

Review of: "High-Quality Genome Assembly of the Endemic, Threatened White-Bellied Sholakili *Sholicola albiventris* (Muscicapidae: Blanford, 1868) From the Shola Sky Islands, India"

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This is a sound description of genome assembly for a bird species. While the ms is decently written, it would still benefit from a quick look by a native English speaker to weed out some grammatical issues (since there were no line numbers, it would have been difficult for me to point out all the numerous issues). Some minor suggestions:

The Latin name in the title should be in italics.

Numbers smaller than ten in the text should be written out.

Figure 1 legend: What is "compleasm"? And delete "-yellow-" from the last line.

The resolution of figures in the PDF version was not sufficient to read the text. I assume/hope that this will not be an issue in the published version.