

## Review of: "Captive breeding and larval rearing of the endemic ornamental fish Moustached Danio, Danio dangila (Hamilton, 1822) – First report"

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The manuscript has highlighted important finding on the effort to propagate an important indigenous species in India. The finding is useful for the conservation effort as well as for commercialization purposes.

The write up is clear with good flow and data. However there are some information that needs to be addressed as follows:

- 1. What is the number of individuals or pairs used for spawning for each treatment?
- 2. Are there any replicates for each stocking in the larva rearing experiment?
- 3. How many individuals were sampled for the determination of final weight gain, average daily gain (ADG), specific growth rate (SGR). Is it determined from the whole individuals available or a sub-sample?
- 4. It is suggested that some information regarding the importance (example: economic importance, fisheries importance) of Danio dangila is explained in the Introduction to highlight the importance of this species.
- 5. There were some missing citation and reference in the manuscript (Oliver and Kaiser, 1997; Felix, 2015; Jha and Barat, 2016; Jha and Barat, 2014; Kaiser, 1998)

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