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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>I believe the introduction can be improved in terms of organization as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General information and composition the EKO;• Problems arising from its storage/contamination;• Type of degrading microorganism, general information on the <i>Aspergillus</i> genus and specific data on the <i>Aspergillus niger</i> species (including use and main enzymes expressed);• Information about amylase;• Justification of the work. <p>Section 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3: Reference to the methodology used must be indicated. Section 2.4: This is not well written, there is duplicate information. The paragraph can be simplified to better inform the test sequence.</p> <p>Figures Fig 1: There are aesthetic problems in this figure. It must be replaced.</p> <p>Conclusion As suggestive as it is, stating categorically that the enzyme studied is alpha-amylase may represent an error. Specific tests to prove this hypothesis should be carried out. Thus, the sentence "In this work, it is considered strongly based on the result that the enzyme produced by <i>Aspergillus niger</i> in the infected Eko slices is α-amylase and that the enzyme contributed to degradation process" can be reformulated.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>Some suggestions have been added as comment in the attached manuscript.</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>The authors did a good job in characterizing the enzyme extract, I understand that despite not being a highly innovative article, this manuscript is relevant and well written.</p>	

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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