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Cover Letter

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We wish to submit an original research article entitle **A new species of *Ampelisca* (Amphipoda, Ampeliscidae) from Isla Margarita, West Baja California Peninsula, Mexico**, authored by **Manuel Ortiz, Ignacio Winfield and Jan González-Salazar**, 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 *Ampelisca* Krøyer, 1842 is described and illustrated in detail. The specimens were collected from soft bottom at 15 m depth in north coast of Margarita Island, México. *Ampelisca capetilloi* n. sp. is characterized by: head as long as pereonite 1-2 combined; mandible with 8 rakers; maxilla 1 palp article 2 expanded distally; gnathopod 1 propodus anterior margin with 7 distal setae; pereopod 7 basis reaching to middle of merus, posterodistal lobe of merus very large, extending one-third of carpus; pleonite 3 dorsal margin smooth; urosomite 1 slightly sinuous dorsally; telson bilobate, each lobe with 3 dorsal setae. The new species is very close to *Ampelisca mexicana* J.L. Barnard, 1954 and *A. pugetica* Stimpson, 1864; but can be easily distinguished by head, mandible, maxilla 1, coxa 3, pereopod 3 and 7, and telson.

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