

DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that this work entitled “**Screening, Identification and Characterization of Polyphenol oxidase in tea (*Camellia sinensis* (L.) O. Kuntze) for Selection of Superior Clones in UPASI Germplasm**” has been originally carried out by me at the Bharathidasan Institute of Technology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli-620 024, Tamil Nadu, India, under the guidance of **Dr. P. Sureshkumar**, Assistant Professor, Bharathidasan Institute of Technology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli-620 024 and has not been submitted elsewhere for any other degree, diploma, associateship or fellowship.

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