

Commentary

A rejoinder to the commentary on 'Thermostability of B-xylosidase from *Aspergillus sydowii* MG49' by M. Ghosh and G. Nanda, FEBS Letters 330 (1993) 275–278 by D. Ananthapadmanavan (Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh, India)

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The above commentary published in FEBS Lett. 385 (1996) 244 requires rectification. The culture of *Aspergillus sydowii* MG 49, has been an isolate of the Dept. of Microbiology, Bose Institute, Calcutta. It was identified by the authors and was sent to CAB International Mycological Institute, Kew Survey, London in May 1990 who gave a registration No. MG49 as type culture. The same was later deposited in the ATCC (No. 96916) of USA in 1995 and has been included in their culture collection. The author of the commentary re-

ceived the same culture for depositing in the culture collection (IMTECH) and found it contaminated with *Penicillium citrinum* and also with *Acremonium strictum*. The observations made by him even by adopting modern methods of preservations of cultures, seem to be absurd as contaminants may have appeared later elsewhere or in the laboratory to which he is attached to where varieties of fungal cultures are handled very frequently.