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PART 1:

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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
This is an interesting report of a probable C. perfringens food poisoning outbreak. Only a tiny remark concerning the third paragraph of the introduction. The second sentence "Spores of C. perfringens can be inactivated by sufficient heat..." is misleading. Typically spores are activated by heating and germinated during slow cooling and vegetative cells may multiply rapidly during slow cooling if temperature is optimal. Proper reheating destroys the vegetative cells. Spores of food poisoning causing C. perfringens are usually very heat tolerant so inactivating them by heating requires high temperatures for long time. It is recommended to clarify this detail in the text.	Thank you for the comment. We have clarified the text in paragraph three concerning the inactivation of spores of C. perfringens by heating and this clarification can be seen in lines 73-75.