**Table S4: Rice seed germination assay**

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| **Strain number** | **% germinated seeds (14 days)\*** | **% living seedlings developed from germinated seeds** **(14 days)** |
| **1. IMI 58289** | 84.4 ab | 24 |
| **2. m567** | 100.0 a | 63.6 |
| **3. MRC2276** | 71.9 abc | 100 |
| **4. C1995** | 31.2 bcd | 100 |
| **5. B14** | 18.7 cd | 100 |
| **6. B20** | 0.0 d | no seedlings alive |
| **7. E282** | 50.0 abcd | 95.2 |
| **8. FSU 48** | 50.0 abcd | 100 |
| **9. NCIM 1100** | 96.9 a | 17.4 |
| **10. V64-1** | 96.9 a | no symptoms |
| **11. not inoculated** | 100 a | no symptoms |

\*Means were statistically compared using the Tukeys HSD Test (P≤0.05). Values followed by the same letters were not significantly different from each other.