

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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This article assesses the prey selection of an invasive snail (*Rapana venosa*) under experimental conditions. This study is interesting because it represents an approximation to understanding the effects that *R. venosa* can cause on native species in an environment with particular characteristics, such as the Río de la Plata Estuary. The authors clearly present the problem and synthesize the objectives, results, and conclusions of the study. The introduction provides a correct theoretical framework, and in general, the methodologies are adequate and clearly described. However, clarifying some points could improve the study, for example:

- Is $n = 3$ individuals sufficient to support the conclusions?
- Why did the authors select only these two food items? Are there no other *Bivalvia* species in the area? Are they known to be uneaten? It would be interesting to clarify this.
- The comparison with the study of Giberto et al. (2011), who experimented with 10 potential prey, would not seem entirely appropriate.
- The manuscript would benefit if the data were reinforced with statistical support

Declarations

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