Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled “**Food preference or intraspecific variation in biomass: What is more important to determine dung beetle function?”** for consideration by the editorial board of **Oecologia Australis**. We believe this manuscript will be of interest to a wide readership, because it is the first study to evaluate the relative importance of intraspecific biomass variation and food preference to determine the amounts of ecological functions (dung removal and soil excavation) performed by two species of dung beetles. Our study demonstrated that these factors may be important in determining the amounts of functions performed by the beetles.

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