

Dear Professor Jermaine,

Please find enclosed the manuscript “Expressive power of linear algebra query languages”, which was invited to be submitted to ACM Transaction on Database Systems as one of the best papers of PODS 2021 conference. We also did our best effort to make the submission double blind by using anonymous citations.

As per requirements listed on the journal website, this cover letter includes the list of authors, a conflict of interest list, and a statement on prior publication policy.

The required details are as follows:

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**Conflicts of interest according to category:**

- *Known family relationship as spouse, child, sibling, or parent:* None that could review the manuscript.
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- *Other:* Jorge Pérez, Claudio Gutierrez.

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and we consider it to be a major value-added extension, as required by the submission guidelines. In the Introduction to the paper we also listed the new contributions of this manuscript, and why they bring more than 30% of new material.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal.

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