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Dear Ms Bleakley,

The Environmental Protection Agency recently transferred to our organisation aspects of a request for information you made to that entity under the Official Information Act. Specifically, Plant & Food Research was requested to address your question regarding whether a formal identification had been made of a rot observed in some plants involved with the now discontinued brassica field trial at Lincoln.

This rot was observed by our researchers as being bacterial in origin (not fungal as your request suggests). Bacterial soft rots are well known to occur in brassica crops. Material from this trial was destroyed in accordance with relevant regulations when the trial was discontinued. I am informed that therefore no further research was undertaken on the rot and no formal identification was made of the specific bacteria that may have caused it.

Yours Sincerely,

Roger Bourne

Corporate Communications Manager