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Please find the manuscript entitled “**Abrupt changes in the insect herbivore fauna after the first rains in a tropical dry forest”** (Novais et al.) authored by Samuel Matos Antunes de Novais, Graziela França Monteiro, Luiz Eduardo Macedo Reis, Camila Rabelo Oliveira Leal and Frederico de Siqueira Neves, which we are submitting to be considered for publication in *Oecologia Australis*.

This work seeks to determine the effect of the first rains at the beginning of the rainy season on the insect herbivore fauna in a tropical dry forest. The abundance and morphospecies richness of insect herbivores per tree was higher after the first rains. The results suggest a high synchrony between leaf production at the onset of the rainy season and the increase in insect herbivore diversity.

This manuscript it’s a short communication.

The article has 2,965 word, 2 table and 3 figures.

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On behalf of all authors, I can vouch that this material has neither been published, nor will be submitted for publication elsewhere, if accepted for publication in *Oecologia Australis*.

 We look forward to hearing from you. With regards and thanks for your attention.

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