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Review of: "First Field Record of Active Larval Feeding by *Cimbex quadrimaculata* (Hymenoptera: Cimbicidae) on Sour Cherry (Prunus cerasus L.) in Türkiye"

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REVIEWER REPORT

The manuscript reports a field observation of *Cimbex quadrimaculata* larvae actively feeding on *Prunus cerasus* under natural conditions in Türkiye. The observation is of interest because previous records from Türkiye have referred to cherry only at the genus level (*Prunus* spp.). Although the record is based on a limited number of larvae, the authors clearly acknowledge this limitation, and the manuscript is generally suitable for publication as a Short Communication. I have only a few minor comments that may help improve the manuscript.

- In the Results and Discussion, the authors state that the observation “demonstrates that sour cherry can function as a suitable host under natural field conditions.” Since the observation is based on five larvae and their complete development on *P. cerasus* was not demonstrated, the term “suitable host” may be somewhat strong. A more cautious expression such as “potential host” would be more appropriate and would also be consistent with the wording used in the Conclusion.
- The discussion of the July observation includes possible explanations such as “asynchronous larval development” and “the initiation of a partial additional generation.” These interpretations appear somewhat speculative based on a single field observation, particularly since the manuscript itself states that the present study does not provide evidence for the occurrence of a second or third generation. I suggest that this part be shortened or presented more cautiously, focusing on the

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unusually late larval feeding record rather than proposing possible changes in the species' developmental pattern.

- There is a minor grammatical error in the sentence "These observation suggests that...". This should be corrected to "This observation suggests that..." (or "These observations suggest that...", depending on the intended meaning).
- The formatting of scientific names should be checked throughout the manuscript for consistency. Genus and species names should follow standard italicization conventions, while taxonomic abbreviations such as "sp." and "spp." should remain in roman type. A final check of all scientific names in the text, figure caption, and references would improve the consistency of the manuscript.

Overall, the manuscript presents a useful field record and requires **only minor revisions** before publication.

Declarations

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