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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
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Title of the Manuscript:	Endophytic Bacillus and Xylaria sp. inhibit two major rice pathogens
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory 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.	The work is important as it may reduce the use of chemicals for control of pathogens which cause large scale destruction of cereals especially rice. Also, genotypes which inherently harbour endophytes which combat pathogens may preferentially be grown leading to better productivity.	
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.	COMPREHENSIVE	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	YES	
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.	Each result has been discussed thoroughly and the future impact explained. The result is supported with photographs and technical data.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	YES	

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Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Some grammatical errors are there, otherwise the article is well written.	
Optional/General comments	<p>CHANGES NEEDED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For Xylaria sp in materials and methods the number should be prefixed with Acc. No. as in Bacillus 2. The formula for Inhibition % has no r whereas r=growth of the pathogen in the treatment plate. R should be T 3. In the second para of 'Evaluatopn of endophytic bacteria B. oryzae and R. solani' Bacillus species are among the most common species of bacteria that <u>ARE</u> found..... <p>Several investigators HAVE successfully</p>	

PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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