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Thank you for submitting the manuscript, “ $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  Stable Isotope Ratio Analysis of Fish Species and Mangrove Leaf on Mangrove Ecosystem of Muara Badak Coastal Area-East Kalimantan, Indonesia” European Journal of Molecular & Clinical Medicine.

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The paper "δ13C and δ15N Stable Isotope Ratio Analysis of Fish Species and Mangrove Leaf on Mangrove Ecosystem of Muara Badak Coastal Area-East Kalimantan, Indonesia" has been preliminarily reviewed.

Reviewers have given their comments on your paper. Please do the following when you resubmit your revised version:

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**Reviewer A**

Though the title of the paper refers to Multicultural Education only in Indonesian perspective, the introduction makes a global view and the selection of variables content integration, equality pedagogy, empowering culture, prejudice reduction and knowledge construction etc. are also seen in a broad perspective. The author suggests that multicultural education is best provided in the educational institutions, especially at school level. This is difficult to understand when the Indonesian society is not so multi-cultural at the school level, the author talks of unity in heterogeneity, but there was no evidence of the multicultural face of the Indonesian society. The author may like to look into this issue. Last, but not the least, there are 11 hypotheses which is very difficult to justify in a short study like this.

The study "δ13C and δ15N Stable Isotope Ratio Analysis of Fish Species and Mangrove Leaf on Mangrove Ecosystem of Muara Badak Coastal Area-East Kalimantan, Indonesia" appears to be well-designed and executed, providing valuable insights into the ecology of mangrove ecosystems and their connection to aquatic food production. The objectives of the study are clearly stated, and the methods used to achieve them are appropriate. The use of stable isotope ratios (C and N) to determine relative trophic positions for fish species is a well-established technique, and the study's results are consistent with previous research in this area. The finding that significant differences in stable isotope signatures exist in some species from different habitats in the coastal area is particularly interesting, as it suggests that these signatures could be used to delineate feeding habitats of fishes. Here are some more suggestions.

1. The authors should mention the use of stable isotope analysis as a tool to investigate aquatic food web structure and dietary patterns is explained in a straightforward manner, and the potential of this method to provide a clearer understanding of diets and energy flow in food webs. The introduction must also acknowledge the complexity and diversity of natural food webs and the challenges in demonstrating

ecological links between different components of the ecosystem.

2. The study needs to explain about that how mangrove plant forms the basis of the food chain in the mangrove ecosystem, it should explain that space and dense mangrove areas do not appear to be direct sources of carbon in the diets of studied fish species is consistent with this finding.
3. The study could also benefit from more specific details regarding the study design, such as the number of fish species examined and the sampling methods used.
4. Additionally, the study language could be more concise and focused to avoid unnecessary phrases.
5. Overall, the study describes a valuable contribution to the field of fisheries management and highlights the importance of preserving mangrove ecosystems for sustainable use.

### **Reviewer B**

This is a scientific article discussing the stable carbon and nitrogen isotope ratios of mangrove leaves and fish species in MuaraBadak Coastal Area - Mahakam Delta, East Kalimantan. The article highlights the importance of mangrove forests in maintaining detrital-based food webs in the coastal environment and the significance of mangroves for coastal fisheries. The article also discusses the human impacts that are causing the disappearance of mangrove forests in the area. Despite these significant points, the article needs some changes as follows.

1. The introduction should provide a clear and concise overview of the study's focus on the relationship between mangrove ecosystems and aquatic food production, particularly in the MuaraBadak coastal area of East Kalimantan, Indonesia. The introduction needs to highlight the importance of mangrove ecosystems as nursery grounds for juvenile fish and the impact of mangrove deforestation on environmental, social, and economic conditions in the region.
2. The research objectives are required to be clearly outlined, and the focus on determining stable isotopic compositions of fish species and mangrove leaves, as well as using bulk and compound-specific isotopic ratios to determine relative trophic positions for fish species in mangrove ecosystems, is appropriate for addressing the research questions.
3. The materials and methods section provides a clear description of the sampling and analysis procedures used in the study. The location of the study area is well-defined, and the sampling period is clearly specified. The use of passive gear, such as trap nets and gill nets, to collect fish samples is appropriate for the research question. However, the method of sample extraction needs to be clearly described, with details on the drying and grinding process of the mangrove leaf samples and the fish muscle tissues.
4. In the results section, the tables present a comprehensive summary of the isotopic ratios of the different species in the MuaraBadak coastal area. However, the tables need to be well-organized so that the data is easy to read and understand.
5. Overall, the article provides valuable information about the importance of mangrove forests in the coastal ecosystem and the significance of stable isotope analysis in understanding the carbon and nitrogen sources for fish species in the area. However, the article could have benefited from more detailed discussions on the implications of the findings and the potential management strategies to address the area's disappearing mangrove forests.

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**RESPONSE TO REVIEWER-A**

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	<p>The study "<i><math>\delta^{13}C</math> and <math>\delta^{15}N</math> Stable Isotope Ratio Analysis of Fish Species and Mangrove Leaf on Mangrove Ecosystem of Muara Badak Coastal Area-East Kalimantan, Indonesia</i>" appears to be well-designed and executed, providing valuable insights into the ecology of mangrove ecosystems and their connection to aquatic food production. The objectives of the study are clearly stated, and the methods used to achieve them are appropriate. The use of stable isotope ratios (C and N) to determine relative trophic positions for fish species is a well-established technique, and the study's results are consistent with previous research in this area. The finding that significant differences in stable isotope signatures exist in some species from different habitats in the coastal area is particularly interesting, as it suggests that these signatures could be used to delineate feeding habitats of fishes. Here are some more suggestions.</p>	<p>Thanks a lot, dear reviewer.</p>
1.	<p>The authors should mention the use of stable isotope analysis as a tool to investigate aquatic food web structure and dietary patterns is explained in a straightforward manner, and the potential of this method to provide a clearer understanding of diets and energy flow in food webs. The introduction must also acknowledge the complexity and diversity of natural food webs and the challenges in demonstrating ecological links between different components of the ecosystem.</p>	<p>Dear reviewer, thank you for your kind comments. Done as suggested. Please see page 2-5</p>
2.	<p>The study needs to explain about that how mangrove plant forms the basis of the food chain in the mangrove ecosystem, it should explain that space and dense mangrove areas do not appear</p>	<p>Dear reviewer, following your kind guidelines, we have now explained the way mangrove plant forms the basis of the food chain in the mangrove ecosystem and explained that space and dense</p>

	to be direct sources of carbon in the diets of studied fish species is consistent with this finding.	mangrove areas do not appear to be direct sources of carbon in the diets of studied fish species is consistent with this finding Please see pages 7-9
3	The study could also benefit from more specific details regarding the study design, such as the number of fish species examined and the sampling methods used.	Dear reviewer, following your kind guidelines, we have added details regarding the study design, such as the number of fish species examined and the sampling methods used. Please see pages 11-13
4	Additionally, the study language could be more concise and focused on avoiding unnecessary phrases.	Dear reviewer, done as suggested.
5	Overall, the study describes a valuable contribution to the field of fisheries management and highlights the importance of preserving mangrove ecosystems for sustainable use.	Dear reviewer, many thanks for your kind comments.

#### RESPONSE TO REVIEWER-B

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1	The introduction should provide a clear and concise overview of the study's focus on the relationship between mangrove ecosystems and aquatic food production, particularly in the MuaraBadak coastal area of East Kalimantan, Indonesia. The introduction needs to highlight the	Dear reviewer, thank you for your kind comments. We have now provided a clear and concise overview of the study's focus on the relationship between mangrove ecosystems and aquatic food production, particularly in the MuaraBadak coastal area of East Kalimantan,

	importance of mangrove ecosystems as nursery grounds for juvenile fish and the impact of mangrove deforestation on environmental, social, and economic conditions in the region.	Indonesia. We have also highlighted the importance of mangrove ecosystems as nursery grounds for juvenile fish and the impact of mangrove deforestation on the region's environmental, social, and economic conditions.. Please see pages 2-5
2	The research objectives are required to be clearly outlined, and the focus on determining stable isotopic compositions of fish species and mangrove leaves, as well as using bulk and compound-specific isotopic ratios to determine relative trophic positions for fish species in mangrove ecosystems, is appropriate for addressing the research questions.	Dear reviewer, done as suggested. Please see page 6.
3	The materials and methods section provides a clear description of the sampling and analysis procedures used in the study. The location of the study area is well-defined, and the sampling period is clearly specified. The use of passive gear, such as trap nets and gill nets, to collect fish samples is appropriate for the research question. However, the method of sample extraction needs to be clearly described, with details on the drying and grinding process of the mangrove leaf samples and the fish muscle tissues.	Dear reviewer, Many thanks for your kind suggestions and comments. We have added details regarding sample extraction and clearly described, with details on the drying and grinding process of the mangrove leaf samples and the fish muscle tissues.  Please see pages 11-13
4	In the results section, the tables present a comprehensive summary of the isotopic ratios of the different species in the MuaraBadak coastal area. However, the tables need to be well-organized so that the data is easy to read and understand.	Dear reviewer, following your kind guidelines, done. Please see pages 14-17
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In addition to the valuable changes in R1;

- The study could benefit from providing more contextual information about the samples, such as the location and time of sampling, as these factors can influence the isotopic signatures of the species.
- There is a need for thorough proof editing
- The study should add a discussion section to provide insights into the stable isotope ratio of different fish species and mangrove leaves in the MuaraBadak coastal area of East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

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## RESPONSE TO REVIEWER

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2.	There is a need for thorough proof editing	Following your kind guidelines, done.
3	The study should add a discussion section to provide insights into the stable isotope ratio of different fish species and mangrove leaves in the MuaraBadak coastal area of East Kalimantan, Indonesia.	Dear reviewer, we have now added a discussion section to provide insights into the stable isotope ratio of different fish species and mangrove leaves in the MuaraBadak coastal area of East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Please see Table 21

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Congratulations!

Your paper entitled, “ $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  Stable Isotope Ratio Analysis of Fish Species and Mangrove Leaf on Mangrove Ecosystem of Muara Badak Coastal Area-East Kalimantan, Indonesia” has been accepted for publication in European Journal of Molecular & Clinical Medicine (Vol. 07 No. 7, 2020).

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