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Julián Monge-Nájera, Director of Editorial Team Revista de Biologia Tropical

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Re: New Submission to Revista de Biologia Tropical

Dear Dr. Monge-Nájera,

Enclosed is a manuscript entitled "Cellulolytic and lipolytic fungi isolated from soil and leaflitter samples from the Cerrado (Brazilian Savanna)" authored by Mayara de Melo, Ana Carolina V. Araujo, Marianne A. N. Chogi and Iolanda C. S. Duarte that we wish to publish in Revista de Biologia Tropical. We have isolated and identified several cellulolytic filamentous fungi from the Brazilian Savanna, a Biome that has been suffering intense deforestation. Moreover, we have assessed their cellulolytic and lipolytic activities. It is interesting to note that our sampling points were located inside a preserved fragment of this Biome. Our data on fungi diversity and on their enzymatic potential contribute to the importance of preserving this environment and, therefore, we believe our work is suitable for Revista de Biologia Tropical. Further optimization of culture conditions might prove these fungi are useful for commercial catalysis and other biotechnological exploitation.

This manuscript describe an original research work, which followed all ethical requirements. We agree to pay excess page fee charges, if needed. We suggest the following researchers as possible reviewers of this work.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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