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Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “**The wMel Wolbachia-infected *Aedes aegypti* Mass Production for Egg Release: Lesson Learned from Implementation in Sleman and Bantul Districts, Yogyakarta**” by Iva Fitriana, Indah Nurhayati, Budi Arianto, Defriana Luthfi Chusnaifah, Indira Diah Utami, Nabhela Ayu Purwaningrum, Utari Saraswati, Endah Supriyati, Adi Utarini, Riris Andono Ahmad, Eggi Arguni, and Warsito Tantowijoyo for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* research article.

In this manuscript, we describe lesson learned from the wMel Wolbachia-infected *Aedes aegypti* mass production for egg release during implementation phase in Sleman and Bantul District in Yogyakarta.

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because it describe application of biotechnology. Our manuscript may serve as protocol for other insectary that implement the Wolbachia-based technology as novel and complementary method to control dengue infection.

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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