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Agus Hendra Al R Jurnal AcTion: Aceh Nutrition Journal Soekarno-Hatta Street, No. 168. Health Polytechnic of Aceh, Aceh Besar, 23352

Dear Agus Hendra AI R,

I am writing to submit our manuscript titled " **Impact of Layering, Sequencing, and Integration approach in mitigating food and nutrition insecurity in Zimbabwe**" for consideration for publication in Aceh Nutrition Journal. I believe that the findings presented in this paper make a valuable contribution to the field of Nutrition, and I am eager to share them with the broader academic community through your esteemed journal.

This manuscript represents original research that shows the importance of layering, sequencing and integration (LSI) in any interventions targeting food and nutrition security among smallholder farmers. The study achieved this by interviewing key farmers in 3 different wards and administering questionnaires to households. Results showed that use of LSI for Food and Nutrition security achieved an acceptable diet for food consumption score as well as a high dietary diversity score for most participants. Through this work, we aim to direct future interventions to achieve their goal of Food and Nutrition security through applying the layering, sequencing and integration model implement their interventions.

I have carefully read and ensured that the manuscript adheres to the submission guidelines provided by Aceh Nutrition Journal. Furthermore, I confirm that this manuscript has not been published previously and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

I believe that the readership of Aceh Nutrition Journal would greatly benefit from the insights and implications discussed in this manuscript. Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the scholarly discourse within Nutrition and eagerly await your response.

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at nondlovu@wsu.ac.za or +27786842270.

Sincerely,

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