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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

"I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled Discovery of *Bombus rufipes* Lepeletier 1835

(Hymenoptera: Apoidea: Bombidae) on Mount Slamet"

by **[Imam Widhiono]** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we show that this the first finding of complete colony of *Bombus ruficeps* and we concluded that tis species still exist at Mount Slamet. This research also supporting recent information of this species in Java

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because is **specific to biodiversity of endemics species. Our manuscript creates a for future studies on biology and conservation strategies of *Bombus ruficeps***

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