

### Review Form 3

Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of Plant &amp; Soil Science</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJPSS_125595
Title of the Manuscript:	Survey of rice sheath blight disease in Kuttanad and in vitro management using biocontrol agents and fungicides
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

#### **PART 1:** Review Comments

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	Rice sheath blight is an economically important disease with increasing incidence in India and neighbouring nations. It is important to have data on novel synthetic molecules and biocontrol agents for its management. Therefore, it is crucial for the scientific community to have beforehand knowledge about effective management practices.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	Yes	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	All the subsections and structures are appropriate.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript is scientifically sound but requires certain corrections provided herewith. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mercuric chloride is unsafe for use for surface sterilization, instead sodium hypochlorite should be used.</li> <li>There is no detail of either isolation and identification or procurement of <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> (B15) and <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (PN026).</li> </ul>	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	Yes, the references are recent but are fewer. (Make at least 30 references)	
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