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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Title: "Physico-Chemical Assessment Of <i>Simulium Damnosum</i> Theobald Complex.....".. I would imagine this study assessed the HABITATS (or breeding sites)...not the actual flies? Ln 146: There was a high number of breeding sites that were with <i>S. damnosum</i> complex larvae, ...<i>Not true, only 5 out of your 11 prospected sites were positive for S. damnosum</i> Ln 161: Could the authors comment about the relative seasonal larval density observed in location OE, which is the opposite of all the other locations? Ln 195: Conclusion: What are the SPECIFIC conclusions from this particular study e.g. a statement regarding the relative importance of the assessed parameters in predicting larval presence/abundance in this region?	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	These are mainly grammatical/structure changes to improve comprehension Ln 15: but 99% of infections occur in sub-Saharan... Ln 27: replace " were identified" with have been or inhabit Ln 88:...The physical features of the sites were assessed by	



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	Ln 165-166: Paraphrase e.g In the present study, the highest number of <i>S. damnosum</i> complex cytospecies was recorded in December, while.... Ln 172: delete ..will become...	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The authors should avoid cutting and pasting text directly from referenced papers e.g. Ln 30-31 is a direct C&P from [10]. Also Ln 32, copied directly from Post et al (2011) doi: 10.1179/136485911X12987676649700 who referenced [11]. To quote directly indicate appropriately as “..copied text..” I am not sure that Fig 1 adds any information that is not already (more comprehensively) presented in Table 1	

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