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Dr. Fernando Álvarez Noguera
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Dear Dr. Álvarez,

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled “**Genetic connectivity of the endangered brown sea cucumber *Isostichopus fuscus* in the northern Gulf of California revealed by novel microsatellite markers**” that we are submitting for consideration to the **Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad**. We report the availability of novel molecular markers for the genetic study of an endangered marine invertebrate in need of conservation and management given its overexploitation. We also apply a subset of those markers to assess the genetic connectivity of samples from the northern Gulf of California. We are certain that our contribution is highly relevant to the conservation genetics of this valuable invertebrate species.

In the following page we list the names and contact information of three potential referees.

Thank you for considering our work.

Sincerely,

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