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Dear Prof. Gáliañ

It was with great pleasure that I read the PhD thesis of Alejandro López López entitled “Molecular Phylogeny and Evolution of Australian and Asian Tiger Beetles (Coleoptera: Cicindelidae)”.

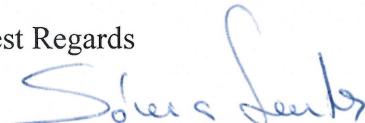
He addresses very interesting questions concerning two cicindelid genera from tribes Megacephalini and Cicindelini. Using modern tools he arrives to exciting new data that allows us to better understand this group of Coleoptera.

His PhD thesis has a very clear structure, organized in 4 chapters that correspond to 4 scientific papers and an overall introduction, methodology and general conclusions. It has the merit of having already 3 published papers in indexed International Journals in which he is the first author. It is very well written in clear English, with concise and helpful conclusions at the end of each chapter.

It demonstrates hard and dedicated work.

Therefore, I would like to recommend Alejandro López López to obtain the degree of a doctor with International Mention.

Best Regards



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