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**PART 1: Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> ( <i>Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here</i> )
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	Pseudoscorpions are still a poorly studied group. There is a great lack of information on the biology and natural history of most species. For this reason, I consider the record to be important for the species and the taxonomic group.	The presence of pseudoscorpions on the pelage of bats and their roosts in India has not been reported previously. This is a new record of a phoretic association between pseudoscorpion species and bats.
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	The title of the article is corrected according to reviewer's suggestions.
<b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Yes
<b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b>	The name of the pseudoscorpion species is not correct and needs to be revised. Chelifer is a genus that belongs to the Cheliferidae family, while Cheiridium is a genus of the Cheiridiidae family. There is confusion about these names in the article, which leads to inaccuracy.	This pseudoscorpion species is <i>Cheiridium museorum</i> (Leach, 1817) (Pseudoscorpiones: Cheiridiidae)
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	Yes	Yes, References are corrected according to comments.

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<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments	<p>The study is quite interesting, but there are some points that still need improvement. The introduction is written as a single paragraph, which makes it difficult to read and understand. I recommend that the authors separate the topics in the introduction into two or three paragraphs.</p> <p>With regard to the pseudoscorpion species, there is some confusion over the name of the genus. Chelifer belongs to the Cheliferidae family, not Cheridiidae. In this case, the species was identified as belonging to the genus Chelifer (family Cheliferidae) and subgenus Cheiridium (family Cheiridiidae).</p> <p>Perhaps the species is Cheiridium museorum. Figure 2 shows one of the pseudoscorpions, perhaps a male, in ventral view. I recommend inserting ventral and dorsal photos of both sexes. In addition, it is very important that the authors include a species diagnosis section, presenting an analysis of the taxonomic characters that confirm the species. A diagnosis makes the study more robust.</p>	<p>The manuscript is corrected and revised according to reviewer's comments. Introduction is now in three paragraphs.</p> <p>There is now no confusion over the name of the pseudoscorpion species. It is <i>Cheiridium museorum</i> (family Cheiridiidae).</p>

## **PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
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