

Dear Dr. Yoshihisa Suyama and Editorial Board members,

I am writing to submit my manuscript, “Idea paper: An experimental framework for determining the degree of intraguild predation in a three-species omnivorous food web”, for consideration of publication as a “Special features” article in *Ecological Research*. The manuscript includes the main document (including figure legend) and one figure. All parts of manuscript are carefully prepared following the author guidelines.

In this paper, I propose an experimental framework combining controlled feeding trials and stable isotope analysis of field samples to determine the degree of intraguild predation in a three-species food web. Intraguild predation plays a critical role in food web dynamics, yet the degree of such trophic interaction in the field remains understudied. The present framework could help fill this important gap in food web ecology. I believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication and will be of great interest to the readers.

I declare that this manuscript is original, has not been published before, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you very much for your consideration and I look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

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