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Dear Dr. Ilmi,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled "Genetic diversity of elephant foot yam (*Amorphophallus paeoniifolius*) and relatives from the Meratus Mountains of South Kalimantan, Indonesia" by Dindin Hidayatul Mursyidin, Muhammad Aldy Hernanda, Badruzsaufari for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we show that this germplasm from the region has a high diversity at an inter-species level of 0.95 and a low at intra-species (0.33). However, the phylogenetic analyses revealed that *Amorphophallus* has a unique relationships and is relatively corresponding to geographic location.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because is in accordance with the your journal's aims & scope, particularly to descriptive and analytical studies of genetic, species, and community diversity. Hence our manuscript creates a for future studies of plant breeding and conservation.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
On behalf of all co-authors



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