

Review of: "A New Record of Henckelia Infundibuliformis for India From Arunachal Pradesh"

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I believe that the information presented in this manuscript is valuable and should be published. The discovery of a newly recorded taxon significantly contributes to our understanding of *Henckelia* diversity in India and worldwide. Nonetheless, some minor issues need to be addressed. Firstly, the Introduction lacks a statement on the significance of *Henckelia* and Gesneriaceae within the context of India's biodiversity. Are any of the taxa from this particular plant family classified under IUCN threatened categories? Underlining the importance of the discovery and conservation efforts. Why is it important to highlight the new distribution record of this species? Secondly, the region names (S China, N Vietnam, N Laos, and N Thailand) should not be abbreviated. Thirdly, the Methods section does not mention whether herbarium specimens were studied or if the search was limited to literature only. Fourthly, the citation of the holotype is incomplete - a mention of the herbarium where the holotype is currently deposited is missing. Finally, the manuscript would benefit from the addition of a Table of Comparison and artificial taxonomic keys that distinguish the species from closely related species or taxa found in India, which would significantly enhance the manuscript's quality.

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