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Dear Dr. Gross,

 I am submitting my manuscript, “What about Africa? A meta-analysis of published communication scholarship” to you for consideration in the *International Journal of Communication*. This manuscript uses meta-analytic work to examine the research methods used, geographic focus, and lead author affiliation in research articles published in four leading communication journals over the course of a decade (2010 – 2019).

I believe this manuscript may be of interest to a wide range of *IJoC* readers and fits well within the aims of the journal. I have carefully read the submission guidelines and believe this piece meets the specifications of *IJoC.* I would also like to acknowledge that this manuscript is original work, has not been published and is not under review at any other publication.

I appreciate your time and effort in reviewing this manuscript and I am available if any questions arise. Please do not hesitate to contact me at mcohen003@regis.edu or 001-720-352-7475 for any needed assistance.

Sincerely,

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