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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **"Diversity and Ecology of Figs (*Ficus*, Moraceae) in Bogor City"** by **Peniwidiyanti, Ibnul Qayim, Tatik Chikmawati** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we show that ***Ficus* spp. in Bogor City is very diverse with abundant species distribution around the Bogor Botanic Gardens and Ahmad Yani City Forest. At the same time, the southern part of Bogor has a low relative abundance.**

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology.* **It can explain the distribution of dominant *Ficus* spp. in Bogor City, and several *Ficus* spp. can be environmental bioindicators in urban areas. The association relationship between hemiepiphytes *Ficus* and their host trees is also explained in this manuscript. The presence of the Bogor Botanic Gardens has an important role in increasing the diversity of *Ficus* spp. species in Bogor City. Our manuscript creates a future study to examine the environmental factors that most influence the distribution pattern of hemiepiphyte *Ficus* spp in Bogor City.**

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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