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Dear Maria Hayu Agustini,

We are pleased to inform you that your manuscript "SURVEY BY KNOCKING-THE-DOOR AND RESPONSE-RATE EN-HANCEMENT TECHNIQUE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RESEARCH" has been double blind peer-reviewed and accepted for publication in the international journal "Problems and Perspectives in Management", which is scheduled to be published in Volume 16, Issue 2, 2018.

> With cordial regards, Viktoriia Koilo

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