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Mrs. Alison Hamlin, Associate Editor – Environment MyJoVE Corp. One Alewife Center, Suite 200 Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Mrs. Hamlin,

We wish to submit a manuscript entitled "Protocol for microplastics sampling on the sea surface and sample analysis" for consideration by the JoVE.

In this paper, we report on methodology for microplastics sampling on the sea surface by manta net, sample preparation, separation and chemical identification of microplastic particles. This video with manuscript should be of interest to readers that deal with microplastic monitoring all over the world.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

This video production was financed by IPA Adriatic Programe within the DeFishGear project. Because this publication fee can be financed only from the DeFishGear project which will end up on 30th of September 2016, we kindly ask you to publish the video till this date.

All other information, about author contribution, JoVe editors who have assisted us and list of six peer reviewers are described below.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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