Study: Another mosquito species in Nev. can spread Zika

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A preliminary study in Brazil found that a mosquito species detected in Nevada and other states can spread Zika virus, the Associated Press reported Thursday.

The study by the Fiocruz institute found that Culex quinquefasciatus mosquitoes gathered in Recife, Brazil, could transmit the virus to people, though it's unclear if the species has contributed to the spread of Zika, according to the Associated Press.

James Wilson, director of the Nevada State Infectious Disease Forecast Station at UNR who'd spoken months earlier about the possibility Zika could be found in other mosquitoes, said the news doesn't change his assessment that a Zika epidemic in Nevada and across the United States is unlikely.

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