Editor's Comment:

Please find bellow my comments:

The new version (v1) of manuscript 2019/JEAI/47473 incorporates all the reviewers' suggestions and was significantly improved. Nonetheless, in my view, before acceptance for publication, further clarification is required concerning:

- Table 2: The observation that 53.1 is not statistically different from 2.5 (the same for 47.6 vs. 4.7, 34.8 vs. 1.5 and 33.1 vs. 1.3, etc) after ANOVA test is surprising. I ask the authors for an explanation (standard deviation?). In this scenario, is this data useful to explain the biological question addressed?

- Table 3: It seems that ANOVA was performed to disclose differences between M. tenuiflora and P. pyramidalis in each date. This comparison doesn't seem relevant. It is expected that different species have different morphology and growth dynamics and such differences are not related with the ecological problem under study. Please explain the rationale.

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