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Dear Dr. Fernando Álvarez Noguera
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Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled “Genetic diversity of *Calycolpus moritzianus* (Myrtaceae) in the north-eastern Andes of Colombia”, which we would like to submit for publication as an original article in *Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad*. The Arrayán tree is a species with potential of interest in the medical and cosmetic industry; however, its conservation status is still to be determined. Our study represents the first molecular characterization of *C. moritzianus* in Colombia, and the results indicated that this species is a well preserved native genetic resource with high ecological importance for the country.

We strongly consider that our study and findings nicely fit the scope of the journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agreed with its submission to *Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad*. We would like to confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor it is currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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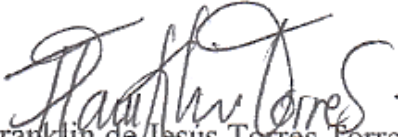
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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

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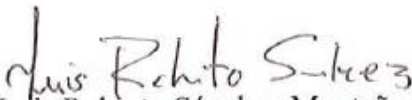
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