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and the  $\beta$  parameter is the inverse of the variance of the error term. The  $\beta$  parameter is estimated by the following equation:

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains. The concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension was 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml (○), 10<sup>7</sup> cells/ml (□), 10<sup>8</sup> cells/ml (△), and 10<sup>9</sup> cells/ml (◇). The error bars represent the standard deviation of three independent experiments.

**Abstract**

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \quad (x \neq 0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(0) = 0.$$

1. *Phragmites* (common reed) is a tall, grassy plant that grows in wetlands and along waterways. It is a native species and is often found in large, dense stands.

