**COVERING LETTER**

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I herewith enclosed a research article,

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GENETIC VARIATION IN DIAGNOSIS TARGET GENES OF SARS-CoV-2 CIRCULATING IN BANYUMAS, INDONESIA

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This is the first study of the genetic variation of SARS-CoV-2 isolates circulating in Banyumas, Jawa Tengah. We studied the genetic variation in both structural and functional genes of SARS-CoV-2 isolates. We also use Cilacap’s isolates to evaluate the potential of the Cilacap’s Harbour as a human mobility portal on the genetic variations of SARS-CoV-2 isolates circulating in Banyumas, Jawa Tengah.

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