### **Cover Letter**

### **Dear Editor-in-chief of Plant Protection Bulletin,**

I would like to submit our manuscript entitled\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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( ) Biological, ecological, physiological, epidemiological, taxonomic studies on harmful and natural enemies

( ) Control methods of diseases, pests and weeds on plant and plant products

( ) Plant protection products

( ) Resistance, residue, toxicology and formulations of pesticides

( ) Plant protection machinery

We believe that our findings could be of interest to the readers of **Plant Protection Bulletin**. We certify that this is an original work and the same is not submitted or published earlier elsewhere.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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