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In this manuscript, the exopolysaccharide from *Bacillus haynesii* CamB6 was exhaustively characterized. Unfortunately, its structure was not fully determined.

The manuscript is very long: it contains a lot of information and many references not always pertinent to EPS characterization. Optimization of production constitutes an important part not mentioned in the title. Acceptability for food applications was not discussed.

English language should be revised thoroughly. There are inconsistencies in singular-plural concordance between subject and verb as well as noun and pronoun. Verb tenses should be checked. Articles (mostly definite, but also indefinite) are often missing and sometimes superfluous.

General comments:

EPS vs. EPSs in plural form should be consistent throughout.

Use a consistent abbreviation (l or L) for liter (including milliliter and microliter) throughout.

Specific comments and corrections:

II. 50-51

“improvement of rheological”

I. 57

“stabilizing”

I. 133

“in nutrient”

I. 143

“min” instead of “mins”

I. 145

“volume of chilled acetone was added”

I. 160

There is no coded value in Table 1.

I. 165

Table 2 where Table 1 expected

I. 169-170

“thirty” instead of “thirteen”?

I. 177

“ β_i ” instead of “ β_0 ” in second term?

I. 228

GPC defined on I. 231

I. 230

PEG undefined

I. 247

Volume of 0.2 mM ethanolic DPPH solution?

II. 255, 286, and 441

“et al.”

I. 284

No section 2.6.3

Figure 1

What is the significance of the tick mark labels on the maps? Are these maps really necessary?

I. 340

“source”

Figure 2

No x-axis label

Units not specified

I. 400

“affected”?

Figure 3

Units are not specified on the axes labels or in the legend.

I. 414

Delete “(” before “C. pH”.

II. 416 and 432

Add “C. ” before “pH=”.

II. 417 and 432

“30.0” instead of “3.0”?

Figure 4

This figure is redundant as it gives the same information as Figure 3. Tick label values for glucose and yeast extract are different. Units are not specified on the axes labels or in the legend.

II. 433, 434, 454, 458, and 507

First section 3.6 (and its subsections) should be section 3.5.

I. 442

"C), whereas the"

I. 471, 600, 678, and 718

Reference format is different; corresponding references could be missing in the list.

I. 480

Why was linkage analysis not performed?

II. 481-482

"spectrumum"

Figure 6

Bacterial EPSs are normally composed of repeating units. Based on the ^1H NMR spectrum, the purity and/or heterogeneity of the EPS is questioned. How can the authors ascertain that mannose does not come from mannans in yeast extract?

A 2D COSY spectrum would be necessary to confirm the assignments made on the 1D: e.g., H2- α Man is not normally found in the range 3.2-3.5 ppm (the statement II. 495-496 is wrong).

The abbreviation for glucose is Glc.

I. 500

The chemical shift range is more than from 1 to 5.

II. 528 and 531

"radicalu"

I. 535 and 536

"activityy"

I. 537

No section 3.6.2

I. 581

"Table S1A"

I. 603

"Figure S1"

I. 636

"Glc and Gal"

I. 683-684

Food-grade oils are not aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons.

I. 711

"to be significantly"

I. 725

"possibility of future"