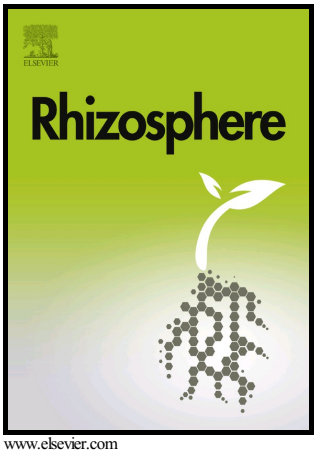

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Abstract

Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. *lycopersici*, being a seed/soil borne pathogen causes wilt in tomato and pose serious threat for its production. In the present investigation, ten rhizobacteria antagonistic to *F. oxysporum* were characterized for their beneficial traits and applied to manage Fusarium wilt disease in tomato. Among ten rhizobacterial isolates,