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Dear Dr. Natalie Olifiers,

My co-authors and I are submitting a short communication entitled “The effects of artificial crab spiders (*Misumenops spp.*) on *Piper* pollinator behaviour in Costa Rica: differences between insect orders” for exclusive consideration of publication as an article in *Oecologia Australis*. This short communication investigates the influence of artificial spider models, in an open field setting, on pollination of Piper plants.

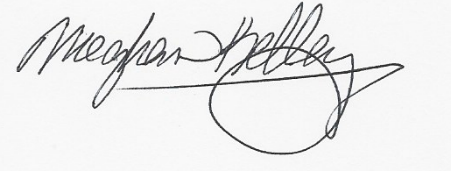
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Sincerely,

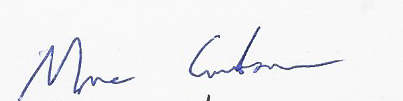


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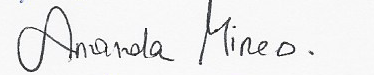
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