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Dear Dr. Pitcher,

Please find attached a manuscript titled “*Assessing the knowledge-base for commercially exploited marine fisheries with a new database of global stock assessments*”, that I wish to submit for review to Fish and Fisheries.

The material contained in the submitted manuscript is original and has not been submitted to other journals. All co-authors have provided me with written approval prior to this submission.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this manuscript submission.

Sincerely,

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