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## **Supplementary Material**

Contribution of K solubilising bacteria (*Burkholderia* sp.) promotes tea plant growth (*Camellia sinesis*) and leaf polyphenols content by improving soil available K level

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Table S1 The effect of Burkholderia sp. and applying K on available K level in soil

Treatment	Control	Burkholderia sp.	20 mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	60 mg kg <sup>-1</sup>
K concentration (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )	145.93±6.68	168.40±13.60	158.06±4.05	190.97±7.55

Table S2 The effect of Burkholderia sp on available N,P level, metal element and pH in soil

mg/g	Control	Burkholderia sp.
Cu	$0.0195 \pm 0.00089$	$0.01973 \pm 0.001$
Mg	$0.071 \pm 0.021$	$0.073 \pm 0.01$
Zn	$0.0498 \pm 0.006$	$0.052\pm0.0016$
Ca	$1.287 \pm 0.24$	$1.46 \pm 0.07$
Available N	$0.02722 \pm 0.0052$	$0.02851 \pm 0.0041$
Available P	$0.03717 \pm 0.00497$	$0.03932 \pm 0.0022$
рН	$4.90 \pm 0.03$	$4.84 \pm 0.03$

**Table S3** The effect of *Burkholderia sp* on K level in tea roots and tea leaves

mg/g	Control	Burkholderia sp.
Roots	7.915±1.06	12.085±0.63
Leaves	$17.45 \pm 0.1$	$19.04\pm0.22$