For research article

Response to Reviewer 2 Comments

1. Summary

Thank you very much for taking the time to review this manuscript. Please find the detailed responses below and the corresponding revisions/corrections highlighted/in track changes in the re-submitted files. *[This is only a recommended summary. Please feel free to adjust it. We do suggest maintaining a neutral tone and thanking the reviewers for their contribution although the comments may be negative or off-target. If you disagree with the reviewer's comments please include any concerns you may have in the letter to the Academic Editor.]*

2. Questions for General Evaluation	**Reviewer's Evaluation**	**Response and Revisions**
Does the introduction provide sufficient background and include all relevant references?	Yes	Thank you for your insightful feedback on the manuscript. We have carefully considered each comment and have made substantial revisions to address all the points raised. We believe these changes have enhanced the quality, clarity, and impact of our research.
Are all the cited references relevant to the research?	Yes	
Is the research design appropriate?	Can be improved	
Are the methods adequately described?	Yes	
Are the results clearly presented?	Yes	
Are the conclusions supported by the results?	Can be improved	

3. Point-by-point response to Comments and Suggestions for Authors

Comments 1: *[According to the arrangements presented, it is appropriate for publication; however, I would have preferred to see more detailed information regarding some of the symptoms the plants*

showed at the time of collection plant material for the RNA sequencing studies.]

Response 1: Thank you for your insightful comments and for acknowledging the improvements we have made in our manuscript. We appreciate your thorough review and have carefully considered your comment regarding the symptoms the plants showed at the time of collection plant material for the RNA sequencing studies.

We've added photographs of the sampled leaves to the supplementary figures, which visually and descriptively detail the symptoms like localized sucking damage trace and small sucking spots by the feeding of azalea lace bug observed at the time of collection. We hope these additions provide the detailed information you requested and enhance the manuscript.

We are grateful for the opportunity to clarify these points and believe that these revisions will further strengthen our manuscript. We appreciate your expertise and the guidance you have provided.

Thank you once again for your valuable feedback.