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Title of the Manuscript:	Evaluation of bacterial endophytes of tomato plant for bio-control and growth promoting potential
Type of the Article	Research paper

PART 1: Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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.	The utilization of inorganic chemicals for agriculture has bothered our ecosystem intensively. The scientists are more concerned with the application of organic and biological control of diseases, as they are eco-friendly. The present study is based on the biological control of diseases caused in the tomato plant which is an important crop globally. Therefore, this research paper can be useful for prospects.	Thanks for the comments
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.	The abstract section is the summary of the whole research. It should be rational, precise, and emphasized, describing the issues first that have been addressed in the present research. It should be started with an ongoing problem that is going to be solved. Additionally, a clear and comprehensive objective of the research should be written at the start.	Thanks for the comments
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	<p>The discussion section has a few references. It should comprise the results of previous studies with references for comparison and discussion of the present research outputs. Some references are suggested below,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shah, P., Abid, M., Abbas, A., Basheer, N., Sheikh, A. H., Jabeen, N., & Sitara, U. (2020). Screening of Trichoderma viride as a bio-control agent against different soil-borne infectious and phytopathogenic fungi. Int. J. Biol. Biotech, 17(2), 405-410.Basheer, N., Sheikh, A. H., Abid, M., Abbas, A., Shah, P., Sitara, U., & Jahan, B. (2023). Phyto-chemical analysis of plant-products and their influence against soil-borne phytopathogens. Pak. J. Bot, 55(1), 403-409.Sitara, U., Shah, P., Bhutto, M. A., Sahar, N., Ali, Q. M., Anwar, F., & Basheer, N. (2023). Phytochemicals, Antioxidants and Antifungal Activities of Some Medicinal Plants Against Post-Harvested Fungal Phytopathogens. GU Journal of Phytosciences, 3(1), 30-37.Shah, P., Abid, M., Basheer, N., Sitara, U., Yasmeen, K., Shaikh, A.H., Jabeen, N., Abbasi, M.W. & Hanif, A. (2024). A study on inhabitant microorganisms isolated from wastewater	Ok thanks for your valuable comments. Noted and revised as per the suggestions.

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Author should pay attention to write the scientific names.	
Optional/General comments	<p>The manuscript (2025_JEAI_130470) entitled “Evaluation of bacterial endophytes of tomato plant for bio-control and growth promoting potential” contains the following errors:</p> <p>1.The abstract section is the summary of the whole research. It should be rational, precise,and emphasized, describing the issues first that have been addressed in the present research. It should be started with an ongoing problem that is going to be solved.Additionally,a clear and comprehensiveobjective of the researchshould be written atthe start.</p> <p>2.The introductionsections should display the importanceof plants, cultivation, production (country-wise),diseases on plantsthat affect the productionof plantsandeconomic importance.</p> <p>3.The introductionsections should contain factsregarding specific pathogens(like <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>targeted in the present research)that cause destruction in plant growth and productionleadingto harm country-economy.</p> <p>4.In the introduction section,the paragraph contains various characteristics of Plant growth-promotingbacteria (PGPB), however,it lackstheir interaction with plant pathogens which is the major concern of the present research.</p> <p>5.The introductionsectionis without the objective of the studies, it must contain the objective at the end of the introduction section.</p> <p>6.The sentencein the materials and method sections should be rephrasedand split into two sentences, “A Survey was carried out for the collection of tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>L.) seedlings and isolation of endophytic bacteria was done from root, stem,and leaves of tomato plant.”</p> <p>7.Scientific namesmust bewritten according to the rules.For example, the Sci name in material methods isn'taccordingly “<i>bacilli</i>”, b should be in upper-case. Make correctionsthroughout the manuscript.</p> <p>8.In the manuscript, the full form of scientific names mustbe written atthe startand then only write the capital of the genus name with species in the text.</p> <p>9.Similarly,full forms of other contents like IAA,etc. mustbe writtenin the beginning, following abbreviationsthroughout the paper.</p> <p>10.All tables and figures must be referredin the text of the resultsection.</p>	Done

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