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Dear Editor in Chief – Oecologia Australis

On behalf of my co-authors, I am pleased to submit the manuscript entitled "Natural history of *Thamnodynastes phoenix* Franco, Trevine, Montingelli & Zaher, 2017 (Serpentes: Colubridae: Xenodontinae: Tachymenini): diet and reproduction" to be considered for publication in Oecologia Australis. The manuscript contains new records of saurophagy in *Thamnodynastes phoenix*, and a description of eight newly formed embryos in the oviduct of a female individual.

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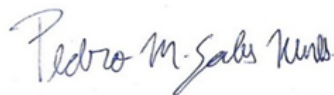
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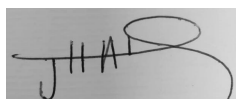
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