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Dear Editors

Please find enclosed the manuscript titled: "Margay also hide their spots: first records of melanistic *Leopardus wiedii* from Colombia and Costa Rica" for consideration for publication in your prestigious journal. Our manuscript presents the first records for mealinistic Margays from across its distribution, with a brief discussion on its ecological significance. These novel records provide new information both for the species and melanism, shading lights into this interesting phenomena.

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Kind regards,



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