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Title of the Manuscript:	NOVEL RECORDS OF TESTATE AMOEBAE (PROTOZOA: TUBULINEA) FROM MOOKAMBIKA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, KARNATAKA, INDIA
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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>The MS is important to understand the diversity of testate amoebae in Mookambika Wildlife sanctuary, Karnataka.</p> <p>Alternative title has been suggested in the annotated MS file</p> <p>Abstract must be rewritten</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No references are missing. All the cited references in the MS must be included under "reference" section.</p> <p>Figures: Fig 1 must be always the location map of the studied area (also cite the figure in the MS). Fig 1 (in your current MS version) shows the distribution of different testate amoebae families. In the MS it was mentioned 7 families identified but in the current figure it shows only six families. This figure will be considered as Fig 2. The photographs of the species must be arranged in a plate like format with visible scale in each species, the photographs must also have a numbering system. This plate/figure detail captions must be added at the end. The current form is not acceptable as this is submitted in a well reputed journal and to increase the quality of the paper this is needed. Check other published papers on the distribution of species.</p> <p>Introduction: Must include other important studies on testate amoebae from the western ghats</p> <p>Results: Also include the diversity of testate amoebae in different samples collected like soil, rocks, tree barks. It will be better if the authors mention the ecological affinity of different species after the distribution, then this study may be used further to understand the utility of testate amoebae in ecological studies as mentioned in the "introduction".</p> <p>All other comments are mention in the MS annotated file</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The study is important to understand the diversity of this group in the western ghats. The authors must also try to compare with other biodiversity hotspots like Himalayan region, Northeast region in India for some better picture of the diversity.</p>	

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