#### Cover letter

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To:

Editor-in-Chief of Majalah Kedokteran Bandung (MKB) in Bandung, Indonesia

Dear Professor,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled "[Effects of Yacon Leaf Extract on MCP-1 and IL-10 Expressions and Macrophage Phenotypes in CKD Mouse Model]" for consideration by Majalah Kedokteran Bandung.

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We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by Majalah Kedokteran Bandung because it provides interesting information regarding inflammation topic and a potential natural product. In this study, we found that chronic kidney disease (CKD) modeling in mice using the 5/6 subtotal nephrectomy method caused elevated levels of MCP-1 and IL-10 mRNA expressions, and also higher numbers of M1 and M2 macrophages. The administration of graded doses of yacon (*Smallanthus sonchifolius*) leaf extract in the CKD mouse model could significantly lower the number of M2 macrophages and the mRNA expressions of MCP-1 and IL-10. However, the number of M1 macrophages was only lower in the yacontreated group given the 49 mg/kg BW/day dose. These showed that yacon leaf extract could attenuate kidney injury by lowering the number of macrophages and the expression of inflammation mediators. We believe with these findings, our manuscript can provide information for future studies on the use of yacon (*Smallanthus sonchifolius*) in CKD animal models and other research related to inflammation and pharmacology. All authors of this manuscript have approved the final version of this submitted manuscript.

We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

[Widya Wasityastuti]

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