 

Dear Editors of *Journal of Zoology*,

I am pleased to submit my manuscript entitled “An experimental framework for quantifying the degree of intraguild predation in a three-species omnivorous food web in the field” for consideration as a *Perspective* paper in *Journal of Zoology*. All parts of the manuscript are carefully prepared following the author guidelines.

Intraguild predation plays a critical role in food web dynamics, yet quantitative understanding of IGP is lacking. To address this important gap, I propose a practical framework combining controlled feeding trials and stable isotope analysis to estimate the degree of IGP in the field. The proposed framework provides a tool for quantifying IGP in a more accurate (controlled feeding trials and standard IGP curve) and realistic (stable isotope analysis of field samples) fashion, which can help advance studies on IGP dynamics. Additionally, the framework has useful practical applications, for example, evaluating the effectiveness of biocontrol agents in agricultural field. I believe this paper will be of great interest to the readers of *Journal of Zoology* and can inspire further experiments and research ideas.

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

Thank you very much for considering my work and I look forward to publishing with *Journal of Zoology*.

Sincerely,

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