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Title of the Manuscript:	Incidence, Prevalence, And Identification of <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> causing Southern Blight in Tomato Fields of Mysuru District, Karnataka, India.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This article provides valuable insights into the distribution and impact of <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> , a major pathogen affecting tomato crops in the Mysuru district of Karnataka, India. By quantifying the disease incidence and prevalence, it underscores the severity of southern blight and its threat to tomato production. The morphological and molecular identification of the pathogen enhances our understanding of its biology, aiding in the development of targeted management strategies. These findings are crucial for protecting tomato yields, ensuring regional agricultural sustainability, and contributing to global food security.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Instead of "Incidence, Prevalence, And Identification of <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> causing Southern Blight in Tomato Fields of Mysuru District, Karnataka, India" the article name supposed be " <u>Incidence, Prevalence, and Molecular Identification of <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> Causing Southern Blight in Tomato Fields of Mysuru District, Karnataka, India</u> " for more effectiveness and reach, Since the author also done molecular identification adding something related molecular aspects to title is an added value	
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Optional/General comments	The manuscript effectively underscores the global significance of tomato and the threat posed by <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> , combining a detailed survey across Mysuru district with robust morphological, pathogenicity, and molecular analyses. The molecular findings, including ITS region sequencing, confirm the pathogen's identity and link it to global GenBank data. These insights will be further for further researchers for easy understanding and prevalence in Karnataka.	

PART 2:

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