

Author's Correction

Stress Tolerance and Symbiotic and Phylogenetic Features of Root Nodule Bacteria Associated with *Medicago* Species in Different Bioclimatic Regions of Tunisia

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Incorrect

St.3-13, Pl.2-1 and Pl.3-6 categorized as *A. tumefaciens* displayed acetylene reduction activities which were not significantly different in comparison with the remaining isolates classified into *E. meliloti* or *E. medicae*, except for St.3-1 as shown in Fig. 6-B.

Correct

St.3-13, Pl.2-1 and Pl.3-6 categorized as *A. tumefaciens* displayed acetylene reduction activities as shown in Fig. 6-B.

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Incorrect

Fig. 6 A and B with the small letters, a, ab, b mistakenly placed on the bar plots and indicating statistical analysis

Correct

Fig. 6 A and B without the small letters, as below

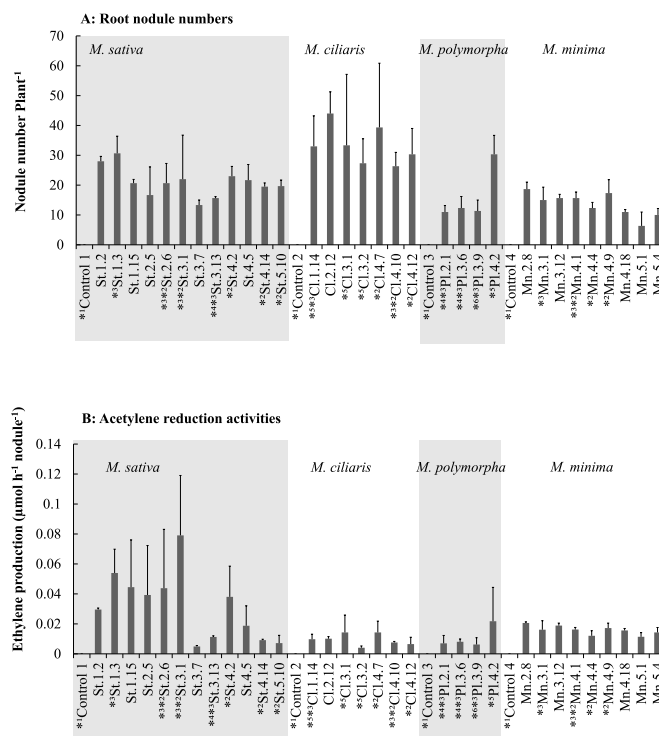


Fig. 6. Root nodule numbers and Acetylene reduction assay of *Medicago* plants inoculated with the 32 isolates. *1: uninoculated control plants, *2: isolates with high temperature tolerance, *3: isolates with high salinity tolerance, *4: isolates categorized as *A. tumefaciens*, *5: isolates assigned to *E. medicae*, *6: isolate categorized as *E. meliloti*; however, the sequence of nodA was identical to that of *E. medicae*.

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Incorrect

This result shows that the root nodule forming ability of the symbiotic *Agrobacterium* is significantly lower than that of the *E. medicae* isolate.

Correct

This result shows that the root nodule forming ability of the symbiotic *Agrobacterium* is lower than that of the *E. medicae* isolate.

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Incorrect

Similarly, regarding ethylene production by acetylene reduction assays, those of the two *Agrobacterium* isolates were clearly lower than that of *E. medicae* isolates shown in Fig. 6-B.

Correct

Similarly, regarding ethylene production by acetylene reduction assays, those of the two *Agrobacterium* isolates were lower than that of *E. medicae* isolates shown in Fig. 6-B.