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To Dr. Ricardo Massato Tekemoto

Editor-in-Chief of Journal Acta Scientiarum. Biological Sciences

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I am submitting for publication in Acta Scientiarum. Biological Sciences the manuscript entitled "**Community of protozoans and metazoans parasitizing Auchenipterus nuchalis (Auchenipteridae) from the Brazilian Amazon**".

The manuscript represents original article on parasites community in a freshwater fish from Amazon. The parasites have key functions in the ecosystems, controlling the structure of the fish communities. A variety of abiotic and biotic factors (e.g., pollution, eutrophication, seasonality, environmental changes, etc), and relationships with other species, determine distribution of organisms, including also the parasites.

The manuscript is not under consideration for publication anywhere else. The authors are prepared to assume public responsibility for its content.

Thank you for receiving my manuscript and considering it for review. We appreciate your time and look forward for your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcos Tavares-Dias".

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