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I hereby declare that the entitled 'Agrobacterium mediated transformation of black pepper using sequences from Cucumber mosaic virus and Piper yellow mottle virus' submitted by me for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Botany of Mangalore University contains the results of bonafide research work done by me at Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut, Kerala, under the guidance of Dr A Ishwara Bhat, Senior Scientist, Division of Crop Protection, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut, Kerala. This thesis or part of it has not been submitted to any other university for the award of any other degree or diploma previously. All sources of help received by me during the course of this study have been duly acknowledged.

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