

Dear Editor,

Assalamualaikum Wrwb.

May Allah always grant us health and success, may peace and blessings be upon our prophet Muhammad, his family, and companions.

I am submitting the manuscript entitled “ESG Practices, Stock Return and Stock Volatility in Indonesia Islamic Stock Market amidst Covid-19 Pandemic” for consideration for publication in Etikonomi. The work described in this manuscript is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

This manuscript represents original research in the field of Finance, specifically addressing the role of ESG practices on Islamic stock market performance point of view during the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite of huge number of recent studies concerning on firm accounting-based performance, this study uses firm market-based performance, adding volatility as risk-dimension, in which, at author’s best knowledge, scarcely found in the literatures. In addition, considering the sharp impact of covid-19 pandemic on stock market, we assess the role of covid-19 stringency in moderating the nexus between ESG – Market performance. Our findings reveal that, ESG practice has no significant effect on stock return, but it can significantly reduce the market’s volatility. Further, it is found that government’s intervention is essential in controlling market’s bubbles during the pandemic.

We believe that this manuscript is suitable for publication in Etikonomi since it is fit to the journal’s scope, relevant to the readership and has some similarities to previous published studies in this journal.

We have carefully followed the submission guidelines provided by Etikonomi, and all authors have agreed to the submission of this manuscript. We have also disclosed any potential conflicts of interest in the manuscript.

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in Etikonomi. We do really hope that it can make valuable contribution to the field and looking forward to hearing from you.

Wassalamualaikum wrwb.

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