

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that this thesis entitled “***In vitro* culture and Agrobacterium – mediated gene transfer studies in Snake gourd (*Trichosanthes cucumerina* L.)**” is a bonafide record of original research work embodied by me under the supervision and guidance of **Dr. N. JAYABALAN**, Professor and Head (Retd.), Department of Botany, School of Life Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli 620 024, Tamil Nadu, I further assure that this work has not been submitted either in whole or part for any other degree or diploma at any other University.

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