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<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>The actual circumscription is based on molecular and morphological data. The authors must discuss the Karehed 2001 paper. They need indicate which morphological, anatomical and palynological characters indicate that L. africana should be in Icacinaceae.</p> <p>The aim of study is not clear, and the authors can only show your results to indicate that more data are necessary to clarify the position of L africana in the Asteridian clade</p> <p>The text needs deep revision. The introduction does not talk about taxonomic history of the species, since the description as Apocynaceae, the change to Icacinaceae until the placement in Stemonuraceae accepted by APG group. The authors do not mention what morphological, anatomical, and pollen grains characters were used to nested L. africana in Stemonuraceae or if only molecular data were used. They did not relate the anatomical/palynological results that they found with Icacinaceae diagnostic characters. It's impossible understand the text without hard efforts.</p> <p>Important bibliography is absent or only in references: Karehed J. 2001 (placement of L. africana in Stemonuraceae).APG IV, Dahl 1952 (Icacinaceae pollen including L. africana), Schori 2016 (Stemonuraceae including L. Africana), Sunday 2017 anatomy of L. africana, among others. Please tell me how do you publish a paper without properly citations/references?</p>	
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