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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	Despite symptoms and high C. perfringens spore count in cabbage it is not evident that the food poisoning outbreak is caused by C. perfringens. C. perfringens is common in environment and in intestinal contents of human and animals. Only 5 % of all C. perfringens strains produce enterotoxin and are able to cause food poisoning. This should be better taken account in the manuscript. The authors commented that high spore count alone would be sufficient, but this opinion has been questioned since 1979 (the reference the authors used). The authors are recommended to investigate the C. perfringens strains isolated if they carry cpe-gene which encodes the enterotoxin. If this is not possible, the topic of the article should be changed and it could be just Foodborne outbreak at a salad eatery Ghana-2009. The manuscript should be corrected throughout so that C. perfringens is considered as a possible or probable cause of the food poisoning outbreak.	
Minor REVISION comments	Were any other pathogens detected in the vegetable samples? This should be mentioned and discussed.	
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