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## **PART 1:** Review Comments

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Compulsory REVISION comments	The manuscript is very close to its final version to be published. I include some suggestions for improvement	
Minor REVISION comments	Title 1. Change to "biological control agents" because more than one fungus species was evaluated	
	<ol> <li>Abstract</li> <li>Check if the phrase "third-instar nymphs, with LC50 estimate of 0.012" should be "third-instar nymphs, with LC50 estimated of 0.012".</li> <li>The phase However is for contrast, and in my opinion is used inappropriate in the last two sentences. I suggest changing it for the term "Additionally, JAB07 was the most virulent isolate" or "We suggest, future field trials are required in".</li> </ol>	
	Introduction 4. At the beginning of the fourth paragraph is confusing the phrase "reported low control efficiency of <i>these pests</i> " because you are only talking about the white fly.	
	<ol> <li>Material and Methods</li> <li>Complete the geographical location of the faculty "Jaboticabal, Sao Paulo, Brazil" and Campinas, Sao Paulo.</li> <li>Throughout all the text references of dilutions are exponential numbers but does not appear in superscript. Assured the final version has the correct format.</li> <li>In the section Virulence of the entomopathogenic fungi isolates, in the first paragraph, specify the name of the selected isolates.</li> <li>For section Statistical analysis, the phrase "The results of nymps mortality and eggs viability of B. tabaci biotype B is incomplete?</li> </ol>	
	<ul> <li>Results and Discussion</li> <li>9. In the Tables 1 &amp; 2, the specie <i>Metarhizium rileyi</i> is misspelled.</li> <li>10. In the title of Table 1 nimphs is misspelled.</li> <li>11. The same use of However (indicating contrast) can be change in the last paragraph of this section for terms like Additionally, Furthermore, Also.</li> </ul>	
	Conclusion 12. Add the most prominent pathogenicity data of the study in this section. References 13. Number 11, 18, 25, 26: Italic letters in scientific name of specie 14. Number 27: the term orchads is misspelled.	
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