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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

## OPINION

Results of dissertation of dr Ilya A. Gavrilov entitled "Morphological, cytogenetic and ontogenetic basis of systematics of Palaearctic pseudococcids (Homoptera: Coccinea: Pseudococcidae)" are important and new.

This is a comprehensive and original taxonomical study of Palaearctic fauna of Pseudococcidae taking into account the knowledge about morphology, cytogenetic and ontogenesis. In dissertation the Author presents taxonomic problems existing in pseudococcids and proposes a phylogenetic tree of this group as well as creates a key to genera.

Results are very important and new and I fully recommend this dissertation to be accepted by competent authorities.

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