

Cruz das Almas, February 13th, 2012.

Dear Editor:

We would like to submit the manuscript entitled: "Genetic diversity between improved banana diploids using canonic variables and Ward-MLM algorithm" for evaluation by your prestigious reviewers and possible publication in PAB.

Total number of pages: 17 double spaced

Number of tables: 03 Number of figures: 03

Total number of words in the abstract: 242

Corresponding author: Edson Perito Amorim – e-mail: <a href="claudiaf@cnpmf.embrapa.br">claudiaf@cnpmf.embrapa.br</a>

Address: Rua Embrapa C.P. 007, 44380-000 Cruz das Almas-Bahia, Brazil.

Telephone number: 55 75 3312 8058

We affirm that the manuscript has been prepared in accordance with PAB's author's instructions and guidelines. We have read the manuscript and hereby affirm that the content of this manuscript has not been previously published in any journal, is not being submitted for publication elsewhere and has been approved by all authors.

Kind regards,

Edson Perito Amorim

Colon Pento Apromin.