

Review of: "Investigation of the families Asteiidae, Lauxaniidae, Mydidae, and Neriidae (Insecta: Diptera)"

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Lately, when a lot of studies are published day by day, it is very useful when the data published in different papers is combined in one place. It greatly shortens and simplifies the work of other scientists. For this reason, I think that this manuscript is useful and will help people who deal with the same group of organisms.

My objections are mainly related to the organization of the text, in the sense that previously published data should be combined in a way that will be the easiest to read and interpret. Also, the Abstract, Introduction, and Conclusion must be refined and corrected, but in any case, the most important thing is to avoid the copy-paste way of writing.

These corrections, in my opinion, will improve the quality of this manuscript to a great extent.

The specific objections are as follows:

The first part of the Abstract is more suitable for the Introduction; it would be better to move to that section. Also, the second part of the Abstract is a copy-paste from the section Methods, so it should be changed.

In the Introduction, references are missing. In that part, the research done so far, which is related to the current study, should be described, so as many references as possible are welcome.

Generally:

-The section **Taxonomy** should be expanded because there is very little information related to the real taxonomic characters of the families or belonging species. It would be useful to give at least a brief diagnosis. Also, it should not be a copy-paste from previously published papers, but you should describe and summarize in your own words what you found in the publications (in order not to be considered as plagiarism). It would also be better if the general organization and design of the text for the same subheading were the same.

-The sections **Selected Manuscripts** are a bit confusing like this; it would be better to organize them differently. I would not separate the publications, but under the same subtitle, briefly summarize and describe what each paper deals with; it should not be a copy-paste, but you should describe in your own words what you found in the publications (again in order not to be considered as plagiarism).

-The section **Conclusion** is more suitable for the Introduction. In the Conclusion, you should summarize which information you collected and from which publications during your work; also, did you come to any special conclusion after

summarizing the data from different works, and does your work have any special scientific significance.