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Peer Review of “The Loch Ness Monster: If It’s Real, Could It Be an Eel?”

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eliminating eels as possible candidate species for the mythical monster.

The manuscript is well-written and referenced.

Round 1 Review

General Assessment

This paper [1] is an interesting assessment that verifies the obvious—that any monster of ~6 m cannot be an eel (*Anguilla anguilla*), although there is a reasonable likelihood that eels of ~1 m could account for some of the “sightings” of elongate animals in the loch. However, even though the outcome is unsurprising, the author approaches the subject in a rigorous and systematic way. As such, the manuscript is of value in

Essential Revisions That Are Required to Verify the Manuscript

Nil.

Other Suggestions to Improve the Manuscript

Nil.

Decision

Verified: The content is academically sound, only minor amendments (if any) are suggested.

Conflicts of Interest

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