**Reviewer Report** 

Title: Transcriptome Analysis of the Response of Burmese Python to Digestion

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**Reviewer Comments to Author:** 

I have attached an annotated draft of the manuscript with comments. Major comments are as follows:

1. The quality of writing still needs to be improved. I have highlighted some (but by no means all)

grammatical mistakes in the annotated draft.

2. The authors repeatedly reference "specific" hypotheses but never state what these hypotheses are.

3. Figures and tables are cited but rarely discussed. The authors should discuss in the text the major

findings and not rely solely on figures.

4. The comparison to previous work is crude and vague. I would like to see some sort of quantitative

comparison to previous work. The largest flaw of the current manuscript is this lack of quantitative comparisons. Specific quantitative work, especially for the transcriptome-proteome and proteome-

proteome comparisons, needs to be added.

5. The raw proteomics data are not made available.

Methods

Are the methods appropriate to the aims of the study, are they well described, and are necessary

controls included? Yes

**Conclusions** 

Are the conclusions adequately supported by the data shown? Yes

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an item.

**Statistics** 

Are you able to assess all statistics in the manuscript, including the appropriateness of statistical tests

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