

Peer Review

Review of: "A Developmental Table for the Florida Carpenter Ant *Camponotus floridanus*: Establishing Foundations for Mechanistic Studies of Development and Evolution in Ants"

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The work is devoted to the precise description of ant embryogenesis, which is a complex multistage process. The experimental part of the manuscript is very profound, and the presented data are trustworthy. The results are very useful for the field of developmental biology, and maybe also for “eco-evo-devo,” though the links of the presented data with evolution or ecology studies were not well explained in the text (at least for me). This is my major concern, but it does not decrease the overall value of the morphological description of ant embryogenesis being performed.

Thus, I am positive about publishing this manuscript as it is.

Some minor comments:

The references for Fig. 1 and Fig. 8 are absent in the text.

It would be useful to show data about the variation in the duration of embryo development with and without workers (page 11).

Page 16, 3rd line from the bottom: Figure ? a,a', ;;;

Legend to Fig. 3, (p)note [that] the ventral orientation of the mouth

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.