



RE: 2012 AJEA 2811 : Invitation to Review Manuscript for American Journal of Experimental Agriculture

This manuscript is not well written and many questions require clarified:

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| 1. Description of the results section are not appropriate. |
| 2. Colonization of cucumber roots by <i>P. fluorescens</i> : need a marker for introduced <i>P. fluorescens</i> . |
| 3. The image quality of Fig. 5 is not good. |

1. We hope that after considering the revisions according to reviewer 1 and 3 the manuscript was improved and will be considered for publication at the American Journal of Experimental Agriculture

2. No need for markers because we are using sterile condition under gnotobiotic system

3. The image in Fig. 5 was modified according to the suggestion of the other reviewers

So. Should be rejected.