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Dear Sven

Re. submission of new manuscript

Enclosed please find a manuscript by myself and G. L. Lövei, entitled “*Body size inequality in ground beetle (Coleoptera: Carabidae) assemblages as a potential method to monitor environmental impacts of transgenic crops*” that deals with a potential method to monitor environmental impacts of transgenic crops in Europe. This is a new manuscript, not published before, and is not under consideration elsewhere. My co-author agreed to its content and to being named as author.

This MS is a full-text version of our poster, presented at the recent European Carabidologist Meeting held in Primosten, and we are submitting it for potential inclusion in the special issue/section devoted to this meeting. Our work examines the suitability of carabid body size distribution as a possible method for monitoring of the unanticipated environmental effects of genetically modified plants.

We believe that this makes our findings a good fit for the journal and of interest to a wider readership, considering the current relevance of this theme in Europe and the great potential future development of monitoring studies in general.

We would be grateful if this MS could be sent to reviewers, and we hope that it will be found suitable for publication. I shall be corresponding author for this MS, so please contact me with eventual comments, requests for clarification, and any relevant matter concerning the manuscript.

Thank you in advance for your editorial assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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