

Editor's Comment:

Yet, I consider that this research, as a whole, has been correctly conducted and fairly well reported. And while I agree that one season observation only might be considered rather short - as rightly mentioned one Reviewer - I am not convinced, however, that two seasons would have suffice to decisively improve the study: ideally half a dozen seasons would ideally be needed to account for both the environment variability and the cyclicity elicited by predator (parasitoid)-prey relationship. But such long study would likely exceed the material possibility of the Authors.

Now, as said above, the overall quality of the report, including the statistical treatment of field data makes, in my opinion, the revised version of the manuscript conforms with the template of an "original research paper" as for IJECC.

With yet the requirement that the Authors mention in the Conclusion section (in accordance with the concern of the first Reviewer) that these results should be considered as a preliminary investigation, precisely because of both environment variability from year to year and the pluriannual cyclicity elicited by predator (parasitoid)-prey relationship.

When this is done, the new version of the manuscript will be acceptable for publication in IJECC as Original Research paper.

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