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Dear Editor,

Please find attached the manuscript "Can farmed shrimp be genetically traced in wild populations?" by Ricardo Perez-Enriquez, Jesús A. Medina-Espinoza, and César J. Saucedo-Barrón to be considered for publication in your prestigious journal. We have followed the journal's instructions for authors, the document is an original research, and all co-authors are aware of the content of the manuscript.

We believe this contribution will be of interest not only of geneticists, but also to other specialists interested in the potential impacts of aquaculture, particularly in Latin-American countries, and will be useful for future evaluations of the genetic health of wild populations of shrimp. The analysis strategy can also be useful to evaluate wild populations of other species potentially affected by aquaculture.

The manuscript has been revised by a professional English-speaking editor from CIBNOR, Ira Fogel. Also, I agree to pay excess page fee charges if required.

The proposed reviewers are experts in the genetic identification of farmed fish escapees:

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Please do not hesitate if you need more information and I look forward to hear from you soon.

Best Regards

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