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We are pleased to send our manuscript, **Soil organic carbon and hydraulic properties in response to poultry manure and inorganic fertilizers in two tropical agro-ecologies**, to your reputable Journal, *SAINS TANAH – Journal of Soil Science & Agroclimatology*, for publication. The manuscript is an original contribution that has not been published elsewhere, and it is not currently under consideration elsewhere. All cited works have been duly referenced; no copyrighted material has been used.

The paper deserves publication in ***SAINS TANAH*** because it is coming from a field study reporting the effects of the increasingly advocated combination of organic and inorganic fertilizers in the Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM) concept on soil organic carbon and hydraulic properties in two contrasting tropical environments. Assessment of such effects is very important for the low-fertility tropical soils. The data reported are particularly interesting because of the comparative pattern of presenting and discussing the data for the two environments, an approach that is not common in the literature regarding the complementary use of organic and inorganic fertilizers in ISFM.

There is no conflict of interest whatsoever among us the authors. All the authors actively participated in the research and in preparing the manuscript. We have read and understood your guidelines on copyright. The manuscript currently is 21 pages, has 3 figures and 4 tables and contains 11,000 words. We hope the manuscript meets your requirement for publication.

With kind regards

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