

Table 3 Overall acceptability of smoked *C. gariepinus* with different concentration of salt and pepper spice mixture

Treatment	AFTER 24 HOURS	6 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	18 WEEKS
	Overall acceptability	Overall acceptability	Overall acceptability	Overall acceptability
Control	6.49±0.02a	4.91±0.04a	4.07±0.01a	3.03±0.01a
E2	6.55±0.01a	5.18±0.02ab	4.23±0.00ab	3.30±0.02ab
E3	6.57±0.03a	5.41±0.03bc	4.49±0.00abc	3.46±0.01b
E4	6.68±0.02a	5.72±0.01c	4.72±0.01bc	3.88±0.01c
E5	6.72±0.01a	5.80±0.05c	4.91±0.01c	4.15±0.00c

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