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Dear Matthew,

I believe your draft manuscript cites our findings satisfactorily. However, I would point out that the pollen typing was done for us under contract, but we have not released the name of the investigator in order to protect him from the media. In fairness to him, therefore, I would like the wording on p. 7 to be not "Crone cited; Crone also recorded, etc" but "The report cited; These were also recorded, etc". Perhaps you could adjust the text so that it does not read as if I personally did the examinations of pollen type.

The three samples typed were one from leaves (Pack 1) and two from Ma Fuang (Pack 4). The latter were subdivided on the basis of superficial visual and SEM examination. In fact I now believe these samples did not really differ. Therefore there was one sample from leaves in good condition, and two samples from the one specimen from Ma Fuang, which was in poor condition. In other words, two samples, one containing *Harpullia*-like grains and the other resembling *Rapanea*.

As a general comment on your draft, I found that discussion and background comment were rather mixed with experimental work and results. For instance, the paragraph on the Chinese report (pp 2-3) seems to be in the middle of the descriptions of your actual work. A division between discussion and technical matter might help to improve clarity.

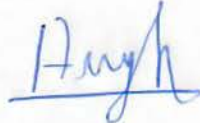
In the legend to Fig. 1, the reference to "f" under "f" presumably should be a reference to "e".

Finally, what puzzles me is your, and everyone else's, sole concentration on bees. I have seen a yellow droplet of pollen suspension fall from what looked very much like a hoverfly. Hoverflies (Syrphidae) are known flower-feeders, as are many other Diptera. Also, what about Lepidoptera? Insects that are purposefully taking nectar may also take pollen grains into the gut accidentally. Have any of your entomological colleagues at Harvard examined in detail the feeding habits of hoverflies?

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Shirley sends her greetings, and we wish you a happy
new year.

Yours sincerely,



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