Respected Chief Editor,

This paper describes the antagonistic activity of *Pseudomonas aeroginosa* against charcoal rot of maize. The authors have isolated and sequenced the *Pseudomonas* sp. from the forest rhizosphere soils from different parts of Tamil Nadu. The isolates have been tested for its antagonistic activity against maize charcoal rot pathogen, *Macrophomina phaseolina* under *in vitro*. The isolate, KHRB - P2 showed more than 50 % inhibition of mycelial growth of *M. phaseolina* under *in vitro.* The authors have isolated the organism and tested for its biocontrol activity. The paper needs some more data to confirm the biocontrol agent which the author can provide. The English language has to be improved to improve the quality of the paper. I have indicated the requirements in the comments section. Upon proper revision of the comments the paper can be considered for publication.

Sincerely

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