**To:** The Chief Editor, **Date:** xx July 2023

*Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata*

**Subject:** “Effects of frass from black soldier fly (*Hermetia illucens*) larvae and yellow mealworms (*Tenebrio molitor*) on growth and resistance to insect herbivores of field mustard (*Brassica rapa*): differences between insect species and frass treatments”

I am pleased to submit the above-mentioned original manuscript for consideration and publication in your esteemed journal (*Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata*). Previous studies in the literature have replaced fishmeal with low levels of black soldier fly larval meal for piglets over short periods. This manuscript builds on the prior studies to understand the potential of utilizing higher levels or completely replacement of fishmeal by the black soldier fly larval meal in pig feeds for a full grower phase of the pigs to reflect common practice of pig feeding.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by *Entomologia Experimentalis et Applicata* because utilization of insect-based feed contributes to providing the nutritional needs to ensure proper development and health of animals.

Our manuscript shows that the insect larval meal can completely replace fishmeal in pig feeds without adverse effects on growth, health or economic performance of pigs, which is revolutionizing the animal feed industries. This manuscript is not under consideration for publication in any other journal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,