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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to submit to your journal as an article our recent manuscript entitled “Mosaic hybrid zone structure in two species of columbine (*Aquilegia*).” Within this work, we demonstrate that herbarium collections can be used effectively to identify and study the structure of hybrid zones, and we show that these results can be used to predict patterns of morphological variation in the field. This manuscript represents our original work and gives due citation to previously published works within. All authors have contributed substantially to this work and approved the current version for submission. We have no conflicts of interest to declare. If accepted as an article, we feel this work belongs within the subject category of Systematics.

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