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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)
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Minor REVISION comments	<p>Some grammatical errors highlighted below are worth reconsidering. The letters in <i>red</i> are erroneous while the letters in <i>green</i> are the suggested corrections.</p> <p>Introduction: -the word "killed" is unethical in scientific writing, it should be replaced with less offensive terms like "slaughter" or "sacrificed"</p> <p>-contain trace metals, faeces of livestock consist of mucus, bacteria, cellulose fibre, manure which is <i>are</i> very acidic in nature and others</p> <p>2.1 Study Area / Collection of Samples</p> <p>-The area marked SStation 1 was the area under study (Iwofe Abattoir).</p> <p>2.2.1 Media Preparation</p> <p>-sodium chloride (NaCl₂) in 1000 ml of distilled water</p> <p>2.3 Enumeration and Isolation of Fungi</p> <p>-one milliliter (1 ml) sterile pipette was used in transferring 1 ml of the stock</p> <p>2.5 Analysis of Physicochemical Parameters</p> <p>-pH, Ttemperature, Nnitrate and Pphosphate.</p> <p>3.2 Fungal Isolates and Distribution of Occurrence</p> <p>-The results of the macroscopy and microscopy of the fungal isolates from this study is <i>are</i> presented in Table 2.</p> <p>Table 1: Fungal Ccounts (sfu/g) of in he Ssoil Ssamples</p> <p>-Plate 1:-Fig. 2: Pure cultures of some of the fungal isolates identified in this study</p> <p>-The results of the physicochemical parameters of the soil samples is <i>are</i> presented in Table 4 -(mgKkg⁻¹)..please correct this throughout the manuscript.</p> <p>-Authors should convert some of their tables of results (e.g. Table 5) to Figures or graphs to improve its readability</p> <p>Reference</p> <p>Reference 3, 12 and 18 formats are wrong (remove (year) after the authors names)</p>	

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