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Dear Scientific Editor:

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled by “Multiple Population of Extrasolar Gas Giants” by Shohei Goda and Taro Matsuo for consideration for publication in the Astrophysical Journal or the Astronomical Journal. The original manuscript was submitted to Nature Astronomy on November 9, 2016 and was rejected through several review processes on August 30, 2017. Although two similar articles to the original manuscript have been published during and after the review processes, we reached new results by developing a method for carefully treating the selection biases of radial-velocity observations. We believe that this new manuscript is appropriate for publication by the Astrophysical Journal or the Astronomical Journal.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose, but we respectfully request that Dr. Nuno Santos and Dr. Kevin Schlaufman not review our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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