

Corrigendum

Conspecific interference by adults in an aphidophagous ladybird *Propylea dissecta* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae): effect on reproduction

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Physical and chemical interference in insects has the potential to modify both foraging as well as reproductive responses of an organism. The understanding of effect of interference in insects has been taken up by workers the world over. Though the role of physical interference in modifying foraging behaviour has been widely studied, its influence on reproductive behaviour is relatively less studied in ladybirds (Hemptinne & Dixon, 1991; Hemptinne *et al.*, 1992, 1993; Lemaitre, 1992; Doumbia *et al.*, 1998).

Chemical interference and its role in reproductive behaviour of predatory insects, on the other hand, is widely accepted, with the first report being in chrysopids (Růžička, 1994). This study was followed by many others which verified the presence of oviposition deterring pheromones and allomones in larval tracks (Růžička, 1996, 1997a,b, 1998, 2001a,b, 2002, 2003; Doumbia *et al.*, 1998; Růžička & Havelka, 1998; Takizawa *et al.*, 2000; Yasuda *et al.*, 2000; Hemptinne *et al.*, 2001; Fréchette *et al.*, 2003).

Most of these studies have paid attention to larval interference (physical as well as chemical) and not adult interference with the exception of one on adult tracks (Doumbia *et al.*, 1998). The findings of Mondor & Warren (2000) that *Harmonia axyridis* adults make fewer visits to areas previously searched by others is probably indicative of the presence of chemicals in adult tracks.

In the work contained in the above communication (Mishra & Omkar, 2006), we have assessed the role of physical and chemical interference by adults, if any, on reproduction in an aphidophagous ladybird beetle, *Propylea*

dissecta. We found that both physical and chemical interference by adults had a negative influence on reproduction.

There has been an error in citation of references on page 408 column 1 line 1, page 411 column 1 line 23, and the penultimate line of the discussion. Hemptinne *et al.* (1992, 1993) have worked on the role of physical presence of larvae and larval odour and not on the larval tracks as mentioned at these points. To the best of our knowledge, Růžička (1994) is the first worker to have identified the presence of oviposition-detering pheromones in predatory insects.

The above inadvertent error occurred owing to the use of cross references, which is highly regretted. The references of Hemptinne *et al.* (1992) and (1993) were taken as a cross reference from Hemptinne *et al.* (2001) and Doumbia *et al.* (1998) and, thus, inadvertently misinterpreted.

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