

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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The introduction effectively contextualizes the study on *R. venosa*, emphasizing its ecological impact and the importance of understanding its feeding behavior for invasion studies. To further enhance the introduction, clarifying the specific importance of studying the diet of invasive species would be beneficial. Understanding the diet of invasive species is important because it helps us understand how they affect local ecosystems, including their impact on local species and resource availability, and, consequently, to estimate the vulnerability of biodiversity.

The experimental method is described in detail, and the results are presented coherently. The study concludes that *R. venosa* prefers *E. mactroides* based on the consumed quantity, although it consumes a higher total biomass of *M. edulis*, suggesting a distinction between preference and total consumption. The discussion appropriately compares these findings with previous research. While the authors acknowledge the limitations of the small sample size, strengthening the discussion by addressing the ecological relevance in the field of the observed preferences would be valuable, particularly regarding the suggestions of the authors to focus on the influence of potential physical factors in future research.

Declarations

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