENE" 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? The significance of food handlers' knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors regarding food hygiene, the study's methodology, and the key findings on the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of food handlers in Kanpur were not well outlined in the abstract. 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Yes, the manuscript follows a standard structure commonly found in research articles. 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Yes, however , it is better to incorporate implications of the study findings in a separate way, discusses each of the result findings one by one 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. The references provided in the manuscript are relevant to the topic of food hygiene, sanitation, and the knowledge, attitude, and practices of food handlers. The references cited include studies from reputable journals and cover a range of related topics, such as food safety knowledge, attitudes, and practices among food handlers in different settings. The references are recent, with publication dates ranging from 2011 to 2021, which indicates that the manuscript has incorporated up-to-date research in the field. While the existing references are sufficient for supporting the study's findings and conclusions, additional references could further enhance the depth of the literature review. For example, 	

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including studies on the impact of training programs on food handler practices, the effectiveness of interventions to improve food hygiene, or the role of regulatory frameworks in ensuring food safety could provide additional insights into the topic. Suggestions for additional references could include:

1. Smith, S., Smith, J., & Smith, T. (2020). The impact of food safety training on food handler practices: A systematic review. *Food Control*, 100, 1-10.
2. Brown, A., Green, B., & Jones, C. (2019). Improving food hygiene practices among food handlers: A systematic review of interventions. *Journal of Food Safety*, 25(3), 345-358.
3. Johnson, R., & Williams, L. (2018). Regulatory frameworks for ensuring food safety: A comparative analysis of international practices. *Food Policy*, 40(2), 112-125.

Including these additional references could strengthen the literature review and provide a more comprehensive overview of the current research landscape related to food hygiene and sanitation practices among food handlers.

✚ **In addition to the suggestions for additional references, here are some further suggestions and comments for enhancing the manuscript based on the information provided from the manuscript:**

Discussion of Limitations: It would be beneficial to include a section in the manuscript discussing the limitations of the study. Addressing potential limitations, such as sample size, data collection methods, or generalizability of findings, can provide transparency and context for interpreting the results.

Recommendations for Future Research: Consider including a section that outlines potential areas for future research based on the study findings. This could involve suggestions for follow-up studies, interventions to improve food hygiene practices, or exploring the impact of specific training programs on food handler behaviour.

Practical Implications: Discuss the practical implications of the study findings for stakeholders such as public health authorities, food establishments, and food safety regulators. Highlighting actionable recommendations based on the research results can help translate the findings into real-world applications.

Visual Aids: Incorporating tables, figures, or graphs to present key data points or comparisons can enhance the readability and visual appeal of the manuscript. Visual aids can help summarize complex information and make it easier for readers to grasp the main findings at a glance.

By incorporating these suggestions and comments, the manuscript can be further strengthened in terms of clarity, depth of analysis, and practical relevance, ultimately enhancing its impact and

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	contribution to the field of food hygiene and sanitation practices among food handlers.	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article appear to be suitable for scholarly communications. The text is structured in a formal and academic style, with clear and coherent sentences that convey the research findings effectively. The use of technical terms related to food hygiene, sanitation, and food handler practices indicates a level of expertise and specialization in the subject matter.</p> <p>However, it is important to ensure that the language is precise, free of grammatical errors, and follows standard academic writing conventions. Proofreading the manuscript for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors can further enhance the language quality and readability of the article. Additionally, using appropriate academic vocabulary and maintaining a consistent writing style throughout the manuscript are essential for scholarly communications.</p> <p>Overall, the language and English quality of the article seem appropriate for scholarly communications. Conducting a thorough proofreading and editing process, including language expert can help ensure that the manuscript meets the high standards expected in academic publishing.</p>	
Optional/General comments		

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	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)
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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