

Editor's Comment:

I still have some major comments regarding the paper, albeit the major revisions that have already been undertaken. I would propose to reject the paper, unless you consider another revision.

- Introduction: reduce the introduction and detail more the problems associated with the use of chemicals mentioned (very briefly) in 1.1. This would be important as the problematic of chemicals forms the basis for the need of entomopathogens

- Table 1 and 2: indicate with what frequencies the bacteria and fungi were isolated from the dead animals. This is important - if the pathogens are frequent, then the number of test animals needs to be increased.

- 3.3, 3.4: how was the health of the test animals ensured - they may already be carriers of the bacterial and fungal strains tested? How were insect deaths depicted on the graphs exactly calculated?

- 3.6: with what doses were the synergistic experiments performed? In principle non-toxic doses need to be checked for synergism, as the effect of already toxic doses cannot add up. So were the minimal toxic doses determined beforehand used or were sublethal doses used? Concentration ranges for each pathogen should be tested for synergism.

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