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Title of the Manuscript:	The effect of copper (II) ion on the production of citric acid by <i>Aspergillus niger</i> using corncobs
Type of the Article	

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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	References should be updated. Incorporate 2019-22 references. Eliminate 2002, 3 references	Recent references are added to the list of references. References within 2002 and 2003 are expunged from the Introduction and discussion section expect in the methodology section.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Elaborate Explanation on specifically selecting corn cob as substrate. What is the mechanism behind copper usage in citric acid production	The use of corn cob as a substrate was well explained in the introduction section. For instance, is cheap (termed as waste) and readily available, with nutrient to support microbial growth. Copper mechanism for citric acid production was well discussed and references cited.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Instead of taking only single substrate, better to use other substrates aso	Thanks for the suggestion and is well noted. This is a preliminary investigation to confirmed that is possible to use agro-waste for citric acid production. Further studies will investigate other agro-waste and to determine the optimal yield of citric acid production.

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) NO	