Dear Dr. Weintraub,

I am writing to submit our manuscript titled ‘Investigating behavior of the potato psyllid *Bactericera cockerelli* (Šulc) (Hemiptera: Triozidae) on three potato genotypes with putative resistance to “*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum”’ for consideration as a research article for the Journal of Insect Science. We found greater probing and walking activity on the control variety (Russet Burbank) compared to the other genotypes, and reductions of psyllid fecundity on the clones, but the behaviors observed are not enough to explain the putative resistance of these genotypes to Lso and/or ZC. Given the importance of host plant resistance for controlling pests and pathogens like *B. cockerelli* and ZC, we believe that our submission will appeal to researchers who subscribe to the Journal of Insect Science.

This paper is comprised of part of a Master’s thesis which has been published online via ProQuest as “Investigating Behavior of the Potato Psyllid *Bactericera cockerelli* (Šulc) (Hemiptera: Triozidae) on Three Potato Genotypes with Putative Resistance to "*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum”: <https://search.proquest.com/docview/2278078297?pq-origsite=gscholar>.

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Thank you for your consideration,  
--Austin N. Fife