**Unique parasite aDNA in moa coprolites from New Zealand suggests mass parasite extinctions followed human-induced megafauna extinctions (Figure 1)**

**Figure I liked**:Although this figure is not focused on numerical data, I did like how it was a more stylized depiction of the food web as opposed to the typical format of bland, homogenous arrows and words. I may just be attracted to visuals, but I feel that this figure helps to more fully understand the ecosystem surrounding this ancient food web. It is attention-grabbing, but understandable. Additionally, I appreciated the depictions of the parasites and their intermediate hosts. I also feel that the figure did a good job at demonstrating the slightly different niches of the moa.

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**High parasite diversity in the amphipod Gammarus lacustris in a subarctic lake (Figure 1)**

**Figure I Did Not Like**: This figure is focusing on parasite infracommunities. The right side is understandable, showing different combinations of infection presence data, but I have no idea what the 7-set Venn diagram is attempting to describe. While I may think this figure is poor just because of my lack of understanding, it seems to be rather visually confusing in general. The dotted, dashed, and solid lines are difficult to differentiate, and the numbers do not seem attached to any particular shape. If this is an important depiction of the parasite infracommunities, then it might work better as an enlarged figure with more distinct symbology. Additionally, I attempted to look up the citation for the Venn diagram, but the DOI was wrong. However, I did find an [R package](https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/venn/venn.pdf) that seemed to match.

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