

Please find attached the 6th correction of the paper entitled: "Current perspectives in rhizobia taxonomy".

We have already done all modifications asked by the reviewer and modified the text that was considered as plagiarism in page 4 (relative to reference 7) and also in page 11 (relative to reference 128). But the file attached in the link is corresponding to a previous version and not to the last corrected paper that we sent to you on December 7th.

Concerning the figure, his comment was **The authors said that Figure 1 had been deleted. It is still here.**

Of course, we delete two figures, and this one was figure 3, but because it's the only one remaining in this paper review, we named it figure 1

Figure 1: Simplified phylogenetic tree of *Proteobacteria* based on the 16S rRNA gene sequences. The rhizobial genera are shown in bold-face [121].

Let us tell you that we have already sent you the copyright to reproduce this figure from (Trends in Microbiology journal). Hoping this time we have satisfied all the reviewer's comments.

Finally, Dear Editor, let me tell you we have done our best to do all corrections that were asked from us by the reviewers, the editorial board and the last reviewer. Just to precise it's a paper review and so it is normal that we tried to do a literature review and synthesis. A lot of things have been translated from French and all the references were reported. I hope we have satisfied all your requests and that our paper will be published as soon as possible. But if you're convinced by the point of view of the last reviewer that it does not merit to be published, please feel free to tell us that as soon as possible that it's rejected definitely. Hence, we'll can remove it from your journal and may be try elsewhere.