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Subject: Submission of “Perspectives” paper\_Gen\_Chang\_Hsu

Dear Dr. Elina,

Thanks for your email and review editors’ comments. I would like to address the comments below.

First, this article, as the title suggests, is framed as a methods paper that intends to improve our quantitative understandings of intraguild predation, which so far remain scarce. That said, the paper is not just a pure technical piece but instead more like a framework idea that can be applied to different systems.

Second, the editors suggested that the manuscript should incorporate additional literature on the current state of the field and how this method addresses gaps. The paper does briefly review previous methods and approaches to studying IGP, and later discusses the strengths of the proposed framework as well as its applications to help better our knowledge of trophic dynamics in the field.

Third, the experimental framework in this paper is currently a proposal and has not been tested yet. However, I believe the paper will inspire more research ideas and open doors for collaboration opportunities to verify and refine the approach.

I have attached a draft of the paper to this email in case the review editors would like to read and evaluate the content further. I am also open to additional suggestions for improving the current draft.

Thanks again for your time and I look forward to the positive reply from editors.

Sincerely,

Gen-Chang