

## Cover Letter

Dear Editorial Team,

The manuscript titled “Effects of soil physicochemical properties on basal stem rot disease (*Ganoderma boninense*) in oil palm” is written based on the results of our study in order to find the character of the soil that most influence basal stem rot.

This research contributed to ecological investigations of BSR, focusing on the abiotic soil environment. The novelty lies in the identification of soil characteristics with the greatest influence on the incidence and severity of BSR. The results can be used as a reference for control alternatives in relation to plant nutrition manipulation. Further research is needed to determine the effective dose of potassium factor (K, Mg, and Na) in suppressing BSR disease. This method could serve as a recommendation for fertilization, contributing not only to plant nutrition but also enhancing resistance to the disease.

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