REVIEWER CHECKLIST

REVIEWER: D. Naish
AUTHOR(S): Daniel J. Taylor
TITLE: Sauropods of the Mesozoic Era
REQUESTED RETURN DATE: 2/1/05

REVIEW GUIDELINES -- Please consider the following in your review:

1) Is the title adequate? Yes, but could be expanded, e.g. ‘Sauropods of the Mesozoic Era: a new integrated view, incorporating comments on their biomechanics, lifestyle, physiology and mating habits’

2) Is the abstract concise and informative? Yes

3) Are there errors of fact or interpretation? None – it is spotless

4) Has the material been published previously? If so in what form? No, all work is original

5) Does the author show adequate awareness of previous work in the field and an adequate knowledge of pertinent literature? Absolutely – the bibliography in particular demonstrates his command of the literature

6) Are the citations correct and appropriate? Yes

7) Is the author accurate when discussing the opinions of other workers? Yes

8) Are adequate comparisons made with similar forms? Are the significant differences of new forms indicated? Is a repository indicated? Are the rules of nomenclature followed? NA

9) Is the locality and other geographic information adequate? NA

10) Are the figures and photographs clear and suitably arranged? Yes – may I recommend that the author’s Fig. 1 be featured as cover art of the journal from hereon?

11) Could this paper (text or plates) be condensed by a significant amount? If so please indicate how. No

After considering the above questions, please fill out and return the reviewer’s comment sheet provided on Page 2. Please attach additional sheets. Comments may also be penciled in the margins of the paper (please print).

THANK YOU.
This paper is acceptable,  ____X__ as it stands  ______ after minor revision  
______ after major revision  ______ is not acceptable

This is an invaluable contribution to the sauropod literature, over-viewing several problem areas that have vexed experts for years. The response of sauropods to the danger of fire, for example, has otherwise gone undiscussed in the literature, and, similarly, the proposed protection of juveniles by vigilant adults is covered here in a new and refreshing light. I cannot really suggest any changes for this paper and would like to see it published as it stands. It is grammatically perfect and the bibliography is complete so far as I can tell.

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