To Journal of Zoological Research.

Dear Editor,

We present the article “Histological study of the male internal genital tract of dwarf caiman (*Paleosuchus palpebrosus* Cuvier, 1807)”, developed at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, Federal University of Uberlandia, Uberlandia, MG. We request that it be evaluated by this renowned journal for publication.

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iii. A brief description of the novelty and importance of the findings detailed in the paper

Brazil has six species of crocodiles belonging to the subfamily Caimaninae, one of them being Paleosuchus palpebrosus (Cuvier, 1807) (dwarf caiman). It is considered one of the smallest crocodilian species, is sensitive to environmental changes, and it is difficult to be maintained and bred in captivity. Anatomical and histological descriptions of the reproductive tract of reptiles in general are scarce. Because of the small of reports on the morphology of the genital tract of caimans, it is important to study these organs for greater understanding of the reproduction of those species.

iv. Declaration

We declare that this is an original work that was carried out by the team following all ethical conduct of scientific research. This article is not being evaluated by any other scientific journal.

v. Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

vi. Informed Consent

This research was designed and carried out with consent of all participants prior to the study.

vii. Ethical Approval

# The study was authorized by license SISBIO number 13159-1 and protocol CEUA/UFU number 112/2014.

viii. Trial Registration

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