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Dear Editor,

I have gone through an article of August issue, 2004, entitled "First Record of *Trichodinella epizootica* (Raabe, 1950) Šramek-Hušek, 1953, with description of *Trichodina notoapteridae* sp. n. (Ciliophora: Peritrichida) from Freshwater Fishes of India" by Amlan Kumar Mitra and Durga P. Haldar. *Acta Protozool.* **43**: 269-274 (2004).

For your kind notice I am presenting some misdeeds about the presentation and information of the article as follows.

a) The authors have given the latest references (e.g., Mitra and Haldar 2003) but intentionally omitted the following references (including the articles published in *Acta Protozool.*). They have cited the papers in which the name of Haldar is present, why? Astonishingly, the reviewers also overlooked the matter, intentionally or unintentionally I don't know, they might have satisfactory answer.

- 1) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2000) *Trichodina cuchiae* sp. n. (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from Gangetic mudeel, *Monopterus cuchia* (Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822) (Synbranchiformes: Synbranchidae) in India. *The Chittagong Univ. J. Sc.* **24** (1): 55-61
- 2) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2000) First record of *Trichodina acuta* Lom, 1961 (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from India. *The Chittagong Univ. J. Sc.* **24** (1): 63-70
- 3) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2001a) *Trichodina cancelae* sp. n. (Mobilina: Trichodinidae) from the gills of a freshwater gar, *Xenentodon cancela* (Hamilton) (Belontiidae). *Acta Protozool.* **40**: 141-146
- 4) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2001b) *Trichodina canningensis* sp. n. (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from an Indian estuarine fish, *Mystus gulio* (Hamilton) (Bagridae). *Acta Protozool.* **40**: 147-151
- 5) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2001c) *Trichodina porocephalusi* sp. n. (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from an Indian flathead sleeper, *Ophiocara porocephalus* (Valenciennes) (Eleotrididae). *Acta Protozool.* **40**: 297-301
- 6) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2001d) Occurrence and morphology of *Trichodinella epizootica* (Raabe, 1950) Šramek-Hušek, 1953 in India. *The Chittagong Univ. J. Sc.* **25** (2): 37-44
- 7) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2002a) Trichodinid ciliates (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from Indian fishes with description of two new species. *Bangladesh J. Zool.* **30** (2): 87-100
- 8) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2002b) Occurrence and morphology of some *Tripartiella* sp. (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from freshwater and estuarine fishes in India. *Univ. j. zool. Rajshahi Univ.* **21**: 49-55

- 9) Ghazi S. M. Asmat (2002c) Two new species of trichodinid ciliates (Ciliophora: Trichodinidae) from Indian fishes. *Univ. j. zool. Rajshahi Univ.* **21**: 31-34

b) The Indian *Trichodinella epizootica* is already reported in a Bangladeshi journal vide ref. 6. How authors could publish it again knowing the matter, it is highly disgraceful, I think. You have to do something relating this article and information.

c) According to Article 29.2 (International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, Fourth Edition, 1999, p. 32), we know the suffix - *idae* is used for a family name. But the new species name described in the said paper is "... *notoapteridae*". Would it be valid?

d) The description of the new species is not also valid, I think. I described the same kind of individuals as *Trichodina nigra*. If they disagree, they may compare their specimens with *T. nigra* of my paper (Asmat 2002 a). There is no reason to compare these with *T. luciopercae*. The Indians never ever identified *T. nigra* properly. I wonder that the reviewers of the article also forgot the features of *T. nigra*?

It would be highly appreciated if you could kindly go through this matter seriously and let me know the decision of the editorial board of *Acta Protozoologica* regarding this article.

Thanking you.

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