

Efficiency of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Bacillus subtilis* against *Phytophthora* spp. in citrus

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ABSTRACT

Phytophthora was recorded in all the soil samples collected from citrus orchards and nurseries. Out of 25 soil samples Isolates of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Bacillus subtilis* recorded from 11 and 5 soil samples, respectively. *In vitro*, four isolates of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and two isolates of *Bacillus subtilis* were found effective against *Phytophthora parasitica* and other fungal pathogens of citrus viz., *Pythium* sp., *Fusarium* sp. and *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides*. Efficacy tested under sick soil method, only Bs-K₁ (a) isolate of *Bacillus subtilis* was found most effective giving maximum disease control (81.34%), while other isolates of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Bacillus subtilis* were not found much efficient.

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