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Additionally, the paper's assertion regarding the host plants of *P. napi* may be accurate; however, the depiction of the eggs in their study is incorrect. The eggs shown are dot-like, which is inconsistent with the eggs of the *Pieris* genus. *Pieris* eggs are tall, bottle-shaped, and strongly ribbed, a characteristic that is clearly absent in the images presented in the paper. This further calls into question the accuracy of the species identification in their research.

I would also like to address the authors' neglect in referring to updated literature concerning the range extension of butterfly species in the region. The published work by Sheikh et al. (2021) provides a detailed and updated checklist of butterfly species in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, which the authors have overlooked. Properly acknowledging and incorporating recent findings is essential for the credibility and accuracy of scientific research.

In conclusion, while the discovery of butterfly species in new regions is always exciting, it is crucial to ensure precise identification and thorough consultation of the latest literature. I urge the authors to revisit their findings and consider the points raised to enhance the accuracy and reliability of their research. It's already recorded from Jammu & Kashmir as *P. ajaka* or *P. melete ajaka*, (Parey & Sheikh 2021; Sheikh et al. 2021), Rasool & Mir (2023) identified this as *P. napi* in a potential predatory journal so this paper is baseless and misleading with wrong identification.

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Editor's note:

The article "First record of *Pieris napi* L. (Lepidoptera: Pieridae) from Kashmir Valley, India" by Rasool & Mir published in Volume 16, Issue 7 of the *Journal of Threatened Taxa* on 26 July 2024, has received a response based on the identification and reporting of the species. The arguments on the species identification is solely between the responder and the authors. Others are welcome to comment and participate in this post-publication peer-review.

In the article published by Rasool & Mir (2024), *Pieris napi* is presented as a first record for Jammu & Kashmir from Srinagar District with additional information. The same authors have reported *P. napi* in from Jammu & Kashmir in a potential predatory journal in January 2023. Since JoTT's Editorial policy does not recognise articles published in journals listed in Beall's List of Potential Predatory Journals and Publishers, the information along with additional notes is published in JoTT as first record.

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