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2. Terminology

biochemical, *n*—chemical produced by biological systems.

biorefining, *v*—processing systems using physical, biological (for example, fermentation), chemical methods, or combinations of these, by which biobased products are separated into partially or fully purified fractions, which may be further converted into new chemical entities.

enzyme, *n*—protein-based molecule that is capable of catalyzing a chemical reaction.

lignocellulosic biomass, *n*—biomass consisting predominantly of lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose, for example, wood and structural vegetative components, such as plant stems.

molar yield, *n*—amount of reaction product converted from a defined input chemical expressed in moles.

percent of theoretical yield, *n*—amount of product, or products, obtained from a process, or multi-step process, given as a percentage of the theoretical yield from the defined input material.

remediation, *n*—removal of pollution, or contaminants, from environmental media such as soil, groundwater, sediment, or surface water, or degradation to non-toxic or benign status.

3. Keywords

3.1 biobased product; bioproduct; industrial biotechnology