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Dear Dr. I Ketut Sumandiarsa, S.St.Pi, M.Sc
Editor-in-Chief, Jurnal Pascapanen dan Bioteknologi Kelautan dan Perikanan

For your consideration, we hereby submit our manuscript, "**Analysis of Heavy Metal and Organoleptic in Raw Materials and Lemuru Fish Meatballs (*Sardinella lemuru*) in Bali Strait**", for publication in the Jurnal Pascapanen dan Bioteknologi Kelautan dan Perikanan. Currently, Lemuru fish is the most dominant fishery resource in the Bali Strait. The abundant production of lemuru fish renders many coastal communities to exploit this commodity for instance fish balls. However, the lemuru fishing area in the Bali Strait is a water area that experiences a lot of pollution due to massive fishing activities and industries such as fish canning and freezing factories. To maintain the safety, quality and feasibility of raw materials and products, it is necessary to carry out heavy metal analysis (Hg, Pb, Cd) using the AAS method and organoleptic test. Overall, lemuru was still safe for further consumption since the heavy metal contents are still fulfill the required standard from SNI, BPOM and FAO. Likewise, organoleptic test revealed the freshness of its fish was still at a good condition.

We believe these findings will be a significant contribution and inspire science and fisheries community. For these reasons, we feel that our first attempt and exciting first results are well suited for a publication through Jurnal Pascapanen dan Bioteknologi Kelautan dan Perikanan. Herewith we also state that the work is an original research carried out by the author. We confirm that the work has not been submitted simultaneously to another journal for consideration. We look forward to your review and a positive reception of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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