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Dear Dr Fernando Álvarez

Please find attached the manuscript entitled "A new species of *Characithecium* (Monogenea, Dactylogyridae) from the external surface and gills of two species of *Astyanax* (Ostariophysi, Characidae) in southern Brazil" that we are pleased to submit for publication in the *Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad*.

In this manuscript we describe the 7th species of the monogenean genus *Characithecium* from two characid fishes (*Astyanax* aff. *fasciatus* and *Astyanax jacuhiensis*) from the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The manuscript follows the RMB instructions for authors. It contains one plate submitted separately as a TIFF file. The manuscript has not been published elsewhere and it is not under consideration by another journal. This submission was approved by all co-authors.

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Hoping to hear from you soon.

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