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Dear Dra. **Camila dos Santos de Barros**

Editor in Chief of *Oecologia Australis*

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We are pleased to send our manuscript (Short communication) entitled “*Erythrolamprus miliaris* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Squamata: Dipisadidae) a new prey item of *Tropidurus torquatus* (Wied-Neuwied, 1820) (Squamata: Tropiduridae) in southeastern Brazil” for consideration in the *Oecologia Australis*.

In the manuscript we report the second record of ophiophagy in the lizard *Tropidurus torquatus*, adding a new prey item to its known diet, and we provide a review of vertebrate prey consumed by this enigmatic lizard species.

We have prepared the manuscript in accordance with the instructions for authors. All the authors have agreed in submitting the attached version of the manuscript. It is an original paper, unpublished elsewhere and are not under consideration in other journals. All authors agree that the article will only be published upon payment of the cost of the manuscript according to the value indicated on the *Oecologia Australis* page.

In the name of my co-authors, I thank you for your time and consideration and hope that our work fits the high-quality standards of *Oecologia Australis*. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about this manuscript.

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