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Dear Editor:

Please find attached for your kind review our manuscript entitles “Pilot-Scale Evaluation of Membranes for Oilfield Produced Water Treatment” or “Avaliação em Escala Piloto de Membranas para o Tratamento de Água Proveniente do Processo de extração de Petróleo” (in portuguese).

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This study is about the use of ultrafiltration membranes for treating oilfield produced water. To our knowledge this is the first report related to experiments with a real effluent obtained from an oilfield. The results provide new information for the oil exploration and production industry on the key parameter to design a full scale system for treating oilfield produced water.

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Look forward to your favorable consideration.

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