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I am enclosing the manuscript entitled "Translation, adaptation, and validation of the Halpern Critical Thinking Assessment to Portugal: Effect of disciplinary area and academic level on critical thinking", of which are authors Amanda R. Franco¹, Patrício S. Costa^{1,2}, and Leandro S. Almeida¹ (University of Minho: Braga, Portugal¹; University of Porto: Porto, Portugal^{1,2}).

The manuscript is about the translation, adaptation and validation of the Portuguese version of the Halpern Critical Thinking Assessment (HCTA; Halpern, 2012). Also, differences in the HCTA test were analyzed according to disciplinary area and academic level of a sample of 333 college students. Our data support the validity of the Portuguese version of this instrument, and indicate differences in both variables.

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Yours faithfully,

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