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**Address to the Chief of Editor:**

Prof. dr. Sultana MH Faradz, PhD

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Dear Prof. dr. Sultana MH Faradz, PhD,

We wish to submit an original article entitled “EFFECT OF ZINC ADMINISTRATION ON RETINA GANGLION CELL APOPTOSIS; EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF WISTAR RATS GIVEN ETHAMBUTOL” in the the Journal of Biomedicine and Translational Research Faculty of Medicine Diponegoro. We declare that this work is original and has not been published before, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

This study was experimental analysis research with post-test only randomized controlled group design using Wistar rats that given Etambutol. This study informs that the rate of retinal ganglion cell apoptosis was lower in rats treated ethambutol with Zinc than without Zinc. Therefore zinc supplementation is recommended to prevent Ethambutol-induced optic neuropathy (E-TON).

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Sincerely,

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