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Dear editor-in-chief of *Journal of the Indonesian Tropical Animal Agriculture*,

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled “The action of formaldehyde based additive against African swine fever virus in complete swine feed” by Viet Duc Ly, Tuan Van Hoang, Anh Kieu Dang, Sawinee Aupanun, and Chalita Wongpukdee for consideration for publication in the *Journal of the Indonesian Tropical Animal Agriculture*.

African swine fever (ASF) is one of the most serious diseases of the swine industry. The outbreaks of ASF lead to severe economic and production losses on global pork production. To date, no commercial vaccines and effective drugs against ASFV are available. Interestingly, feed and feed ingredients have been identified as a potential vehicle of ASFV transmission. This manuscript builds on our purpose to alleviate the risk of ASFV infection via feed consumption. In the present study, we demonstrated that an formaldehyde-based additive, SALTEC512, markedly decreased the presence of ASF/VN/Pig/Hue/1270 strain in the feed samples at an application rate of 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 kg/t feed by using real-time PCR and HAD assay.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by the *Journal of the Indonesian Tropical Animal Agriculture*. This publication would mitigate ASFV outbreaks

via feed transmission. Besides, this submission provides a great opportunity to receive valuable comments that significantly contribute to our further studies.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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