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Dear Editor

I am sending you the manuscript "Updated checklist and zoogeographic remarks of benthic amphipods (Crustacea, Peracarida, Amphipoda) in two coastal lagoons of western Gulf of Mexico" to be evaluated for possible publication in your scientific journal. The text has been written in British English.

The manuscript presents an updated list of amphipod species of two coastal lagoons (Laguna Madre and Laguna de Tamiahua), including information on dominant species and first records, as well as a discussion on the zoogeography along the western Atlantic, together with a list of previously recorded geographic localities for each species, a cluster analysis and a map for each zoogeographic distribution pattern.

We consider this paper to be appropriate for this journal as it includes first records of estuarine amphipod species of the Gulf of Mexico, species that play an important role in trophic chains and the ecology of their coastal systems, some of which may be considered good indicators of zoogeographic provinces.

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