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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Experimental Agriculture International</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JEAI_109516</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Morphological and molecular identification of Erythricium salmonicolor (Berk &amp; Broome), pathogen associated of pink disease of cocoa (Theobroma cacao L.) in the Nawa region of Côte d'Ivoire</b>
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## PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>1. The manuscript on the morphological and molecular identification of <i>Erythricium salmonicolor</i>, the pathogen associated with pink disease of cocoa (<i>Theobroma cacao</i> L.) in the Nawa region of Côte d'Ivoire, is of significant importance for the scientific community. The study, which combines morphological and molecular characterization techniques, provides essential insights into the identification of the pathogen, <i>Erythricium salmonicolor</i>, responsible for the disease. The research contributes valuable information to the understanding of this fungal pathogen's characteristics, facilitating further investigations and potentially aiding in the development of control strategies to mitigate the impact of pink disease on cocoa orchards in Côte d'Ivoire.</p> <p>2. Yes, the title of the article suitable.</p> <p>3. The abstract provides a clear overview of the research on pink cocoa disease in the Nawa region of Côte d'Ivoire. It effectively communicates the significance of the study by highlighting the transition of the disease from a minor concern to a major threat in cocoa production. The description of the disease symptoms and its impact on cocoa trees is detailed and informative.</p> <p>4. Yes.</p> <p>5. Yes.</p> <p>6. Yes.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Revised</p>
<p><b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally good, making it suitable for scholarly communication. However, there are a few areas where the language could be refined for clarity and consistency. For example:</p> <p>1. <b>In the Abstract</b>, there is a phrase, “a proliferation of whitish to salmon-colored felting” that could be clarified for better understanding.</p> <p>2. <b>In the Introduction</b>, there are a few instances where sentence structure could be improved for smoother reading.</p> <p>3. <b>In the Methods section</b>, there are a few typos or grammatical issues that need attention. For example, “Erythricium” may be corrected to “Erythrificium” and “Eythrificium” to “Erythrificium”.</p> <p>4. Some sentences, especially <b>in the Results and Discussion</b> sections, are quite lengthy and could be broken down for easier comprehension.</p> <p>Overall, while the language quality is generally good, a careful proofreading for typos, grammar and sentence structure would enhance the clarity and overall quality of the manuscript.</p>	<p>Corrected all</p>
<p><b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments</p>		

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	