Cover letter

To,

Editor-in-Chief,

Florida Entomologist

Respected Sir,

We would like to submit our manuscript entitled, “Chemical constituents and toxicity, repellency, and oviposition deterrence effects of ethanol-extracted *Myristica fragrans* oil against *Bemisia tabaci* Gennadius (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae)” with language edited by International Science Editing, which we wish to be considered for publication in Journal of *Florida Entomologist*. Our study is the first study which describing the practical application of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt essential oil against whitefly adult and nymph in the lab as well as greenhouse. The maximum concentration of *M. fragrans* essential oil showed maximum toxicity, repellency, and anti-oviposition activities in the laboratory as well as in the greenhouse. After received the positive results, we identified the chemical components of essential oil using GC-MS. This manuscript has not been published or considered for publication by any other journal or elsewhere. Kindly consider the manuscript for publication in Journal of *Florida Entomologist*, We have carefully followed your manuscript preparation guidelines for formatting and style of Journal of *Florida Entomologist*, and we look forward to receiving your comments on our efforts. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to Journal of *Florida Entomologist* I declare no conflict of interest. I accept all the terms and conditions displayed in the Journal of *Florida Entomologist* to the best of my knowledge. We believe the paper may be of particular interest to the readers of your journal as it showing that these to support future research studies on behavior of whitefly.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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