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Dr. Steven Cooke

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Dear Dr. Cooke,

 Please consider the manuscript, *Shotgun proteomics as a viable approach for biological discovery in the Pacific oyster*, for publication in your journal. This manuscript has been approved in its current draft by all co-authors and no parts of it have been published elsewhere or are submitted to be published elsewhere.

The manuscript details the proteome of Pacific oyster gill tissue sequenced by shotgun proteomics. The findings are novel in that this is the first time that shotgun proteomics has been used in this species and the resulting data are an important resource for the scientific community. The manuscript fits well within the scope of your journal since the data provide physiological information on a tissue that is the interface between the organism’s and its environment.

 Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript for publication. Please address all correspondence concerning the manuscript to me at the University of Washington, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and feel free to correspond with me by e-mail (emmats@uw.edu).

Sincerely,

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