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Cover Letter

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We wish to submit an original research article entitle **A new species of *Deutella* (Amphipoda, Caprellidae) from a tropical coral reef, SW Gulf of Mexico**, authored by **Ignacio Winfield and José M. Guerra-García**, for consideration by **REVISTA MEXICANA DE BIODIVERSIDAD**. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

CONTRIBUTION: In this paper, a new species of genus *Deutella* Mayer, 1890 is described and illustrated in detail. The specimens were collected from coral rubble at 18 m depth in Tuxpan-Lobos coral reef system, SW Gulf of Mexico. *Deutella pseudoincerta* n. sp. is very close to *Deutella incerta* (Mayer, 1903); but can be easily distinguished by: length and shape of pereopod 5 especially distal article; length and width of adult male gnathopod 2; and shape and size of tubercles in male abdominal appendages. The new species increases the number of *Deutella* species to 14 worldwide, and 18 species of Caprellidae from the Gulf of Mexico.

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