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Emily Braker
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Dear Ms. Braker

I am writing to request a small loan of some of your holdings of the Isla Santa Cruz Spiny Lizard, *Sceloporus (Sator) angustus* from Baja California Sur, Mexico for a histological reproductive examination. My study is already underway and I have adequate material of this species from the spring. However, I am lacking material from autumn and I need a small group from late summer or autumn to complete my investigation.

In doing my investigation, I will make a small incision on the lower abdomen and remove one reproductive organ. In females in which the ovaries are in advanced yolk deposition or if the eggs are in the oviducts, eggs will only be counted. Otherwise a histological slide will be made from each removed gonad. The histology slides and lizards will be promptly returned to UCM. My findings will be published in a scientific journal. I looked at your holdings of *S. angustus* on Herpnet. I could complete my study if I could borrow as few as six of your holdings of 30 from August 1964.. Thus, I will not examine the bulk of your holding of *S. angustus*. Please select adult specimens that have not been previously dissected. Please send them to Stephen Goldberg, Whittier College, Biology Department, 7214 Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602.

I thank you for considering my above request and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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