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To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled: "Death and taxa: time-invariant differences in mammal species duration" which I am submitting for consideration as a Report in the journal *Science*.

The paper FINDINGS ETC. Broad interest because mass extinctions and current biodiversity crisis.

Possible reviewers and why.

Thank you for considering my work. Please send all correspondence regarding this manuscript to me via my email address (psmits@uchicago.edu).

Sincerely,

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encl: Article with supplementary information.