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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Journal of Experimental Agriculture International</a> |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_JEAI_130135  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT OF WILT DISEASE OF SAFFLOWER   |
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PART 1: Comments

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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 manuscript provides a comprehensive evaluation of the efficacy of integrated approaches involving fungicides and biocontrol agents in managing wilt disease of safflower. The paper highlights the potential of combi-products like Carboxin + Thiram and Penflufen + Trifloxystrobin in significantly reducing disease incidence, offering practical solutions for sustainable disease management. Additionally, the promising results observed with biocontrol agents, such as <i>Trichoderma harzianum</i> and <i>Neofusicoccum parvum</i> , emphasize the potential of environmentally friendly alternatives in integrated pest management (IPM). These findings helpful to the development of effective and eco-friendly strategies for enhancing safflower production. | It provides knowledge on integrated management of wilt disease of safflower,as we know now a days soil borne diseases taking upper hand to yield losses, very difficult to control wilt disease, this disease mainly emphasis on integrated management of the disease including fungicides and bio agents |
| Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)   | The title “CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT OF WILT DISEASE OF SAFFLOWER” is suitable as it concisely conveys the core focus of the study, which is the evaluation of both chemical and biological methods for managing safflower wilt. However, the author may could also consider alternatives like <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>“Integrated Approaches to the Management of Safflower Wilt Disease Using Fungicides and Biocontrol Agents”</li><li>“Efficacy of Chemical and Biological Agents Against Wilt Disease in Safflower”</li></ol>   | <b>Integrated Approaches to the Management of Safflower Wilt Disease Using Fungicides and Biocontrol Agents</b>   |
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| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.  | Based on the data provided, the manuscript appears to be scientifically correct, with a well-structured experimental design, clear observations, and logical conclusions. The use of randomized block design, multiple replications, and the integration of both chemical and biological treatments demonstrate a robust methodology. However, a full assessment would require reviewing the complete manuscript to ensure accurate data interpretation, statistical validation, and alignment with established scientific practices.   | It is original article and not yet repeated one   |
| Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.                              | Yes   | I will add to revised manuscript  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?  | Yes   | Yes   |
| Optional/General comments  | Compatibility of the bioagents and fungicides must be evaluated before the evaluations it brough to the commercial large-scale use.   |   |

PART 2:

|  | Reviewer's comment   | Author's comment <i>(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)</i> |
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