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Please, find attached the research note manuscript entitled: “**First report of albinism in the catfish *Imparfinis mirini* (Siluriformes:Heptapteridae)**”, which I submit for publication on Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad. This manuscript shows an unprecedented case of albinism in a South American catfish and it is extremely relevant once albinism in Neotropical freshwater fishes is rare with only 14 species recorded among more than 6000 described. We also discuss the implications of albinism in the animal ecology and the possible explanations for the appearance of this feature in the specimen.

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