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Mr R Sankaran  
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Dear Mr Sankaran

I enclose herewith the copy of the paper which you sent last month.


I have made a number of pencilled comments on the text. Most of these are minor but one or two of them may need more attention. In particular the legends to the figures are not clear enough.

I found the paper interesting, but too long for a journal such as *Animal Behaviour*. In addition, I think you could omit the general theory in the first page and a half (plus a bit later). This is not sufficiently detailed and also makes the paper longer still.

I have a colleague who is more familiar with pheasants than I am and who also currently looked at the paper and produced the comments on the overlaying sheet.

In short, the results are very interesting and worth publishing, but with the pressure of space in most journals today I think you are going to have to substantially shorten it to succeed in having it published. I believe that you could do this without loss of the interesting findings. I hope this is of some help.

Yours sincerely



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