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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “**Newly Recorded Alien Species of *Ficus* L. (Moraceae) in Java, Indonesia**” by **Peniwidiyanti, Arifin Surya Dwipa Irsyam, Asih Perwita Dewi, Muhammad Rifqi Hariri, Zakaria Al Anshori, Rina Ratnasih Irwanto** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

This manuscript shows that based on **recent observation in West Java, Central Java, Yogyakarta, and East Java, we found three species of *Ficus* from *Ficus* subg. *Sycomorus* and *Ficus* subg. *Urostigma*. They had not been recorded previously.**

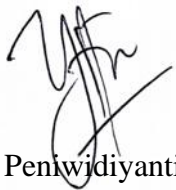
We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by the Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology because **it reports the newly recorded species with an updated taxonomic data of the genus *Ficus* in Java. So, *Ficus* spp. in Java had been increasing amount of diversity. Our manuscript examines the ecological, conservation, and threat of newly recorded *Ficus* on various ecosystem types in Java.**

This manuscript has not been published before and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose. 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.

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