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Dear Fernando Álvarez Noguera Editor-in-Chef Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad falvarez@ib.unam.mx Tel: (55)5622-9164

I am pleased to submit an original research article titled " "Long time no see": a redescription of *Orientatractis leiperi* (Nematoda: Atractidae) parasite of *Podocnemis unifilis* (Testudine: Podocnemididae) from Pará State, Brazil " for publication in Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication in your journal because it presents novel information on systematic and morphology of *Orientatractis leiperi* using light and scanning electron microscopy.

We identified for the first time *Orientatractis leiperi* Buckley, 1969 parasitizing a new host in a new locality after 50 years since the original description. It is also important to point out that in the original description the author reports that the specimens used in the description were partially deteriorated, thus in our work we redescribe adding new morphological data to this species.

Then, this work is likely to be of broad interest to the readership of **Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad** because of the wide relevance of parasitic nematodes in general and because our findings will be helpful in identifying this species of nematode.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose. All authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

The paper was edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling and overall style by an English native speaker.





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