

*Rebuttal to reviews provided for SDC347: Biology, impact, and management of soybean insect pests in soybean production systems.*

In general most reviews were positive, and Reviewers 1 and 3 gave an excellent rating to the majority of the categories. Reviewer 2 suggested substantial improvements which we have made in the revised version.

Reviewer 2 commented on our proposed scientific approach, giving it an unacceptable rating. In large part, our methods were not described in detail. While the other 2 reviews did not state this as a significant issue, we nonetheless added more detail and recent research performed by the group where the specific methodologies are outlined. Reviewer 2 also called to our attention the lack of literature cited in the previous draft. We have significantly expanded our references section and include more detail of other pest species from research performed by group members. It should be noted, however, that our focus is broadening to emerging issues dealing with invasive species. Due to the recent invasion of some species, published research is lacking. Nonetheless, group members are national leaders in the research of these pests, which is reflected in our expanded references.

We agree that our new proposal is drastically improved from the previous draft, and thank the reviews for providing constructive comments.