

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS FORM

EDITORIAL COMMENT'S on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to editor's comments
<p>1. This survey was carried out in varied agro-climatic conditions in eight districts of Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>Please let us know about the association between disease incidence and climate conditions in the survey locations.</p> <p>2. The term "survey" is included in keywords. Survey is general term and is deleted from keywords.</p> <p>3. Do rice hybrids and improved varieties carry resistance genes against disease pathogens or not? If they hold resistance genes against different kinds of pathogens, disease incidence in rice plants infected by different pathogens is greatly affected by presence or absence of resistance genes.</p>	<p>The association between disease incidence and climate conditions have been incorporated in the manuscript.</p> <p>The term "survey" has been deleted from the manuscript.</p> <p>Yes, rice hybrids and improved varieties carry resistance genes against disease pathogens. It may be the presence of these resistance genes that there is low incidence of Bacterial leaf blight and sheath blight in some rice varieties.</p>