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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **“COI-BASED DNA BARCODING OF SELAIS FISH FROM ARUT RIVER, CENTRAL KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA”** by **Tomi Kasayev and Tuty Arisuryanti** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we reported the identification of Selais Fish from Arut River using DNA barcoding with COI mitochondrial gene. The genetic data obtained in this study is a preliminary finding to assembly COI mitochondrial DNA library of Silurid fish from Indonesia. Recently, it is only COI database of 3 Silurid species from Indonesia collected from 2 rivers in Sumatra deposited either in GenBank or BOLD database. No COI database of Silurid fish from Kalimantan recorded in GenBank and BOLD. Even though the data is just preliminary finding, it is first report.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because is related to the Descriptive and analytical studies of genetic, species, and community diversity. Our manuscript creates more investigation related to accurate identification of Silurid fish in Indonesia using molecular tools.

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,



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