

***Culex saltanensis* and *Culex interfor* (Diptera: Culicidae) are susceptible and competent to transmit St. Louis encephalitis virus (Flavivirus: Flaviviridae) in central Argentina**

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Round #3

by Anna Cohuet, 2019-12-18 11:54

I ask for only minor corrections before I'll write the recommendation

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 31: change « objetive » to « objective »

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 32: remove “a” before Cx

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 38: change “acquire” to “acquired”

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 39: change “*Culex saltanensis* » to « *Cx. saltanensis* » because already cited above

Response: changed as suggested.

Lines 41-42: change “*Culex saltanensis* and *Culex interfor*” to “*Cx. saltanensis* and *Cx. interfor*”

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 51: rephrase “Due to the hematophagous habit of females, many mosquito species are vectors of infectious...” (add “many” because not all species are vectors, remove “competent” because trophic behaviour is a parameter of vectorial capacity not of vector competence”

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 54: replace “one” by “few” because the cited virus can be transmitted not only by one species

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 56: add “are” in “arboviruses are generalist”

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 81: replace “competence” by “capacity”

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 90: add “infected “*Culex p. quinquefasciatus* if this actually what is meant

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 210: Table 2 instead of Table 3

Response: changed as suggested.

Line 470: rephrase the legend and explain better what is presented: p values, test and what is compared. Reverse the order of the columns so that they are ranked in the same order than the lines.

Response: changed as suggested.