

We revised our manuscript according to the comments of the reviewers. If we did not follow the comments, or for answering questions of the reviewers, please see our comments below (in blue).

Long introduction

We are aware that the introduction is relatively long in relation to the entire text. However, we think that the problem of identifying the original element identity in stomatopod appendages requires a thorough introduction as not all readers will be familiar with it. Therefore, we think that the length of the introduction is appropriate.

I found the number of individuals be low. would be good to observe those changes along a population

The current study provides the first thorough description of antizoea larvae. The literature on stomatopod larvae in general is scarce, particularly on antizoea stages. Though we agree with the reviewer that it would be desirable to observe such differences on a population level, yet this is currently far beyond what we could deliver in the framework of this study. Our study aims at providing the basis for those future studies.

stomatopod A, B and C are the same species?

Specimens A and B (we have no C) are compared in detail at the end of the Results part. In the first paragraph of the Discussion, we explain why we think that the two specimens probably do not represent the same species, but why we still think that these specimens provide important details for our discussion.

it would be interesting to analyze populations over these locations to observe the morphological variations among them

see above

because this red?

The numbers are still preliminary; official numbers will be added as soon as the manuscript is accepted.

it is interesting to identify unless superfamily

The systematic affinities are discussed in the first part of the Discussion.

which family belongs species A and B?

See above

comparison between two different species?

See above, we explain in the Discussion why we still think that these specimens provide important details for our discussion.

maybe this variation is caused by different families

This is discussed in the first part of the Discussion.

maybe create list of terms

We added an explanation for the term "intermetamorphic". However, we do not think that it is necessary to provide a list for the other terms mentioned in the text, as there are always direct references provided to papers in which these terms are characterised in detail.

maybe add in text format

We prefer to leave the Conclusion as a list.

There has been a leftover ("FIJI") of the Acknowledgements above the reference list, which was strange for the reviewer.

Fig. 11: the same species of your study?

No, the species in Fig. 11 are extinct and only serve for comparison.