

Table 4 Total viable count of smoked *C. gariepinus* with different concentration of salt and pepper spice mixture

Treatment	AFTER 24 HOURS	18 WEEKS
	Total Viable Count (\log_{10} cfu/g)	Total Viable Count (\log_{10} cfu/g)
Control	2.91 \pm 0.01e	53.31 \pm 0.02e
E2	2.84 \pm 0.01d	42.79 \pm 0.03d
E3	2.77 \pm 0.02c	28.78 \pm 0.03c
E4	2.34 \pm 0.01b	15.31 \pm 0.00b
E5	2.26 \pm 0.00a	8.13 \pm 0.00a

Note: Keys: E₁= smoked fish without spice (control) E₂=smoked fish with 5% spice; E₃= smoked fish with 10% spice; E₄=smoked fish with 15% spice and E₅=smoked fish with 20% spice