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LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

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In their article in the *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* on a *Goussia*-like coccidium in crocodiles, Gardiner et al. (1986) made the statement, "this preliminary report establishes the fact that *Goussia*-like organisms can be found in non-picine definitive hosts." It does not. They have apparently missed *Goussia flaviviridis* (Setna and Bana, 1935) Levine, 1983 (a synonym is *Eimeria flaviviridis* Setna and Bana, 1935) in the gall bladder of *Hemidactylus flaviviridis*; *Goussia hyalina* (Léger, 1898) Levine, 1983 originally described as *Coccidium hyalina* (Léger, 1898) and *Eimeria hyalina* (Léger, 1898) Reichenow, 1921 from the Malpighian tubules of an unidentified aquatic beetle; and *Goussia lacazei* (Labbé, 1895) Levine, 1983 previously described as *Bananella lacazei* (Labbé, 1895), *Coccidium schneideri* Schaudinn and Siedlecki, 1897 and *Eimeria lacazei* (Labbé, 1896) Moroff, 1908 in the chilopods *Lithobius forficatus* and *L. martini*. In addition, they have failed also to mention the following species of "*Eimeria*" which may eventually turn out to be the same species as they saw: *Eimeria crocodyli* Lainson, 1968 in *Crocodylus acutus*; *E. kermorganti* (Simond, 1901) Braun, 1908 (a synonym is *Coccidium kermor-*

ganti Simond, 1901) from the spleen of *Gavialis gangeticus*; and *E. pinto* Carini, 1932 in *Caiman* sp.

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