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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter dated July 17. After careful consideration, I regret to inform you that I am unable to accept your refusal to accept my paper (ms. 964313) for publication in **Behavioral Ecology**.

Despite your previous experience at rejecting manuscripts, and the effort and craft that was obviously involved in the production of your rejection letter, I find that the changes required are not of a nature that can be corrected by a simple revision. This year I have been particularly fortunate in receiving an unusually large number of excellent rejection letters. With such a large, diverse and promising field I can only accept the strongest rejection letters, and to avoid a backlog of several years I am forced to reject about 60% of the letters I receive. Therefore, I expect you to please place my paper in queue for publication in **Behavioral Ecology** immediately after you receive the updated version.

Thank you for considering me as an outlet for your work and best luck in finding a more appropriate venue for the acceptance of your rejections letters.

Sincerely,

George A. Lozano