

Peer Review

# Review of: "Prey Selection of the Invasive Gastropod *Rapana venosa* (Valenciennes 1846) from the Río de la Plata Estuary Under Laboratory Conditions"

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This paper well describes a simple feeding experiment of the invasive gastropod *Rapana venosa* under laboratory conditions.

The methods are simple and clearly described, allowing for easy repeatability of the experiment. However, there is a lack of description of the statistical methods.

Results and Discussion are combined. I would suggest adding a table with numerical results, separately for each of the three tanks, and eventually trying to test if there are significant differences between the feeding of the three *Rapanas* or not (by a simple paired t-test or similar). Also, the authors could test if the results differ significantly from 50% (i.e., to test the null hypothesis saying: *There is no preference in prey selection, 50-50*).

Specifically, it is suggested to change the word „quantity“ to the word „number“ and try to explain more clearly that *Rapana* eats more clams in number, but also eats more mussels in terms of prey biomass.

Conclusions are lacking. Please add some simple conclusions based on the outcomes of statistical tests/comparisons as suggested.

In general, to improve the significance of the paper, I recommend that the authors add some statistical analysis of their results obtained. For appropriate statistical tests, consult a statistical book (i.e., Sokal & Rohlf: Biometry or similar), and add it to the References.

Finally, considering the simplicity of this article, as well as the need for future research, I would suggest this article be accepted for publication as a Short Communication.

## **Declarations**

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