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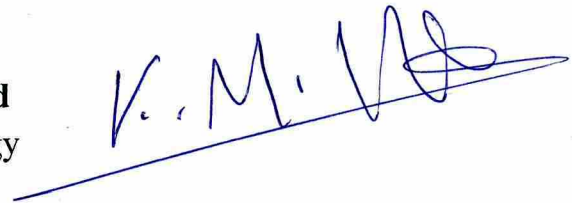
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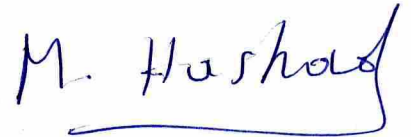
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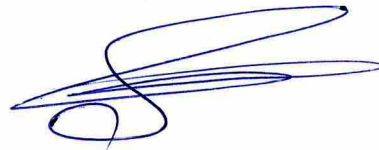
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ABSTRACT

In this study, 350 random samples of retailed meat products representing ready to eat (RTE) meat products were tested bacteriologically for *S. aureus*, *E. coli* and *Salmonella* spp.. The examined samples included 50 of each of the following RTE meat: beef kofta, meat shawerma, chicken shawerma, pasterma, beef luncheon, sausage and chicken luncheon, collected from different supermarkets at Giza, Egypt.

High levels of bacterial contamination were detected of *S. aureus*, *E. coli* and *Salmonella* spp. with incidence rates of 58%, 20 % and 8 %, respectively. Pasterma samples were amazingly contaminated with incidence rates of the three species of bacteria being 64%, 24% and 24%, respectively.

In contrast, *E. coli* was detected in 12% of the beef luncheon samples while *S. aureus* and salmonellae were not isolated. The same finding was almost met with chicken luncheon where *E. coli* was the only detected bacteria in 14% of the samples.

Kofta showed the highest level of salmonella incidence (8%).

Key Words: *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *Salmonella* spp., kofta, shawerma, pasterma, beef luncheon, ready to eat meat.

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