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**ABSTRACT** 

Harvestmen penises are intromittent structures surprisingly complex and diverse, making it

difficult to imagine that the sole function of the penis is sperm transfer. Knowledge of penis

morphology in harvestmen is largely derived from taxonomic works. Therefore, we have a

considerable amount of information regarding genital structures, but relatively little is known

about their movements and functions. Yet, in the case female genitalia, there is an even

deeper gap on the understanding of the morphology and its functional features. Female

genitalia are commonly neglected due to the assumption that they are not a valuable source of

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