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Title of the Manuscript:	Coliform bacteria profile of the surface of raw salad vegetables sold in open markets in Owerri metropolis, South Eastern Nigeria
Type of the Article	

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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The introduction is too general. It does not state the research gap and also the aims of the study. A sampling map would have been ideal to know the exact sampling locations. Can there be a reference to the preparation of the media. The sample preparation is a bit unclear. Is it just one sample used for the analyses or a composite. If authors wish to emphasis earlier works, the name of the lead author should be used and not '[21] had earlier reported that the raw materials for salad making often come into contact with soil and thus improper washing with water may result in high human health risk.' Statements such as '<i>E coli</i> load of ready-to-eat vegetables >10²cfu/g is categorized as unwholesome for human consumption' must be referenced. Merged references must be in chronological order not [26, 27, 3] A background knowledge on how the vegetable are handled, transported and stored would greatly enrich the manuscript. Authors should have a second look at the refences. Must of them are either incomplete or not consistent. Recently publications would be needed. 	
Minor REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> coliform bacteria appears both in title and keyword. 'Vegetables, especially when consumed raw have been increasingly recognized as important vehicles for the transmission of human pathogens [4]. [5] had also reported that as fresh vegetables are eaten raw or slightly cooked to preserve the taste and their nutrient content, they serve as potential sources of various food borne infections and disease outbreaks.' The two sentences above carry the same message and therefore must be merged. Authors should check the formatting of the entire document. Eg: Consequently the increase in global consumption of fresh <i>vegetables</i> is greatly threatened by an upsurge of microbial contamination [6]. Authors must properly merge intext citations. Eg: [7][8][9]. The results and discussion can be merged to increase the readership. 	
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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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