

Tropical Plant Pathology

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Scope of the Journal

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Introduction - Description of the background that led to the study.

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Cultures and other reference material should be indicated. Authors are encouraged to deposit voucher cultures and specimens documenting their research at certified or recognized institutions and cite the place of deposit in the text. **Sequences.**

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