

I have read the review and have the same feeling with the reviewer, that "the text is not well correlated with the Table 1, the authors should make an effort to actualize the text following the more recent changes in the rhizobial taxonomy in the same way than in the Table 1."

We have re actualized the text and tried to correlate it at a maximum with Table 1, also we revised the references.

I have made many changes in the text, including the reference list, and add several comments in the text. The authors should check the attached file for further reversion. In addition, I have the following suggestions:

The proposed changes have all been including in this last correction, they have been done in red with yellow highlight. Except for one suggestion which have not been taken in account, concerning *E. xingianense* that have not been corrected as *E. fredii* because of the reference cited which have distinguished between the two species (please find the reference in attached mail (the paragraph after table 3. in this paper which correspond to reference 63).

The Fig. 1 is not clear for publication and it should be improved.

Figure 1 have been redrawn to improve its characters

Sections 4.2 and 4.3 can be combined, because there too many repetitions in these two sections.

The two sections are now combined