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Prof Kuswanto

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Re: manuscript submission to AGRIVITA Journal of Agricultural Science

Dear Prof Kuswanto,

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled “Flowering Biology and Parthenocarpy of Citrus Derived from Somatic Hybridization of Mandarin Satsuma (*Citrus unshiu* Marc*.)* and Siam Madu (*Citrus nobilis* Lour.)” by Imroatus Sa’adah, Eny Widajati, Mia Kosmiatin, and Endah Retno Palupi for consideration for publication in the AGRIVITA, Journal of Agricultural Science.

Papers regarding this somatic hybridization had been published on evaluation of resistance product of protoplast fusion (Putra *et al.* 2013), identification of somatic hybrid genotypes using SSR markers (Martasari *et al.* 2014) and a study on leaf character and ploidy identification from protoplast fusion (Annisa *et al.* 2017). This manuscript involved studies on determination of pollen germination, stigma receptivity and identification of clones that have (stimulative) parthenocarpic character. The information would be beneficial for designing fruit orchard with sufficient pollen supply to produce seedless fruits.

We would like to confirm that the manuscript is currently not under consideration for publication elsewhere, and all coauthors have approved the manuscript. We would welcome advice, comments and corrections to this manuscript in order to make it publishable.

We thank for your attention and help. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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