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I have written an 8 page review of your L.Sci. D. for Ciencia e Investigación. It is written on a rather elementary level and contains a few critical remarks along with a definite and unusual - but, of course, wholly deserved - praise. The editors tell me that it will appear in about two months, but I would not be surprised by some further delay, owing to the financial difficulties of all our scientific journals. I will send you, of course, the clip of the review,

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