

COVER LETTER FOR SUBMISSION OF A PAPER TO JOURNAL OF BIOENERGY AND FOOD SCIENCE

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Dear Editor the Journal of Bioenergy and Food Science,

I wish to submit a new manuscript entitled **"PRETREATMENT OF SUGARCANE TOP LEAVES BY OZONATION AS A PROMOTION OF SUSCEPTIBILITY TO HYDROLYSIS"** for consideration. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. In this paper.

The paper addresses the **"potential utilization of sugarcane residues for ethanol production"** and is important because **"this study showed the use of ozone as a pretreatment to facilitate chemical or enzymatic hydrolysis of sugarcane top leaves"**. The paper should be of interest to readers in the of area **"biotechnology"**.

This study showed the use of ozone as a pretreatment to facilitate hydrolysis of sugarcane top leaves. An increase in biomass saccharification efficiency can improve biofuel production by sugarcane, hence this work has the potential to contribute to technology and agricultural science in Brazil.

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