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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	<p>Justification and need for study. It is unclear why the authors chose to focus on Saudi women only. A justification is needed.</p> <p>The paper needs to be edited throughout in relation to English language and cohesiveness.</p> <p>Descriptive statistics are limited and only provide a snapshot of the study. Could authors explain why no further statistical analysis were carried out? For example looking at factors that may have influence knowledge.</p> <p>More information is needed in the methods, a detailed account of the instrument/questionnaire used.</p> <p>Major revision of the discussion. How do findings of the study add to the existing body of evidence, or how will it be used by public health authorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The goal of any research on consumer behavior, habits and attitude is to find out results that would serve the entire humanity and the local community, where the research is conducted, in the first place. This study was conducted in Saudi Arabia and the main goal was to study the behavior and attitude among women, the part of the community mainly responsible for food handling and preparation, in the local community. Therefore, it was reasonable and logic to select the study sample from the targeted population. Other larger scale and wider scope studies might be initiated. Furthermore, previous studies showed that Saudi women thought that COVID-19 transmission occurs upon eating infected food. So, this study was done on the same population to dig deeper on their knowledge and perception towards food and eating during the pandemic, with more focus on the food safety measures.- Upon the reviewer's suggestion, the manuscript was thoroughly checked for language quality, consistency and cohesiveness. The revised version of the manuscript has been vastly improved in terms of language, grammar, and style.- This research manuscript was written as a descriptive study. We thought it would be adequate to conduct simple descriptive statistical analysis and calculate frequencies related to the demographic variables. Furthermore, we have presented the KAP items as frequencies and percentages. Further statistical analysis would be feasible for the hypothesis testing problems (comparison, association, correlation, etc); for example: comparison of knowledge among the various education levels, or to check the "Impact of COVID-19 on ...", where current analysis values may be compared with the previously published research, for example, current study knowledge level is 80%, previous study it was only 60%, hence is this 20% increase is significant or not? This would be presented using a p value calculation.- The "Methods" section has been updated upon the reviewer's comments.- The "Discussion" part has been thoroughly revised as suggested by the reviewer to include the required components.
Minor REVISION comments	<p>English Language editor recommended to review the manuscript.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The manuscript was thoroughly checked for language quality, consistency and cohesiveness. The revised version of the manuscript has been vastly improved in terms of language, grammar, and style.
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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>	None.