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Dear Editor,

We enclose a manuscript entitled “The Best Interests of the Child: An Integrative Review of English and Portuguese literatures” by Josimar Antônio de Alcântara Mendes and Thomas Ormerod for your appreciation and possible publication in the journal **Psicologia em Estudo** as a research report.

We are submitting this manuscript in English because it is part of the doctoral studies of the first author which are held in England at the University of Sussex, where he lives. This is an unpublished work and hasn't been submitted to any other journal. This manuscript is unprecedented on this topic as there are very few publications regarding the best interests of the child (BIC), especially in Portuguese, approaching BIC definitions, characteristics and application. Thus, we are also interested in publishing a Portuguese version of the manuscript, if the manuscript got approved for publication – which will be provided by the first author who is a native Portuguese speaker. As it is a literature review manuscript, there is no ethical approval needed.

We ensure that all authors have contributed sufficiently to the work to be listed an author and assume the responsibility for its publication. Following is the contribution of each author to the manuscript:

J. A. A. M. and T. O. conceptualization; J. A. A. M. and T. O. investigation and analysis; T. O. supervision; J. A. A. M. writing; T. O. reviewing and feedback; J. A. A. M. and T. O. writing the final version.

Hereby we declare and agree that **Interação em Psicologia** has the priority of publication and also all the rights regarding the manuscript, if it got published by the journal. The first author and the one that should be contacted regarding any matter is Josimar Antônio de Alcântara Mendes – address and other information is presented by the end of this letter*. Following are the information of possible *ad hoc* evaluators:

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