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Journal Name:	European Journal of Nutrition & Food Safety
Manuscript Number:	Ms_EJNFS_124591
Title of the Manuscript:	PRODUCTION AND QUALITY EVALUATION OF YOGURT SUPPLEMENTED WITH WATERMELON JUICE
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript explores the impact of watermelon juice supplementation on yogurt, contributing to ongoing research on the enhancement of functional food products. The study is scientifically robust and provides valuable data on the physicochemical, antioxidant, and sensory properties of yogurt-watermelon blends. Such research has implications for improving the nutritional value of yogurt, particularly in regions where functional food innovations are in demand.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title is suitable but could be slightly refined for clarity. Suggested alternative: "Production and Quality Assessment of Yogurt Supplemented with Watermelon Juice Blends".	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract is comprehensive, summarizing key findings. However, it could be improved by clearly stating the optimal percentage of watermelon juice that retains acceptable sensory and nutritional qualities (i.e., 10%). Additionally, consider rephrasing some of the dense sentences to improve readability.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The manuscript is well-structured, with clear subsections for methodology, results, and discussion. However, the discussion and results could be better differentiated, as some parts of the discussion are embedded in the results section.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is scientifically sound, with a clear methodology and well-presented results. The analysis of both proximate and antioxidant properties, combined with sensory evaluation, provides a holistic understanding of the effects of watermelon juice on yogurt. However, there should be further discussion on the implications of certain findings (e.g., reduced protein content with increased watermelon supplementation).	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are generally sufficient, but some sources are outdated. It is recommended to include more recent studies (within the last 5 years) on fruit-supplemented yogurt or functional food development to ensure the research is aligned with current trends.	
Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language is clear but can be improved for scholarly communication. There are minor grammatical errors and awkward phrasing that need revision. For example, some sentences in the introduction and abstract are long and difficult to follow.	
Optional/General comments		

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <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>
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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