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To

Dr. Kenneth De Baets

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Dear Kenneth,

Thank you so much for your positive message. That makes us happy that only very few things are left to be done.

Line 49: it would help to clarify or mention an example of what you consider a relatively small insect - what is the smallest insect that has been documented as a host

We agree with this comment and rephrased the sentence: "This size reduction enables the female to produce a huge number of offspring and the minute primary larvae are able to penetrate relatively small insect hosts such as Delphacidae (Auchenorrhyncha) with an adult size of 1.5–6 mm (Pohl & Beutel, 2008)."

Link 65: thank you for integrating this new reference (Nagler and Haug 2015), but please also add it to the references

Thank you very much for the hint that we forgot to add this reference to the references. I have added it now.

Line 262: add space between "body," and a

We agree with this comment and changed it accordingly.

Line 273: please also take this opportunity to thank the reviewers.

We agree with the comment and have added a sentence in which we thank you and the two reviewers.

I would like to thank you again for your very valuable comments and remarks.

Sincerely yours,

*Hans Pohl*