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To my mother

To my husbad

To my lovely Retag

To my sisters

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INTRODUCTION

Meat is not considered as only highly nutritious and highly desirable food, but also a highly susceptible to be spoiled due to the action of different spoilage organisms and it also frequently implicated in spreading of food borne pathogens.

Meat is an excellent source of protein in human diet and is highly susceptible to microbial contaminations, which can cause its spoilage and foodborne infections in human, resulting in economic losses and health risk (*Komba*, *et al.*, *2012*). Although muscles of healthy animals do not contain microorganisms, meat tissues get contamination during the various stages of slaughter and transportation (*Ercolini*, *et al.*, *2006*). A great diversity of microbes inhabit fresh meat generally, but different types may become dominant depending on pH, composition, textures, storage temperature, and transportation means of raw meat (*Ercolini*, *et al.*, *2006*).

Buffalo is the only potential animal that can boost meat industry. Buffaloes have a unique ability to utilize coarse feeds, straws and crop residues converting them into protein rich lean meat. Moreover, Buffalo meat is the healthiest meat among red meats known for human consumption because it is low in calories and cholesterol. It has almost 2-3 folds cost advantage over mutton and goat meat. In India, meat is consumed either in curry form with high spices or as processed meat products. Only 2% of the meat is processed in India (*APEDA*, *2008*), the remaining meat is sold in fresh or frozen form. Despite vast