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Panoramic Over View of Advancements in the Arena of Detection and Management of Basal Stem Rot of Oil palm caused by *Ganoderma sp.*

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ABSTRACT

Basal stem rot (BSR) caused by *Ganoderma sp* is a major economic constraint that is increasing at alarming rate in oil palm. It has become imperative to save each palm instead of new one to sustain productivity and profitability among oil palm growers. The persistence as well as asymptomatic nature of disease and perennial monocropping of host pose a hurdle to implement prompt and effective management strategies. The alarming surges in BSR incidence necessitate precise, early, and timely detection for effective management of the disease. Adoption of integrated BSR disease management employing all successful cultural practices control, chemical control, and biological agents is essential for managing this dreadful pathogen.