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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **“Association of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) with kebar grass (*Biophytum petersianum*) in the grassland area of Kebar, Tamberauw Regency, West Papua, Indonesia”** by Irma Rahayu for consideration as a Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology research article.

In this manuscript, we show that there is an association of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi on Papuan medicinal plants, namely *Biophytum petersianum* on marginal land, the presence of AMF is seen based on the level of colonization of plant roots and the diversity of 18 AMF species found in the rhizosphere of *B. petersianum*

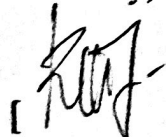
We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because is [specific link to the journal's aims & scope]. [Our manuscript creates a for future studies, as a reference for the diversity of AMF and biological agents for the growth of medicinal plants

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 Dr Miftahul Ilmi not review our manuscript. If you feel that the manuscript is appropriate for your journal, we suggest the following reviewers :

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