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**Dear Editor**

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 We would like to submit the manuscript entitled "**First record of** *Hamaticolax scutigerulus* **(Copepoda) in Brazil, ectoparasite of the spotted goatfish** *Pseudupeneus maculatus*" for your consideration as a Brief Communication in *Acta Scientiarum. Biological Sciences*.

 Few studies have been performed on the parasitic fauna of spotted goatfish in South America. This study presents new locality for the Copepoda *Hamaticolax scutigerulus* and a review about the species of the genus.

 The manuscript provides original and accurate data and is not under consideration elsewhere. The authors are prepared to assume public responsibility for its content.

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

 The manuscript idiom was revised by David Elliff as letter attached.

 Please e-mail me if you have any questions.

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