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Dear Elkan:

Thank you very much for giving me your comments on our draft letter to Nature. As you said, the draft certainly did not constitute a clear response to the argument of Rosen et al. I have revised the first paragraph to focus directly and exclusively on the assumption underlying the argument of the other authors.

In the remainder of our letter we summarize the evidence that yellow rain is bee feces. Even though this is a largely separate point, we thought it useful to summarize the evidence in the letter since it is an important part of the whole story and also since there has been confusion in the press regarding our conclusions.

Thanks for the help.

As ever,

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