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Isolation and evaluation of rhizobacteria against *Ralstonia* solanacearum the incitant of bacterial wilt of tomato

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ABSTRACT

Bacterial wilt caused by *Ralstonia solanacearum* is the world's most economically important destructive disease of crop plants. In the current study, we aimed to evaluate the novel bacterial isolates from tomato rhizosphere for biocontrol of *Ralstonia solanacearum*. One eighty bacterial strains were isolated from the tomato rhizosperic soils collected from different regions of Uttarakhand state and evaluated for their biocontrol activity against *R. solanacearum* under *in vitro* conditions. Among them, six isolates were found to be highly effective in inhibiting the growth of *R. solanacearum*. The isolate GP2NA8 produced the highest inhibition zone followed by that of GP1NA2 and GP3NA6.

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