

## Review Form 1.7

Journal Name:	<b>International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_IJPSS_108019</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Response of Bacillus megaterium and Bacillus mucilaginosus Strains on Growth and Nutrient Uptake of Soybean</b>
Type of the Article	Short Research Paper

### 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)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</b></p>	<p>As far as these two kind of bacteria (Bacillus mucilaginosus and Bacillus megaterium) modulate enzymatic-activity with an effect on plant-growth. Establishing their role as biofertilizers play a role in current research.</p> <p><b>Maybe.</b></p> <p><b>No.</b> In the abstract, although is made an aim statement of what the research team hoped to achieve, neither findings nor conclusions are exposed.</p> <p><b>Maybe.</b></p> <p><b>Maybe.</b> The research question is not new and in fact has a number of precedents; the relationship between "Bacillus mucilaginosus" and Soybean is not present in Medline.</p> <p><b>Author guidelines are not respected:</b> some uses of comma after surnames (eg 16.), available URLs for the references have not been provided, there is a no abbreviated journal title at least in 19 and 20, it may be advised to also remove "and" between authors' names within references.</p>	
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