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Please, find enclosed the research article entitled “Influence of Photoperiod on Somatic Growth and Gonadal Development in Male Nile Tilapia” by Ferreira et al. submitted for publication in the Acta Scientiarum. Technology for the first time.

On behalf of the authors I declare that this paper has not been published previously, including in electronic form, in English or in any other language and it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Furthermore, all authors have approved the publication of the article in its present form and declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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We feel that our article is appropriate for publication in your journal since we have been able to demonstrate that exposure of Nile tilapia males to continuous light enhances somatic growth but delays gonadal maturation. Based on this study, we recommend a 24 h continuous light regime for augmenting the growth of tilapia, while 24 h dark treatment is more appropriate for the improvement of reproduction function.

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We look forward to hearing from you concerning our submission in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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