

The authors have addressed my concerns and the manuscript has generally improved.

Concerning my point regarding the description of the Holling type III equation, I have now understood what the authors mean. I have also realized that my comment was possibly misleading.

In order to make the statement even clearer, I would suggest to merge line 127 (where the Holling type III equation is first described mathematically) with line 188: "the Holling type III functional response (formula) can be approximated to  $\frac{g_0}{p_0} p^2$  at low prey concentration and asymptotically approaches a constant value for high p.."