Dear Editor in chief

Prof. Dr. Ir. Dermiyati, M.Agr.Sc.

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled **“Characterization and Classification of Soils in Landslide Residual Zones to Estimate the Presence of Shallow Slip Plane”** to be published in the **Journal of Tropical Soils**.

Our manuscript describes the characteristics and types of landslide-prone soils, where argillic and kandic genetic horizons with more than 60% clay content are diagnosed as shallow sliding planes at soil solums less than 120 cm.

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This is our original research findings and it was never published previously in any journal neither send to other journals elsewhere. We are hoping to hear from you in due time. Thank you very much for your kind attention and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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