*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 Cohet, 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.