

Tabanan, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Dr. Miftahul Ilmi,

I am pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “**The Complete Chloroplast Genome of *Medinilla tapete-magicum* (Melastomataceae) from Sulawesi, Indonesia**” by **Arief Priyadi, Paramita C. Kuswandi, Evy Yulianti, Risha Amilia Pratiwi, and Ni Putu Sri Asih** for consideration as a *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* short communication article.

In this manuscript, we show *characteristics of the cpGenome of **Medinilla tapete-magicum** and its phylogenetic placement. This cpGenome is the first among Indonesian **Medinilla spp.**, which may serve as the superbarcode for this endemic plant species.*

We believe that our paper is appropriate for publication by *Journal of Tropical Biodiversity and Biotechnology* because are suitable for **analytical studies of genetic (phylogeny), conservation genetic studies, and PCR primer design (application of bioinformatics in biotechnology)**. Our manuscript creates a resource for future studies of **biosystematics, biogeography and conservation genetic of *Medinilla* genus in Asia, especially in Malesia region.**

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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