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Dr. Julián Monge-Nájera
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Dear Dr. Julián Monge-Nájera,

I am writing to submit the following manuscript entitled "*Genotype of dengue virus 2 in the Central Highlands, Vietnam during 2010 to 2012*" for publication in the *Revista de Biología Tropical/International Journal of Tropical Biology* as an original article.

Dengue fever is one of the most important arboviral diseases in the tropical and subtropical regions with an estimated 50 million cases of dengue infection occurring annually. Dengue represents a major public health problem in Vietnam, with all four viral serotypes co-circulating. In this study, we show genotype of dengue virus 2 circulated in the Central Highlands region of Vietnam is Asian genotype 1. Also, we carry out a phylogentic analysis of Central Highlands dengue virus 2 isolates reveal that these viruses are closely related to strains of dengue virus 2 caused outbreaks between 2010-2012 in Thailand, Laos and Campodia.

We believe that the *Revista de Biología Tropical/International Journal of Tropical Biology and Conservation*, which particularly encourages studies on Microbiology Sciences, would be the most suitable journal to communicate this work that we submit for your consideration.

We confirm that the manuscript has been read and approved by all authors. We also confirm that the order of authorship has been agreed upon, and the criteria for authorship as defined in the "Uniform requirements for manuscripts" have been met.

This manuscript has not been published, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of all authors