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Dear Editor-in-Chief

I am writing to submit our manuscript entitled “**Natural history of the threatened coral snake *Micrurus altirostris* (Serpentes, Elapidae) in Argentina**” for your consideration for publication in Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad.

In this paper we present new and basic data about *M. altirostris* in Argentina, including morphology, sexual dimorphism, diet and reproductive biology. This information is significant because the specie was categorized as vulnerable in the last categorization in Argentina, and because background information about its natural history is scarce. A better understanding of its basic biological aspects is fundamental to evaluate and implement conservation strategies.

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The manuscript has been approved by all authors and we confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript and look forward to your response.

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