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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

#### **SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPT FOR CONSIDERATION**

This paper, “**Implications of sweet potato cultivation on composted mounds on selected physiochemical properties of sandy loam soil under humid lowland tropical climatic conditions**” by Michael is submitted to be considered for publication in Sains Tanah-Journal of Soil Science and Agroclimatology. The study deals with cultivation of sweet potato on composted mounds under humid lowland conditions in Papua New Guinea and changes in soil chemistry following addition of organic matter alone or co-existing with sweet potato plants. Loss of soil fertility coupled with poor soil use and management systems are some of the main cause of decline in sweet potato production in this part of the world and this paper, for the first time, describes an old but important soil use and management technique practiced that is important to soil nutrition, and production of sweet potato in sandy loam soil.

The major findings are quite interesting for sustainable production of sweet potato, the main staple of the tropics and I believe this paper would be of interest to the general readership and would welcome the opportunity for this work to be considered for publication.

The manuscript has been prepared as per the instruction of the Journal.

Yours sincerely,

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