

and at the same time a PGPR. *B. subtilis* AF1 thus holds promise in the newly emerging biotechnology aimed at providing not only biological protection to roots from pathogens but also in augmenting the growth of crop plants.

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