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The manuscript (short note) entitled “*First report and description of melanism and albinism in giant anteater, Myrmecophaga tridactyla (Mammalia, Xenarthra, Pilosa)*” is being submitted for your appreciation. In this manuscript we report and describe the first formal records of albinism and melanism for *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* and hypothesize the origin of these anomalies in the species.

Sincerely yours,

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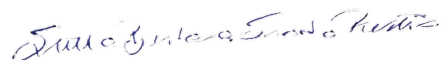
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