



**SDI EDITORIAL COMMENTS FORM**

EDITORIAL COMMENT'S on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to editor's comments
<p>1. 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.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. 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.</p>	<p>I know that two season data is needed for deriving the correlation of the incidence with the weather parameters and deriving the regression equation. But this research is a part of Master's thesis of the first author. So, we have only one season data. Now, it is not possible to provide the two-season data. I have modified the manuscript according to the reviewer's comment.</p> <p>In South Gujarat, ladybird beetles are the most dominant and other predators and parasitoids are also found. During the study period, no parasitoids or predators were reported. So, we don't include parasitoids.</p>