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Title of the Manuscript:	Fermentation practices and microbiological profile of fermented cacao beans (<i>Theobroma cacao</i>) from Mvila Division, South region, Cameroon
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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	I believe that the tests performed are not enough to have an insight into the food- technological, nutritional and sensory quality of the tested fermented cocoa beans. In my opinion, I believe that it is necessary to establish additional analyzes in terms of examining the chemical and biochemical composition of fermented cocoa beans. Such as, for example, content: phenolic compounds, bioactive amines (spermidine, spermine, putrescine, agmatine, cadaverine, serotonin, histamine, tyramine, tryptamine, and phenylethylamine). Authors can view the publications - https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2017.02.004 or https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jff.2020.104134 .	
Minor REVISION comments	In addition, I believe that the authors should clearly explain why it is important to do this research. What is the practical significance of this research?	
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PART 2:

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