Supplementary File 1 Ethics Committee letter

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Homeopathy Editorial Board

As a member of the Scientific Ethics Committee of Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste, S.C., I hereby state that the research work reported in the manuscript entitled "Homeopathy reduces intestinal coccidia in Spotted rose snapper (Lutjanus guttatus) (Steindachner, 1869) and stimulates immune response cells", submitted to your prestigious journal by Antonia del Pilar Rosero-García, José Manuel Mazón-Suástegui, Silvie Dumas, María Cristina Chávez-Sánchez, Carmen Rodríguez-Jaramillo and Araceli Avilés-Quevedo, is an aquacultural research approved to be carried out prospectively in accordance with the 3R principles (www.NC3Rs.org.uk), and focused to improve health and nutrition of marine fish, that was conducted in agreement with farm-production practices.

Fish were managed under the best zootechnical standards in marine aquaculture. In terms of procedures to minimize harm, during the biometry the fish were individually anaesthetized with Eugenol®. Sampled fish for histopathological studies were euthanized with an overdoses of Eugenol®, a gill blood sample was obtained and they were preserved or dissected to obtain the organs of histopathological interest.

As such, space allocations and general conditions were in accordance with the "Guide for the Care and use of Laboratory Animals" (Institute of Laboratory Animal Research, Commission on Life Sciences, National Research Council, National Academy Press, Washington D.C. 1996).

The experiment complied with the "Guidelines of the European Union Council" (2010/63/EU) and Mexican Government (NOM-062-ZOO-1999) for the production, care and use of experimental animals. All the experimental protocols were carefully revised and approved by an internal council at CIBNOR (Ethics Committee).

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Best regards,

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