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Prof,

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled: "Effects of Layered Clothing on the Post-mortem Decomposition of Rat Carcasses on Grass Bushes and Dead Leaves" which I am submitting for consideration of publication as an article in the Jurnal Sains Kesihatan Malaysia.

2. The paper demonstrates enhanced knowledge of the effects of clothing in a decomposition process, mainly, the effects of layered cotton clothing on the post-mortem decomposition of adult female rat carcasses. Fifteen rats were divided into three groups: control, one-layered and two-layered clothed. The control subjects were unclothed and used to compare the post-mortem changes with the clothed subjects, one-layered and two-layered rat carcasses. All subjects were placed outdoor, 2.5 meters away from each other on grass bushes and dead leaves. The results showed that the control group underwent a faster decomposition compared to the clothed groups. Another interesting finding was ant colonies delayed the decomposition process. The study gave the knowledge of the effect of clothing in decomposition of female rats hence authors would like to share the results from this study for the benefit of post mortem changes in forensic science, mainly in crime scene investigation.

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