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Dear Dr. Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “The Assembly and Selection of Oranye Watermelon (*Citrullus lanatus* (Thunb.) Matsum & Nakai) with Inter-Simple Sequence Repeat” by Andra Jausa Salsabila and Budi Setiadi Daryono for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we show that

1. The results of crossing yellow watermelon (triploid) 'Jelita' with red watermelon (triploid) 'King Quality' are sterile.
2. The results of crossing yellow watermelon (triploid) 'Jelita' with red watermelon (diploid) 'BallyBall' produces sterile tillers.
3. The ISSR BI (AG) 8-C, B3 (GA) 8-A, B5 (GA) 8-T, and CBTC 1 (AG) 8-T molecular markers cannot be used to differentiate ploidy from watermelons tested by analysis of genetic variation using the PCR-ISSR method.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because this research is related to biodiversity and molecular technology using the ISSR method. Our manuscript creates a for future studies in the development of watermelon quality especially for "Jelita", "King Quality", and "Bally Ball" cultivars.

This manuscript has not been published before and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose, [but we do respectfully request that \[Reviewers name\] not review our manuscript.](#) [If you feel that the manuscript is appropriate for your journal, we suggest the following reviewers:](#)

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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