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PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Applied Science & Technology
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The grammar usage and style are dramatically improved in this revised version in comparison to the original manuscript. A section on sensory preference test of 'nasi lemak' milk substitutions was added improving the results of the study. However, I am still concerned about the number of samples per treatment used to perform the statistical analyses. In the original version the authors stated that they used n=2 to calculate the means and standard deviations. I have encouraged the authors to work with a higher sampling number (per treatment) since in microbiology the standard convention is to use at least three plates per treatment. In the authors' feedback, they claimed that they have worked with a higher number of samples, but they did not specify the number and all the data in the tables remained the same, as the original manuscript, in the revised version. Provided that the authors specify the sampling number per treatment (must be greater than n=2) in all the tables, I think that this article is a useful addition to the microbiological quality of Malaysians' food. The manuscript does also have some minor comments that need to be addressed by the authors: In abstract: 'University', not 'Universiti' Add '.' before 'In terms...' Remove 'sample B'. Change 'test with control' to 'compared to control sample' Line 34: change to 'the effect of substitution' In table 1: sample D: change '4.14' by '4.15' Line 62: remove 'J' Line 94: add 'serial' before '10-fold' Lines 94-95: remove 'The step was repeated until the desired dilutions were produced' Line 97: change to 'onto duplicate plates. An sterile L-spreader' Line 99: change to 'Mannitol Egg Yolk Polymyxin [MYP] Agar'	Thank you for the comments. We had already repeated the experiments and managed to reanalysed the data with n = 3 using Minitab, and fortunately, overall finding did not change significantly. The graphs and tables have been revised using n = 3. The correction has been amended '.' has been added Sample B has been removed 'compared to control sample' has been added 'the effect of substitution' has been added 4.14 change to 4.15 'Nasi lemak' is added 'serial10-fold' has changed The step was repeated until the desired dilutions were produced' was removed 'onto triplicate plates'. A sterile L-sprader' 'Mannitol Egg Yolk Polymyxin Agar [MYP] agar' has changed



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Line 128: add 'A' before 'similar' Line 128: 'the' before 'sample' Line 129: remove 'that' Line 149: add '.' At the end of paragraph Line 150: remove 'below' Line 154: remove 'the slowest' Figure 1: x-axis: 'hours', not 'hour' Line 162: 'Table 3', not 'Table 2' Figure 2: x-axis: 'days', not 'day' Line 180: 'Table 4', not 'Table 3' Line 191: remove 'surprisingly,' Line 201: change to 'have high acidity and low moisture' Line 208: remove 'below' Line 211: change by 'ready to eat (RTE) products' Figure 3: x-axis: 'hours', not 'hour' Line 218: 'Table 5', not 'Table 4' Figure 4: x-axis: 'days', not 'day' Line 235: 'Table 6', not 'Table 5' Line 257: change 'with' by 'as' Line 263: change to 'diarrhea syndromes. The food...' Line 267: 'Table 7', not 'Table 6' Line 271: remove 'predominantly' Line 280: 'Table 8', not 'Table 7' Lines 285-286: in italics 'B. cereus' Line 285-290: move paragraph to line 266. Line 306: change to 'nasi' Line 309: change to 'good sensory acceptance comparable to control sample' Tables 2 to 6: specify at the bottom of the tables meaning of CM (coconut milk) and SM (soymilk).	'A' has been added 'the sample' has been added 'that' has been removed '.' has been added 'below' has been removed 'the slowest' has been removed x-axis 'hours' has changed Table 2 changed to 'Table 3' Figure 2: x-axis: 'days' has changed Table 3 change to 'Table 4' 'surprisingly,' was removed 'have high acidity and low moisture' has changed 'below' was removed 'ready to eat (RTE) products' has changed Figure 3: x-axis: 'hours' has changed Table 4 change to 'Table 5' Figure 4: x-axis: 'days' has changed Table 5 change to 'Table 6' 'with' change to 'as' 'diarrhea syndromes. The food...' has changed Table 6 change to 'Table 7' 'predominantly' was removed Table 7 change to Table 8 'B. cereus' was changed to italics Line 285-290 had moved to line 280. 'nasi' has changed 'good sensory acceptance comparable to control sample' was changed The meaning of CM (coconut milk) and SM (soymilk) was described at the bottom of Tables 2 to 6
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