Editor's Comment:

The manuscript entitled "Pathogenicity test of Rhizoctonia solani isolates collected from naturally infected soybean plants in different geographical locations of Chhattisgarh" addresses a significant issue in soybean cultivation, focusing on the pathogenicity of Rhizoctonia solani isolates. The study provides valuable insights into the variability in pathogenicity across different geographical locations, which is crucial for developing region-specific management strategies to mitigate the impact of this pathogen. By shedding light on the aggressiveness of R. solani, this work is an important contribution to the field, offering essential information for agronomists and plant pathologists working to protect soybean yields.

The revised manuscript has significantly improved in response to reviewers' comments. However, I would suggest a minor change to the title for clarity and focus: "Geographical Variation in Pathogenicity of Rhizoctonia solani Isolates from Soybean Plants in Chhattisgarh."

Regarding the abstract, I recommend adding a brief mention of the significance of the findings for disease management in soybean cultivation. For example, you could incorporate the following sentence:

"These findings underline the need for targeted management strategies to control R. solani in soybean fields, particularly in areas with higher pathogen virulence."

The references are relevant and adequate, but I would encourage the authors to include more recent studies on R. solani pathogenicity, particularly in relation to its environmental impact. Studies linking climate change to soil-borne pathogens could further enhance the manuscript's relevance and credibility.

Overall, the manuscript is well-written and offers meaningful insights into the pathogenicity of R. solani affecting soybean in Chhattisgarh. With the suggested minor improvements to the abstract and title, the manuscript would be ready for publication.

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