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Sir,

I have the pleasure in forwarding herewith the thesis entitled "Tissue culture and Bioprospecting of an important medicinal plant species – Gloriosa superba L.", submitted by Ms Puspa Bhuyan for examination in fulfillment of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy [Ph.D] in Biotechnology under the faculty of Science of Gauhati University.

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