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Dear Dra. **Camila dos Santos de Barros**

Editor in Chief of *Oecologia Australis*

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We are pleased to send our manuscript (Short communication) entitled “New state records for *Cercosaura olivacea* (Gray, 1845) (Squamata: Gymnophthalmidae) in Northeastern Brazil” for consideration in the *Oecologia Australis*.

In the manuscript we report the first record of this species in the Caatinga ecoregion, add two new state records for *C. olivacea* in northeastern Brazil and a new location in the state of Pernambuco. The new records reduce a previous gap of more than 600 km in the taxon distribution through the Brazilian eastern coast, expanding the geographical distribution of the species by 280 km north and 180 km south of the nearest record locations.

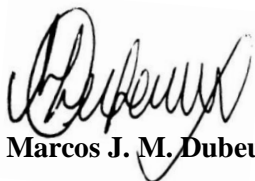
We have prepared the manuscript in accordance with the instructions for authors. All the authors have agreed in submitting the attached version of the manuscript. It is an original paper, unpublished elsewhere and are not under consideration in other journals. All authors agree that the article will only be published upon payment of the cost of the manuscript according to the value indicated on the *Oecologia australis* page.

In the name of my co-authors, I thank you for your time and consideration and hope that our work fits the high-quality standards of *Oecologia Australis*. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about this manuscript.

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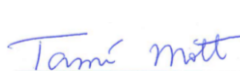
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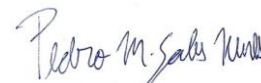
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