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Journal Name:	European Journal of Nutrition & Food Safety
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Title of the Manuscript:	On-farm Cocoa Fermentation Practices and their Effect on the Quality of Cocoa Beans in Three Agroecological Zones of Uganda
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Fermentation has the most significant effect on the quality of cocoa beans. In this manuscript, the author presents original research findings with a focus on practical coping strategies, thus making a significant contribution to the field. Overall, this manuscript represents a valuable addition to the scientific literature, providing concrete and relevant information for researchers and policy makers.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Yes	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	Yes, however, in section 2.5, it would be relevant to specify the quantity of fresh beans stored for fermentation on each type of fermentation rack. With regard to section 2.6.1, it would be useful to specify whether the beans are put away each evening at sunset and brought back the next day, or whether they remain on site. Finally, for the results in section 3.4.2, would it be possible to provide ranges of values for each parameter according to the different supports and study areas?	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	yes, the references are sufficient, with a mixture of old and recent sources. However, about eight of the references cited in the text do not appear in the list of references. For example: Saidou et al, 2021; Hernández et al, 2016; Nazaruddin et al, 2006; Guzmán-Alvarez & Marquez-Ramos, 202; Figueroa-Hernandez et al, 2019; Rodrigues-Campos et al, 2011; MARQUAGE, 2023; Renaud (1954).	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	yes	
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PART 2:

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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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