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Dear Editors:

It is my pleasure to submit my paper "Ornaments as indicators of social change before and after European arrival at Kiwulan, Northeastern Taiwan" to *Antiquity.*

This is an original manuscript that we have prepared for consideration for publication. We describe how the ornaments from Kiwulan, an Iron Age in NE Taiwan, show the indirect colonial influence on local indigenous populations during European colonization period.

This is important because the result shows increasing social inequality in a colonial context through indirect contact. The effects of indirect contacts are poorly understood globally. My study is a rare example of how indigenous communities in East Asia respond to early European presence.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal.

Sincerely,

Li-Ying Wang