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Optional comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Methods: what was the total length of the excursions in km? in which part of the reserve they were located?2. Methods: add the map of the study site and locations surveyed in the present study.3. Table 1: it is not clear what is the difference between “forest” and “terrestrial” habitat for forests are part of terrestrial habitat; I would suggest to choose different term for “terrestrial”4. Table 1: the observation frequency column should be added with information on which species are rare and which species common;5. Table 1: if the presence of a species in the reserve is known only from the literature, the source should also be given in this table.; if it is the authors own data it also should be indicated there6. Table 1 and Figure 1: mark the endemic species for the study area of western Ghats in the Table 1 and delete the Figure 17. Results and Discussion: there is a weird arrangement of the cited works;	



	<p>e.g. a sentence starts with “[6] in their study from KMTR...” instead of “Ishwar et al. [6] in their study from KMTR...”; this should be corrected all over the manuscript.</p> <p>8. In the last paragraph it is not clear to which ecosystem 37 species are endemic. Are they endemic to the reserve or wider area?</p> <p>9. English language could be improved throughout the whole manuscript</p>	
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