Dear Editors,

We are pleased to submit an electronic copy of our manuscript entitled “**First report of the *Brevipalpus*-transmitted (Trombidiformes: Tenuipalpidae) *Orchid fleck dichorhavirus* infecting three ornamentals in the United States**” by Austin Fife, Daniel Carrillo, Gary Knox, Fanny Iriarte, Kishore Dey, Avijit Roy, Ronald Ochoa, Gary Bauchan, Mathews Paret and Xavier Martini.

Please consider our submission for publication in the ***Journal of Integrated Pest Management***.

Our group has recently discovered the presence of ***Orchid fleck dichorhavirus*** *(OFV)*, a *Brevipalpus* mite-transmitted virus **related to Citrus leprosis disease, a serious pathogen of citrus**. Our findings are unique as the **first report of OFV in three new plant hosts in the US** commonly found in the Florida landscape. The strains we detected are **related to the strains which causes Citrus Leprosis Disease in Hawaii and Mexico.** We also detected several mites from the genus *Brevipalpus*,one of which is likely the vector of OFV. Our manuscript **describes the symptoms of OFV in these new hosts**, and **information about the vectors** and the **challenges which need to be addressed** to investigate **OFV’s** **potential threat for the citrus industry.**

We believe that **our findings will help disseminated important information about this pest issue** for the readers of the *Journal of Integrated Pest Management* and will be of **particular interest for horticulturists, researchers working in extension and education centers, crop consultants, retailers, pest control operators**, and other audiences who may will benefit from greater awareness **of this disease affecting several common ornamental plants of economic value**. The open-access feature of the *JIPM* is well suited to share this information to a broad, interdisciplinary audience, whose expertise is necessary to contend with this issue. This manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree to its submission to *The Journal of Integrated Pest Management*.

We look forward to your feedback at your earliest convenience,

With kind regards, the authors