

**Table S1:** The beneficial traits in selected endophytic bacteria from *Thymus roseus* *in vitro*.

Strain Code	Species	Exo-enzymes			Nitrogen Fixation Capacity <sup>d</sup>		Phosphorus <sup>e</sup>	Siderophore production <sup>f</sup>	IAA <sup>g</sup>	Chitinase
		Protease <sup>a</sup>	Cellulase <sup>b</sup>	Lipase <sup>c</sup>	NFB	ASHBY				
XIEG05	<i>Saccharopolyspora gregorii</i>	2.194	2.260	+++	+	+	+	+	0.675	+++
XIEG07	<i>Streptomyces enissocaesilis</i>	++	++++	++	+	+	+	-	0.390	+++
XIEG10	<i>Streptomyces gulbargensis</i>	2.810	2.889	+++	+	+	+	+	1.133	+++
XIEG34	<i>Streptomyces thermoviolaceus</i> <sup>h</sup>	+	++	-	+	+	+	1.81212	0.649	++
XIEG40	<i>Streptomyces drozdowiczii</i>	3.470	3.636	+++	+	+	+	+	0.313	-
XIEG41	<i>Streptomyces olivaceus</i>	+	2.744	+++	+	+	++	+	0.279	+
XIEG45	<i>Streptomyces enissocaesilis</i>	++	2.812	+++	+	+	+	+	0.700	+++
XIEG50	<i>Streptomyces luteus</i>	++	3.044	+++	+	+	++	+	0.644	++
XIEG55	<i>Streptomyces viridochromogenes</i>	++	2.200	++	+	+	+	+	0.229	++++
XIEG63	<i>Saccharopolyspora taberi</i>	1.487	++	++	+	+	+	+	0.262	-

<sup>a</sup>Protease production: "-"no production; "+" weak halo around the colony; "++" clear halo around the colony (1.00-2.00); "+++" that strong halo around the colony (2.00-3.00). <sup>b</sup>Cellulose production: "-"no production; "+" weak halo around the colony (1.00-2.00); "++" clear halo around the colony (2.00-4.00); "+++" that strong halo around the colony (4.00-6.00). <sup>c</sup>Lipase production: "-"no production; "+" weak halo around the colony (1.00); "++" clear halo around the colony (1.00-3.00); "+++" that strong halo around the colony (3.00-5.00). <sup>d</sup>Nitrogen-fixing, "+" indicate the growth. <sup>e</sup>Phosphorus: "-"no production; "+" weak halo around the colony (1.00-1.50); "++" clear halo around the colony (1.50-2.00); <sup>f</sup>Siderophore: "-"no ability; "+" indicates that bacteria can grow on this medium; "++" clear halo around the colony (1.00-2.00). <sup>g</sup>IAA = production of the plant hormone indole-3-acetic acid. Pink color indicated indole production. Values in parentheses refer to the absorbance at 530 nm: CK value of OD530 of 0.08 indicates no production; results (0.08-2.5).

**Table S2:** The beneficial traits in selected endophytic bacteria from *Thymus roseus* *in vitro*.

Strain Code	Species	Inhibition rate/% (Inhibition activity)	
		Tomato	Cotton
XIEG05	<i>Saccharopolyspora gregorii</i>	45.43	20.83
XIEG07	<i>Streptomyces enissocaesilis</i>	61.57	17.98
XIEG10	<i>Streptomyces gulbargensis</i>	+	+
XIEG41	<i>Streptomyces olivaceus</i>	33.80	15.18
XIEG43	<i>Streptomyces setonii</i>	+	12.5
XIEG44	<i>Nocardiopsis dassonvillei</i>	41.03	16.83
XIEG45	<i>Streptomyces enissocaesilis</i>	65.66	41.38
XIEG47	<i>Streptomyces pratensis</i>	41.57	+
XIEG50	<i>Streptomyces luteus</i>	39.47	++
XIEG51	<i>Streptomyces luteus</i>	59.40	44.83
XIEG61	<i>Nocardiopsis alba</i>	42.39	11.68
XIEG62	<i>Nocardiopsis alba</i>	41.59	13.96

**Table S3:** GC-MS identified components of the antibiosis crude extract of XIEG05 and *V. dahliae* mixture at pH7. Volatile Compounds are listed in ascending order of Retention with at least percentage match  $\leq 70\%$ .

NO	Retention Time (min)	Compounds	Percentage Match %	Molecular formula	Molecular Weight
1	3.387	o-Xylene	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	106.078
2	3.753	Styrene	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	104.15
3	8.134	Phenylethyl Alcohol	94	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	122.073
4	13.414	trans-1,10-Dimethyl-trans-9-decalol	96	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O	182.167
5	21.192	Dibutyl phthalate	95	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	278.152
6	25.939	Cyclotetracosane	95	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>48</sub>	336.376
7	26.222	Phenol, 2,2'-methylenebis[6-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methyl-	95	C <sub>69</sub> H <sub>93</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P	340.24
8	27.888	9-Tricosene, (Z)-	94	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>46</sub>	322.36
10	27.988	Oleyl alcohol, trifluoroacetate	95	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>35</sub> F <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	364.259
11	29.704	Pyridine-3-carboxamide, oxime, N-(2-trifluoromethylphenyl)-	90	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O	281.078
12	30.636	Decahydro-8a-ethyl-1,1,4a,6-tetramethylnaphthalene	72	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>30</sub>	222.235
13	32.519	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	91	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	578.171

**Table S4:** GC-MS identified components of the crude extract of XIEG07 at pH7. Volatile compounds are listed in ascending order of Retention Time with at least percentage match  $\leq 70\%$ ).

NO	Retention Time (min)	Compounds	Percentage Match %	Molecular formula	Molecular Weight
1	3.254	Ethylbenzene	91	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	106.078
2	3.37	p-Xylene	97	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	106.078
3	8.117	Phenylethyl Alcohol	94	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	122.073
4	8.217	Methyl pyrrole-2-carboxylate	87	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	125.048
6	9.816	Dodecane	96	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>26</sub>	170.203
7	13.397	trans-1,10-Dimethyl-trans-9-decalol	97	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O	182.167
8	18.394	Pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,4-dione, hexahydro-	95	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	154.074
9	19.477	N-Acetyltyramine	76	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	179.095
10	21.192	Dibutyl phthalate	95	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	278.152
11	27.872	Oleyl alcohol, trifluoroacetate	95	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>35</sub> F <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	364.259
12	27.988	Oleyl alcohol, trifluoroacetate	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO	364.259
13	29.704	2,6,10,14-Tetramethyl-7-(3-methylpent-4-enylidene) pentadecane	80	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>48</sub>	348.376
14	31.969	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	87	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	578.171
15	32.819	Heptasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13-tetradecamethyl-	74	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	504.152
16	33.568	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	91	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	578.171

**Table S5:** GC-MS identified components of the antibiosis crude extract of XIEG45 and *V. dahliae* mixture at pH7. Volatile Compounds are listed in ascending order of Retention Time with at least percentage match  $\leq 70\%$ .

NO	Retention Time (min)	Compounds	Percentage Match %	Molecular formula	Molecular Weight
1	4.719	Pentanoic acid, 4-methyl-	90	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	116.084
2	7.651	Phenol, 2-methoxy-	94	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	124.052
3	8.067	Maltol	93	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	126.032
4	8.15	Phenylethyl Alcohol	93	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	122.073
5	8.683	4H-Pyran-4-one, 2,3-dihydro-3,5-dihydroxy-6-methyl-	95	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	144.042
6	10.732	Benzeneacetic acid	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	136.052
7	13.747	Phenol, 3,4-dimethoxy-	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	154.063
8	20.726	Pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,4-dione, hexahydro-3-(2-methylpropyl)-	94	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	210.137
9	21.192	Dibutyl phthalate	94	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	278.152
10	27.888	13-Tetradecen-1-ol acetate	87	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>30</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	254.225
11	29.704	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	76	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	578.171
12	31.969	Heptasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13-tetradecamethyl-	74	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	504.152
13	32.519	Heptasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13-tetradecamethyl-	99	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>42</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Si <sub>7</sub>	

**Table S6:** GC-MS identified components of the antibiosis crude extract of XIEG51 and *V. dahliae* mixture at pH7. Volatile Compounds are listed in ascending order of Retention Time with at least percentage match  $\leq 70\%$ .

NO	Retention Time (min)	Compounds	Percentage Match %	Molecular formula	Molecular Weight
1	3.37	Benzene, 1,3-dimethyl-	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub>	106.078
2	3.77	o-Xylene	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	106.078
3	8.067	Maltol	93	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	126.032
4	8.117	Phenylethyl Alcohol	94	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	122.073
5	8.683	4H-Pyran-4-one, 2,3-dihydro-3,5-dihydroxy-6-methyl-	91	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	144.042
6	10.732	Benzeneacetic acid	91	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	136.052
7	13.664	Benzeneethanol, 4-hydroxy-	87	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	138.068
8	13.764	Phenol, 3,4-dimethoxy-	95	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	154.063
10	18.577	Tryptophol	95	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> F <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	161.084
11	20.709	Pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,4-dione, hexahydro-3-(2-methylpropyl)-	95	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO	210.137
12	21.192	Dibutyl phthalate	72	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	278.152
13	23.907	Eicosane	95	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>42</sub>	282.329
14	24.957	Heneicosane	97	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>44</sub>	296.344
15	25.989	Tetracosane	97	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>50</sub>	338.391
16	26.223	Phenol, 2,2'-methylenebis[6-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methyl-	95	C <sub>69</sub> H <sub>93</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P	340.24
17	27.888	Nonadecyl trifluoroacetate	94	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>39</sub> F <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	380.29
18	27.972	1-Docosene	95	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>44</sub>	308.344
19	31.419	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	87	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>48</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Si <sub>8</sub>	578.171