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I would like to submit to the editorial board of the Revista de Biología Tropical the present manuscript entitled "**Dung removal rates by dung beetles (Coleoptera: Scarabaeinae) and macrocyclic lactone use on cattle ranches of Yucatan, Mexico**" by G. Basto-Estrella, R. I. Rodríguez-Vivas, H. Delfín-González, J. Navarro-Alberto, M.E. Favila, and E. Reyes-Novelo. The article is original and has not been published elsewhere. All coauthors are agreed with its content and publication. The manuscript and the information presented is in accordance with ethical requirements of the journal. The importance of our manuscript lays in the quantification of dung removal by dung beetles in pasturelands with use and non-use of macrocyclic lactones. There are very few published information on the research of macrocyclic lactones use and the probable effect to ecological function of dung beetles in the field. These kinds of experiments are very difficult and this study represents the very first intent for the beginning of the understanding of this conservation issue. Finally, we are agreeing of paying excess page fee charges if required.

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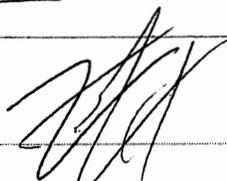
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