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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **“Plant Growth Promoting Endophytic Microorganisms from Orchids for A Sustainable Agriculture”** by **Lucky Poh Wah Goh, Benardette Lyovine Jaisi, Roslina Jawan, and Jualang Azlan Gansau** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we show that the aspect of utilizing plant growth promoting microorganisms as a measure to reduce dependency on chemical fertilizers. As reviewed, the plant growth promoting microorganisms have tremendous potential to serve as bio-fertilizers. Furthermore, Orchids relied heavily on plant growth promoting microorganisms for growth and development. Hence, the isolated plant growth promoting microorganisms can be isolated and applied in agriculture sector.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because is related to the utilisation of tropical organisms in biotechnology. The manuscript could attract researchers from the biotechnology field and create new interests in investigation plant growth promoting microorganisms.

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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