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Journal Name:	**Asian Food Science Journal**
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Title of the Manuscript:	**PERSISTENT MICROBIAL CONTAMINANTS IN HAWKED 'OGI' AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS IN COVID-19 ERA**
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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	The research is of current importance, however, I recommend that the aim, keywords and introduction be restructured considering that food contamination by covid-19 was not investigated in this work. Below are the paragraphs. **Aim**: "COVID-19 and other co-infections may be permanent health challenges". Put it in thecontext of guarantee the quality and safety of all the agents involved in the processes of the food chain in the covid times. **Keywords**: "COVID-19" include the word pandemic. **Introduction:** "experts have informed the citizens of the world that there could be an overlap between COVID-19 and the flu virus" I consider this to be outside the context of the research presented in the manuscript. I understood that the manuscript presents information regarding the importance of Food safety in times of COVID-19 and the need to "guarantee food safety for those diseases that are transmitted by this route and that can increase their probability of appearance." **MATERIAL AND METHODS** Statistical analysis was not included. Table 1 does not show the statistical analysis for the microbial load of fungal.	
Minor REVISION comments	Introduction: "These microorganisms are probiotics (beneficial microorganisms), which contribute nutritionally to the end product" I think it is not necessary to mention "(beneficial microorganisms)" MATERIAL AND METHODS Review and correct the writing of units of measure, such as degrees Celsius. 0 "4 - 7 C", "at 28 °C for 72 h. MRS agar plates were incubated at 35±2°C"	
Optional/General comments	The manuscript exposes a topic of current interest such as the consumption of safe and local foods in this COVID-19 pandemic, however, this was not conveniently stated in the aim, keywords and introduction, as already indicated. It is recommended to make these changes so that the research carried out is conveniently presented.	

PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	*(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)*	

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