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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012/IJTDH/2660
Title of the Manuscript:	PRESENCE OF AEDES ALBOPICTUS in Palestine –West Bank.

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PART 2: 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	The manuscript needs MAJOR English revision. It contains numerous basic grammatical and spelling mistakes. As it is written, it is inadequate for publication. The manuscript should be reviewed by a professional familiar with English writing. In the 5th paragraph of the introduction (Line53 and 54), the author states that <i>Aedes albopictus</i> is the main vector for West Nile and Rift Valley Fever in different countries such as Egypt, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Israel. This statement is incorrect. In fact <i>Ae. albopictus</i> is capable to transmit West Nile under laboratory conditions. There is no proof that it transmits this virus in nature. Besides, <i>Aedes albopictus</i> is not found neither in Egypt nor in Saudi Arabia and Yemen therefore cannot be involved in the transmission of arboviruses in these countries. Consequently the author should correct the information provided in the 6th paragraph on the presence of this species in the above mentioned countries. The subtitles in the material and methods part are inadequate: 2.3 and 2.4 should be subdivisions of 2.2. The collections localities (Mas-ha and Az-Zawia) should be indicated on the map (figure 1). In the results part, the author needs to indicate the number of larva and adult specimens collected in each locality during this	



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	survey. In the first paragraph of the discussion part the author states that <i>Aedes albopictus</i> “plays a role in transmitting diseases in neighbouring countries (Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and Israel)”. This statement is incorrect. The tiger mosquito has been introduced to Israel, Lebanon and Syria (not to Egypt) and it has not been involved yet in the transmission of diseases in these countries. It is unacceptable to put in the manuscript such unverified information.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	In the introduction, the author did not mention the possible involvement of <i>Aedes albopictus</i> in the arboviral outbreaks that occurred in South Europe as suggested by several authors (Grandadam et al, 2011; Gould et al, 2010; Rezza et al, 2007). The author can merge the 2 paragraphs of the results part in a unique paragraph.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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