

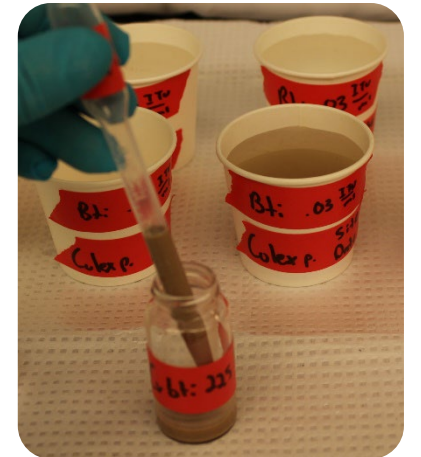
# Insecticide Resistance in Mosquitoes: Practical Guidance and Tips for Performing Your Own Monitoring Assays



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# Monitoring Pesticide Resistance in Disease Vectors

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# Important Points

- What is pesticide resistance and how does it emerge?
- How are resistance bioassay diagnostics created?
- How do you determine the resistance status of field-collected mosquitoes?
- How can the results of these resistance tests inform management?
- How do you collect mosquitoes quickly for resistance assays?
- How do you rear different mosquito species in the laboratory for resistance assays?

# Why is Monitoring Pesticide Resistance Important?

- Many classes and modes of action are available, but few are used for mosquito control
- State regulations can further restrict the ability to cycle through different pesticides
- Resistance monitoring is necessary to maintain the efficacy of the few products that are available for vector control

## Additional EPA Information About Pesticides for Mosquito Control

<https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/controlling-mosquitoes-larval-stage>

<https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/controlling-adult-mosquitoes>

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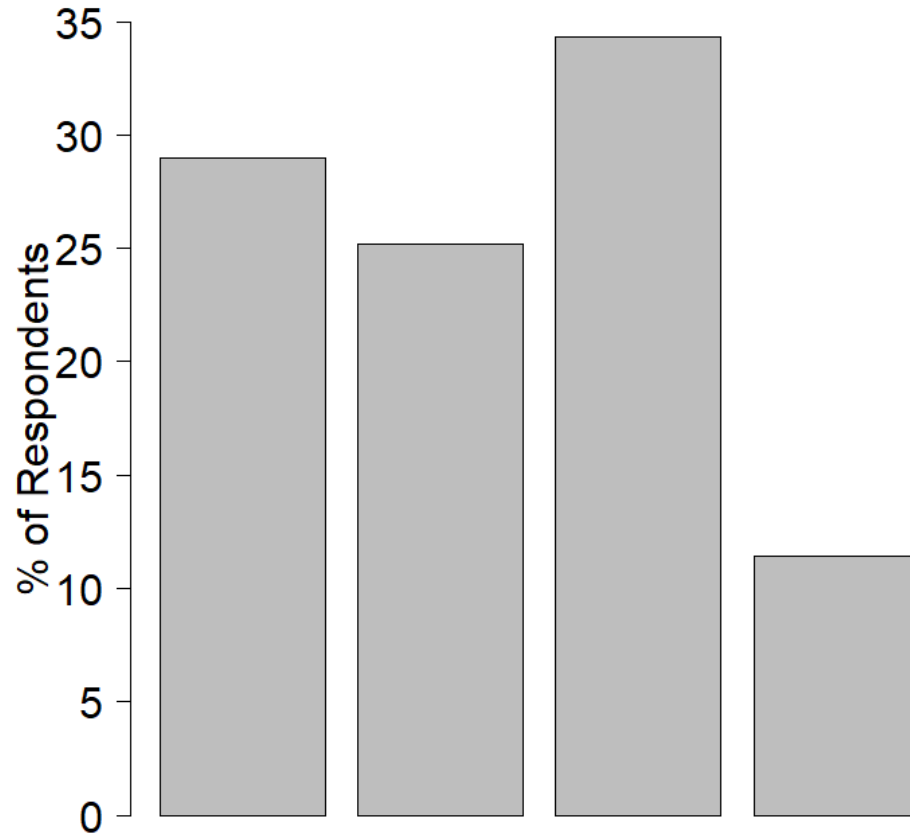
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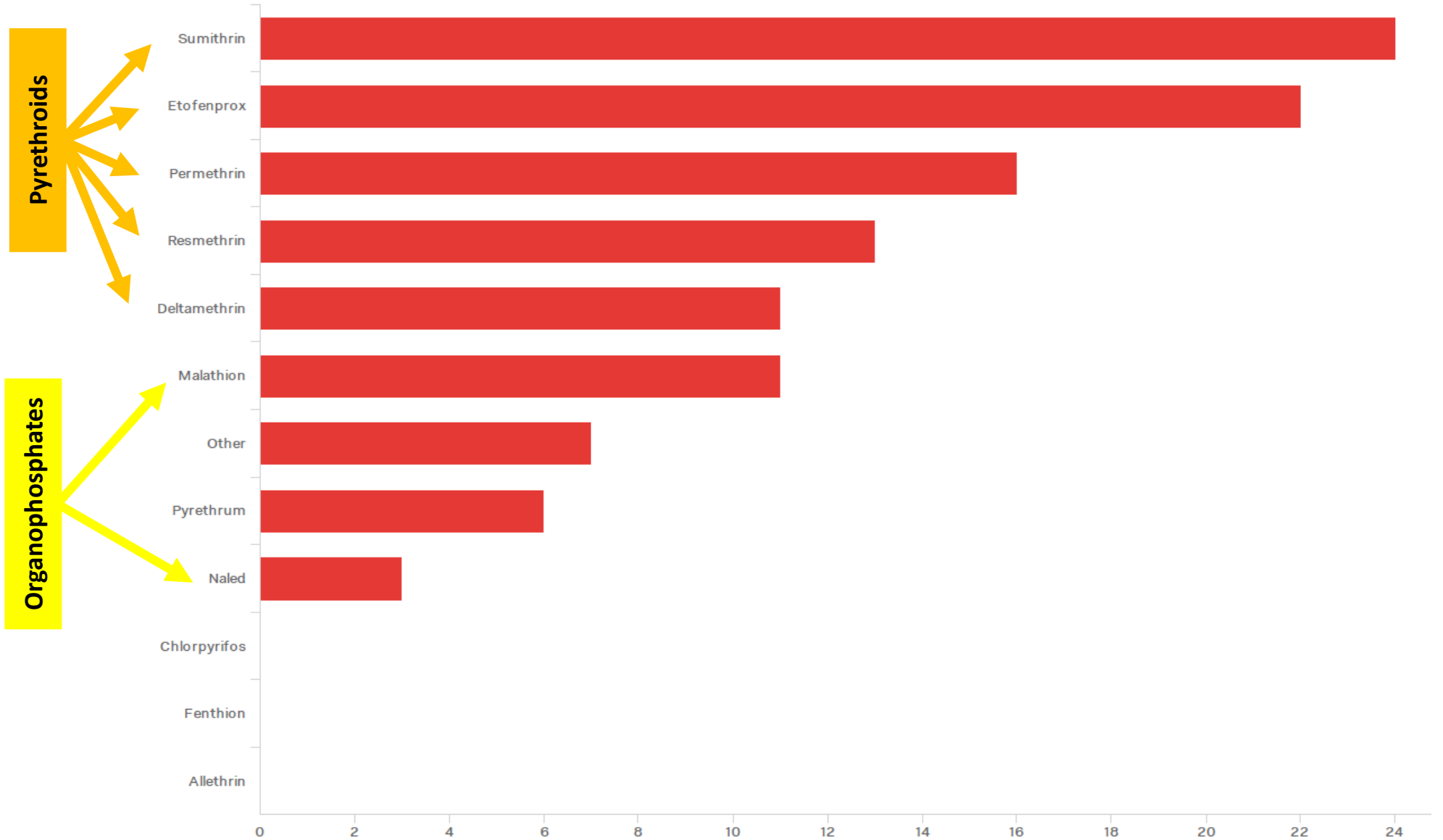
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# Adulticides Used in Our Region



# Resistance Mechanisms



|                  | Biochemical mechanism of resistance |                |                    |             |              |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                  | Metabolic                           |                |                    | Target-site |              |
|                  | Esterases                           | Monooxygenases | GSH S-Transferases | kdr         | Altered AChE |
| Pyrethroids      | ●                                   | ●●             |                    | ●           |              |
| DDT              |                                     | ●              | ●                  | ●           |              |
| Carbamates       | ●                                   |                |                    |             | ●            |
| Organophosphates | ●●                                  | ●              |                    |             | ●            |

(Circle size reflects the relative importance of the mechanism on resistance)

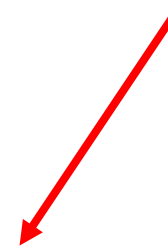
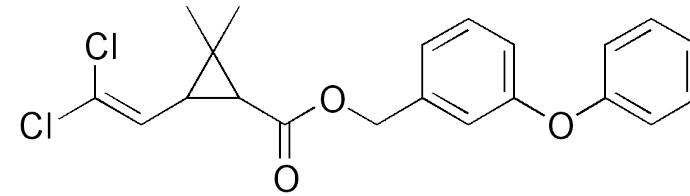
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**Metabolic Resistance**: Components of an insect's metabolic system adapt to break down insecticides (*Esterases / Monooxygenases / Glutathione S-Transferases*)

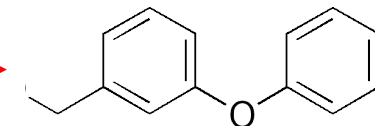
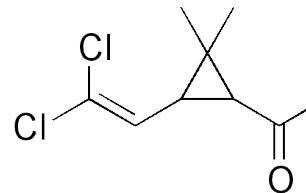
Oxygenase



Permethrin



Broken into less harmful compounds

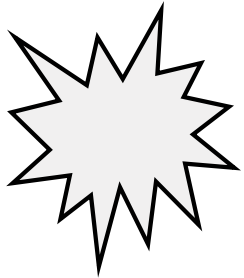




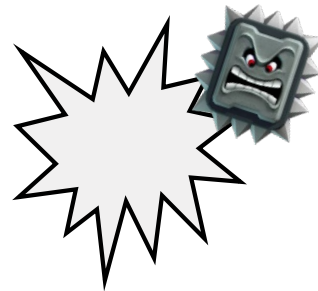
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**Altered Target-Site Resistance:** The site where the pesticide binds becomes modified and reduces efficacy (*Knock Down Resistance / Modified Acetylcholinesterase*)

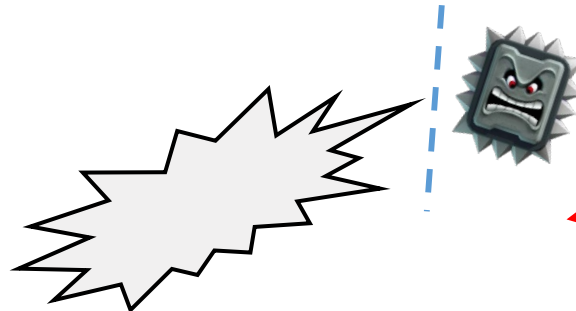
Cellular binding site



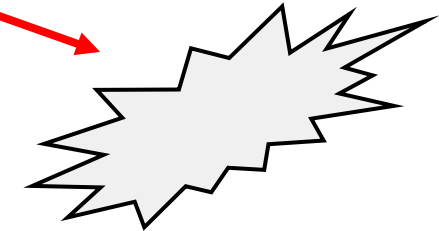
Pesticide Molecule



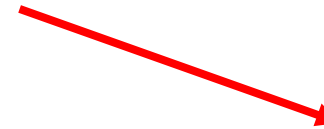
Pesticide blocks mechanism essential to life



Altering the binding site and preventing the pesticide from attacking

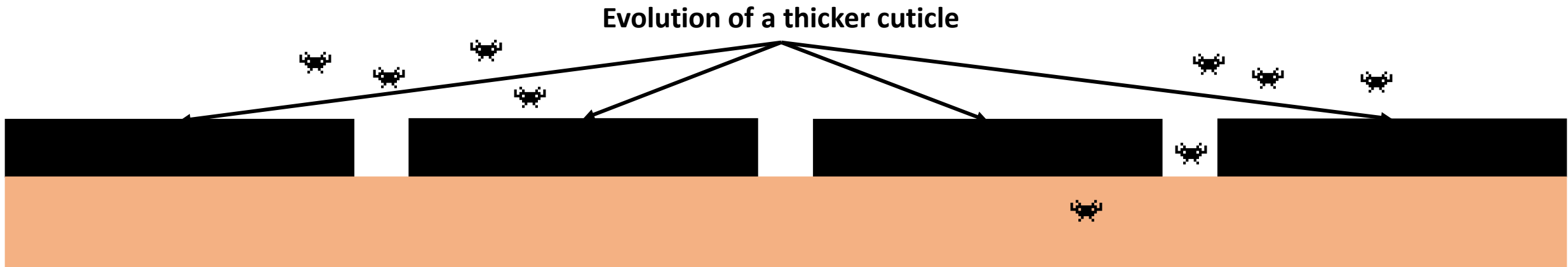
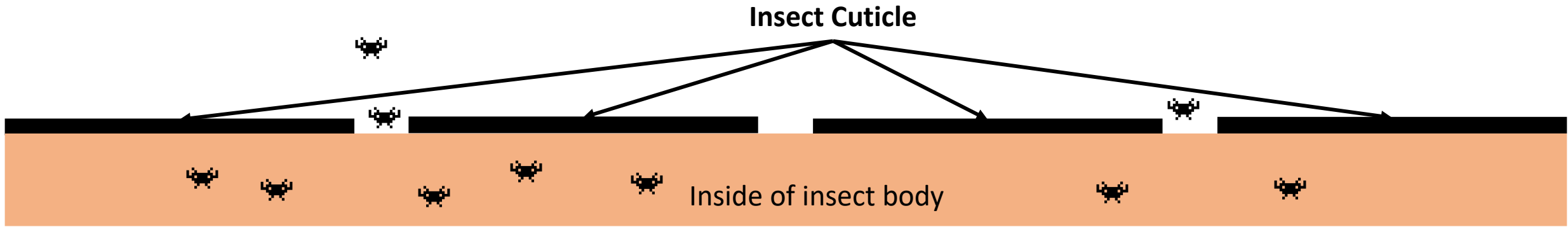


Shape of molecule can change due to selective pressure

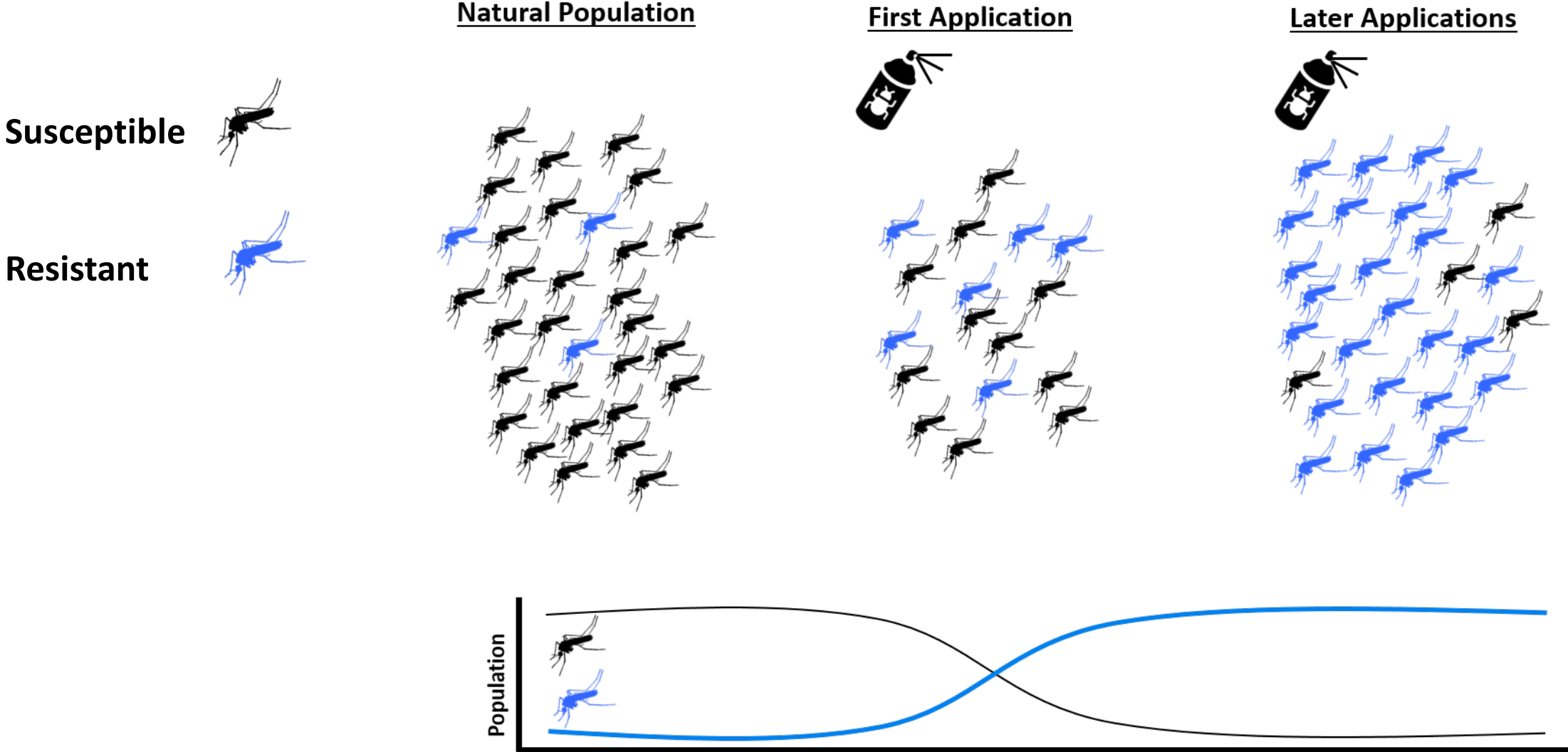


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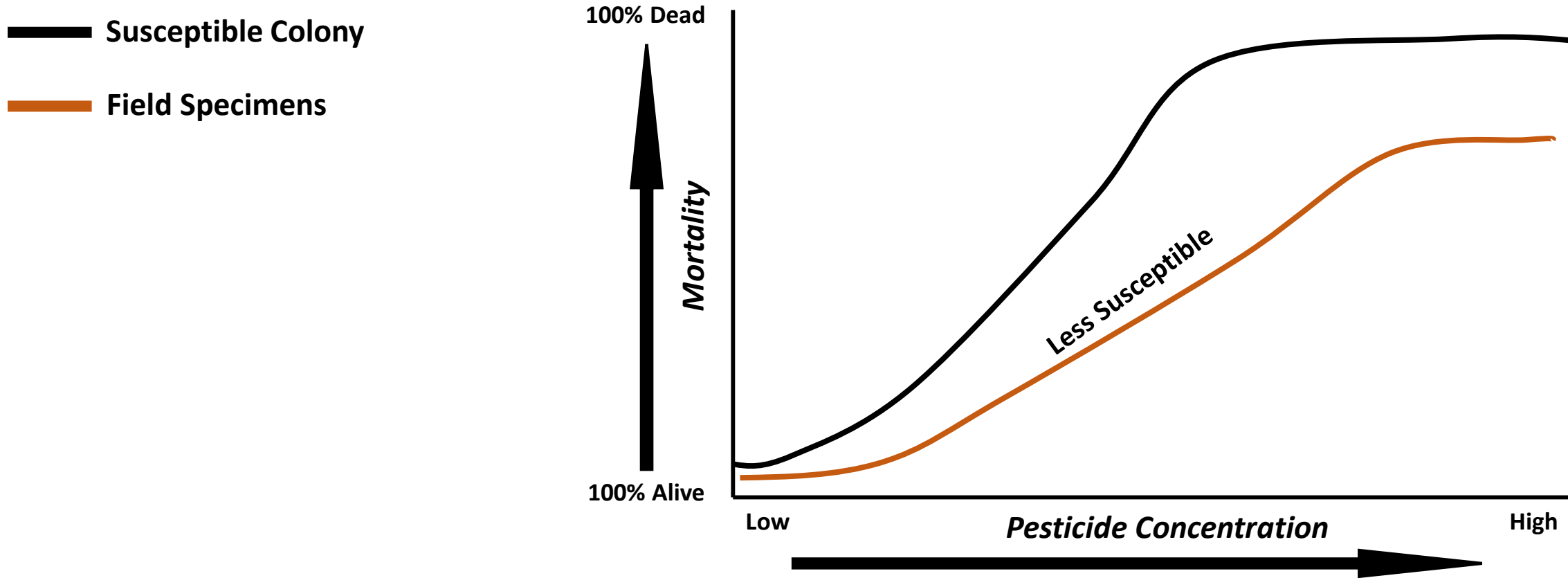
**Penetration Resistance:** Resistant insects absorb toxins more slowly, which occurs when the insects' outer cuticle develops barriers



# How Does Resistance Emerge?



# Resistance vs. Susceptibility



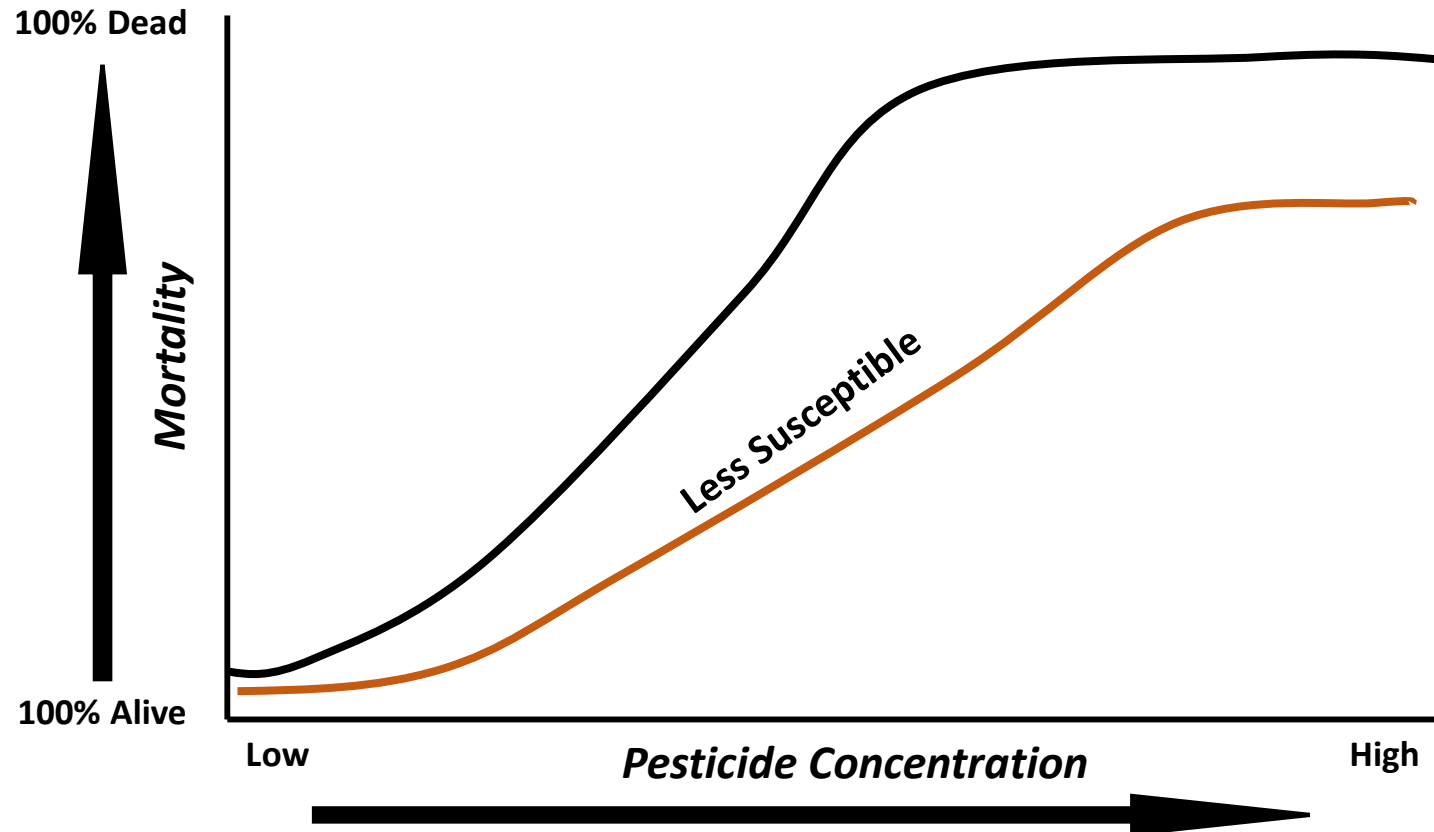
Susceptibility is determined by comparing mortality curves of field collected mosquitoes to a susceptible strain

# Resistance vs. Susceptibility

— Susceptible Colony

— Field Specimens

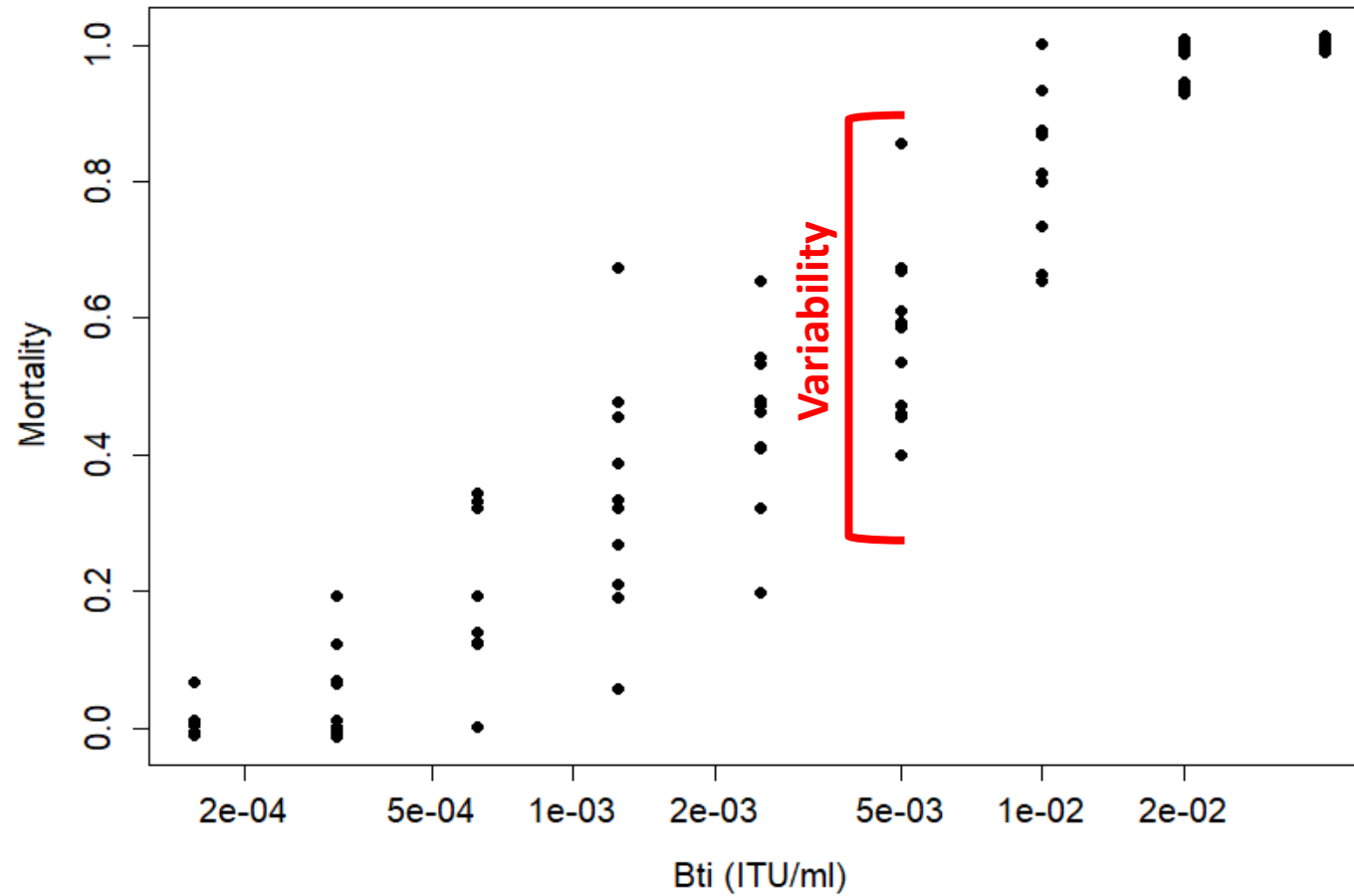
- LC-99 is the pesticide concentration where 99% of individuals from a susceptible colony would die
- Resistance ratios (comparing LC values) can be used, but require more specimens



Resistance can be defined by a threshold (diagnostic) concentration, dose, time, or resistance ratio based upon a susceptibility curve

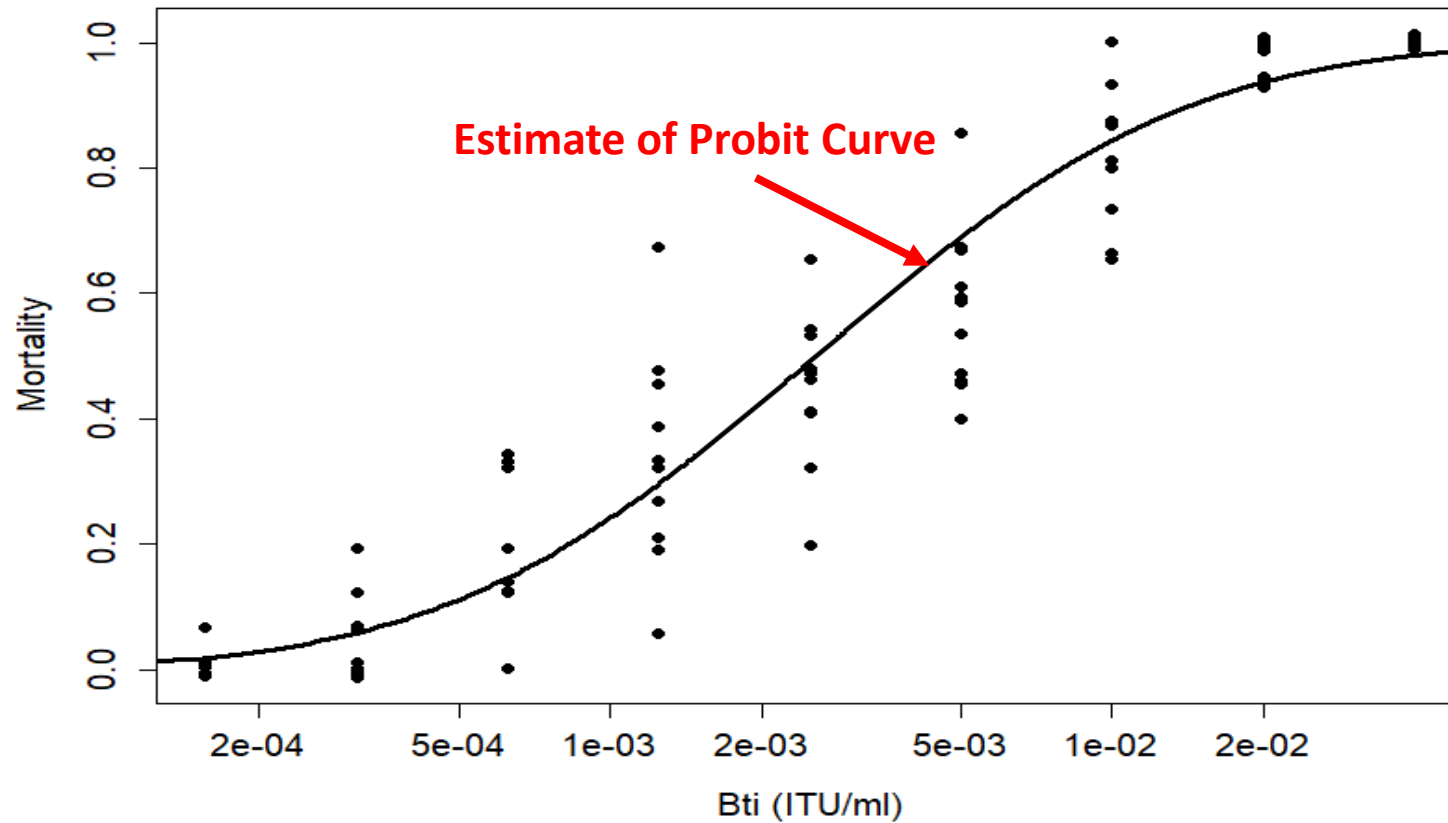
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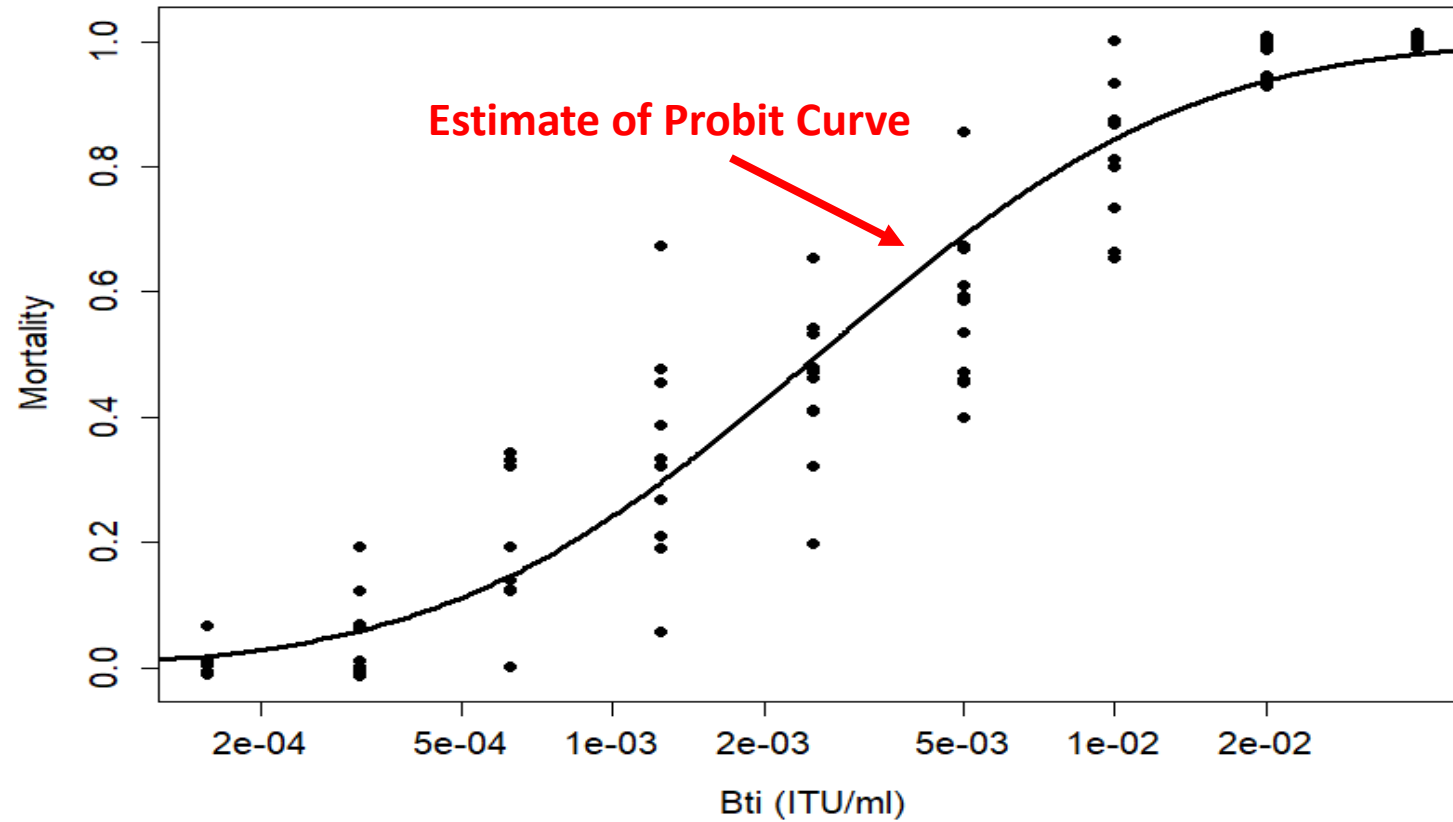
**Probit analysis:** a type of regression used to analyze a dose-response curve. Can be used to determine the pesticide concentration at which a give percentage of mosquitoes will die





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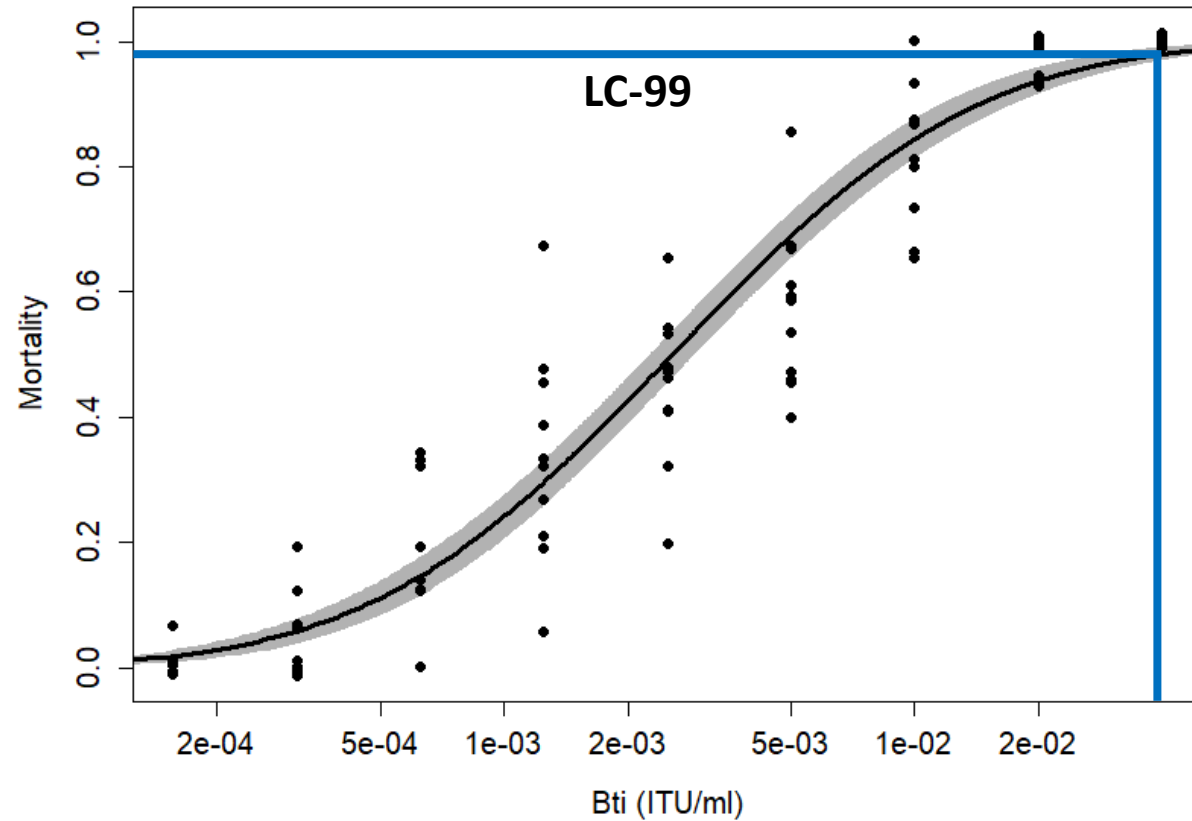


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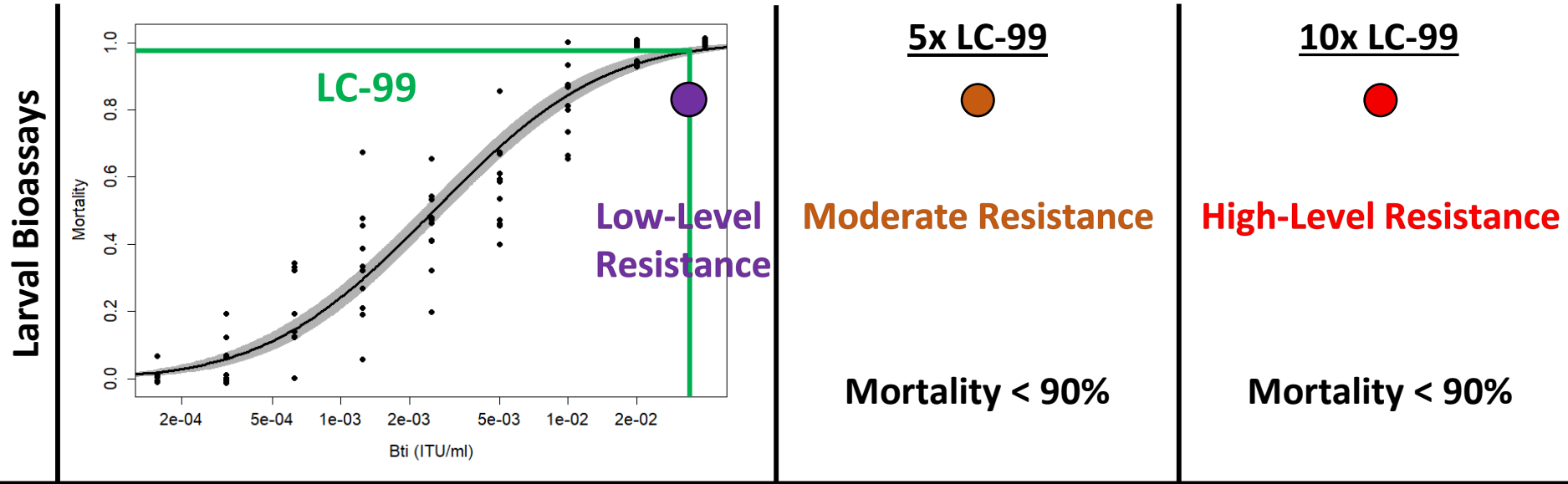


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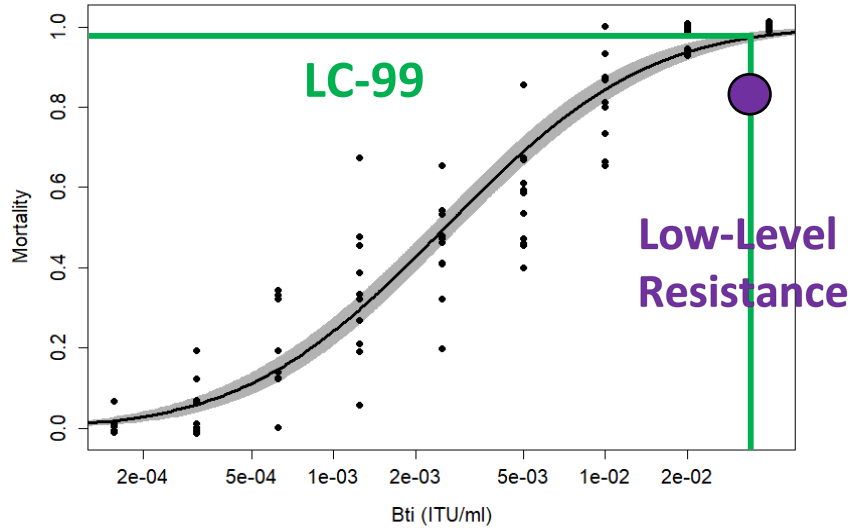


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Larval Bioassays



5x LC-99



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Mortality < 90%

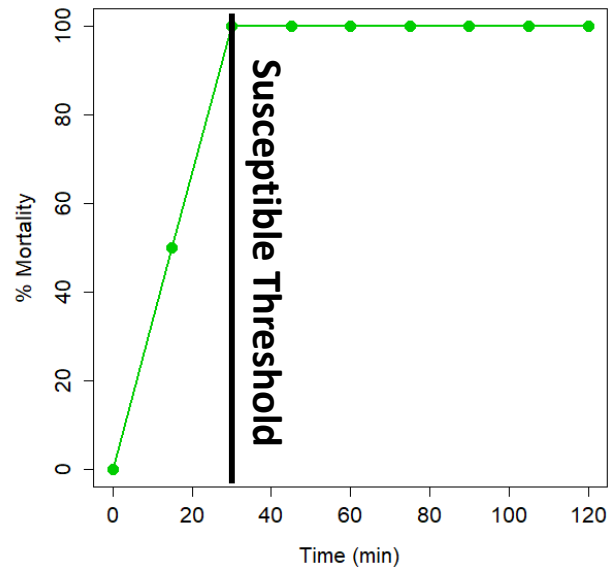
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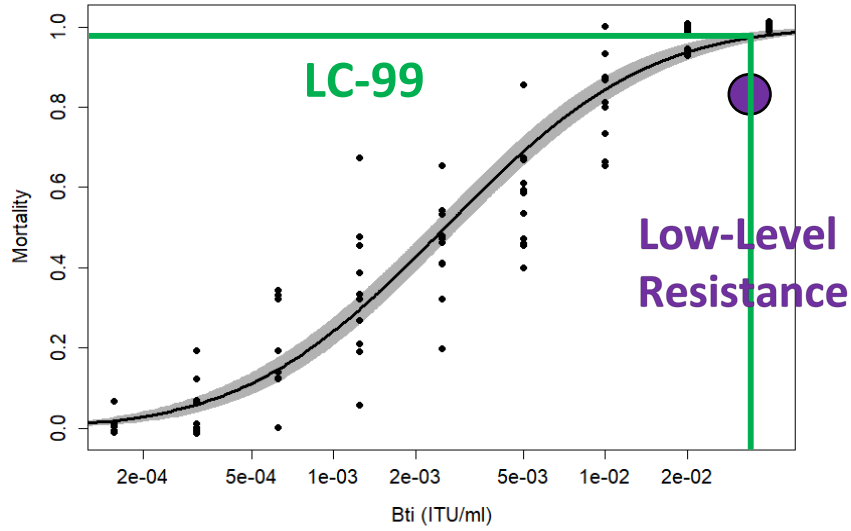
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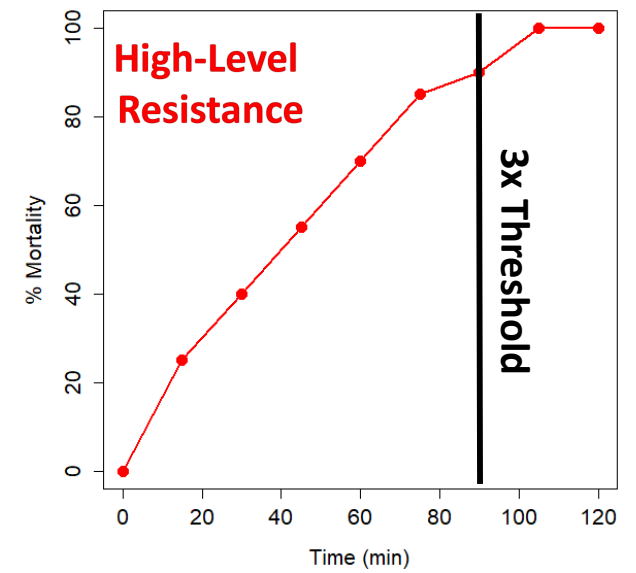
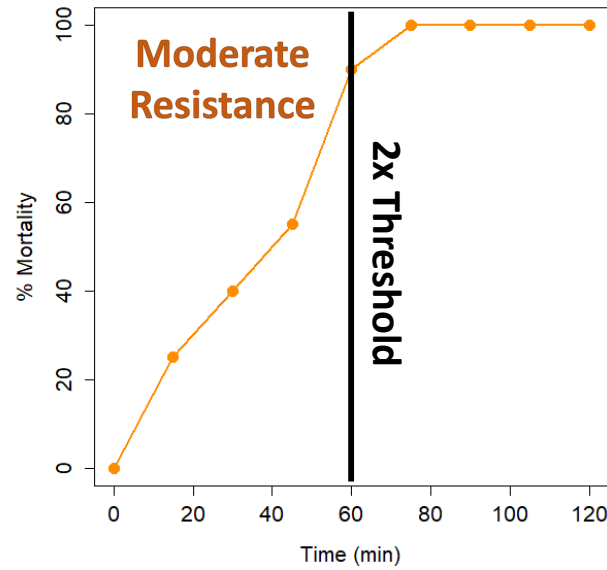
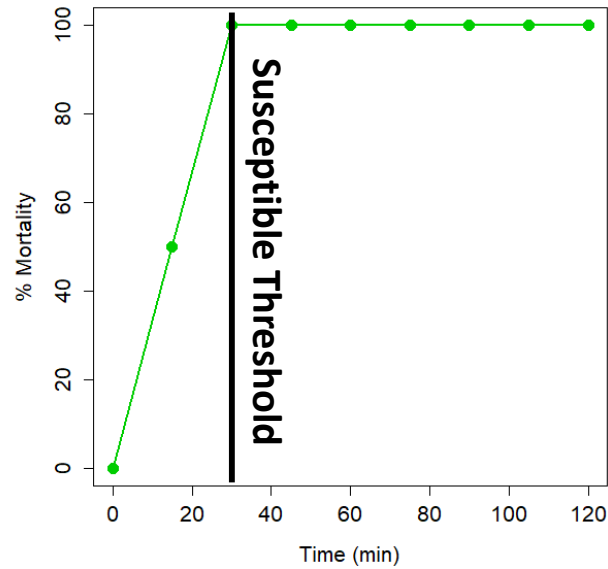
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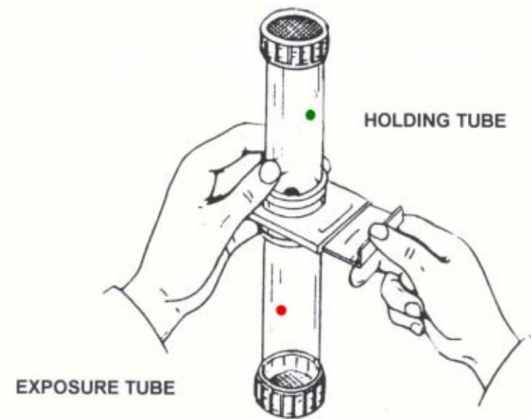
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# Common Detection Methods

## WHO Test



Introduce mosquitoes to treated tube



After 1 hour transfer to clean tube



Hold mosquitoes in clean tube for 24 hours

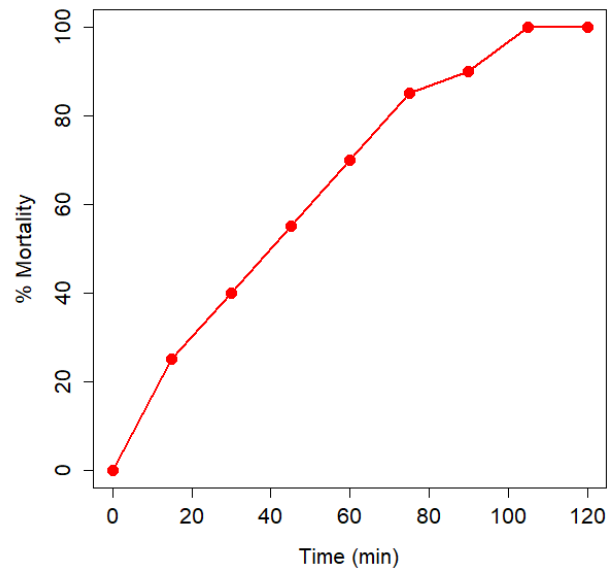
| Insecticide class | Insecticide        | Discriminating concentration (%) (1-hour exposure period) | 5 <sup>x</sup> <sup>a</sup> concentration (%) (1-hour exposure) | 10 <sup>x</sup> <sup>a</sup> concentration (%) (1-hour exposure) | Control paper |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|---------------|
| Carbamates        | Bendiocarb         | 0.1   | 0.5   | 1  | Olive oil     |
|                   | Carbosulfan        | 0.4   |   |  | Olive oil     |
|                   | Propoxur           | 0.1   |   |  | Olive oil     |
| Organochlorines   | DDT                | 4   |   |  | Risella oil   |
|                   | Dieldrin           | 0.4   |   |  | Risella oil   |
|                   |                    | 4   |   |  | Risella oil   |
| Organophosphates  | Fenitrothion       | 1   |   |  | Olive oil     |
|                   | Malathion          | 5   |   |  | Olive oil     |
|                   | Pirimiphos-methyl  | 0.25  | 1.25  | 2.5  | Olive oil     |
| Pyrethroids       | Alpha-cypermethrin | 0.05  | 0.25  | 0.5  | Silicone oil  |
|                   | Cyfluthrin         | 0.15  | 0.75  | 1.5  | Silicone oil  |
|                   | Deltamethrin       | 0.05  | 0.25  | 0.5  | Silicone oil  |
|                   | Etofenprox         | 0.5   | 2.5   | 5  | Silicone oil  |
|                   | Lambda-cyhalothrin | 0.05  | 0.25  | 0.5  | Silicone oil  |
|                   | Permethrin         | 0.75  | 3.75  | 7.5  | Silicone oil  |
| Phenylpyrazoles   | Fipronil           | 2   |   |  | Silicone oil  |
| Synergist         | Piperonyl butoxide | 4   |   |  | Silicone oil  |

*Test Procedures for insecticide resistance monitoring in malaria vector mosquitoes, 2016*

[https://www.who.int/whopes/resources/who\\_cds\\_cpe\\_pvc\\_2001\\_2/en/](https://www.who.int/whopes/resources/who_cds_cpe_pvc_2001_2/en/)

# Common Detection Methods

## CDC Bottle Bioassay



| Chemical     | Final Concentration/Bottle $\mu\text{g}/\text{bottle}$ | <i>Ae. aegypti</i> REX colony     | <i>Ae. albopictus</i> LC colony | <i>Cx. molestus</i> colony | <i>Cx. pipiens</i> NY/Chicago colony |
|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|              |  | 100% Mortality Expected (minutes) |                                 |                            |                                      |
| Chlorpyrifos | 20   | 45                                | 45                              | 45                         | 90                                   |
| Deltamethrin | 0.75   | 30                                | 30                              | 120+                       | 45                                   |
| Etofenprox   | 12.5   | 15                                | 30                              | 105                        | 15                                   |
| Fenthion     | 800  | TBD                               | TBD                             | 30                         | 75                                   |
| Malathion    | 400  | 15                                | 30                              | 30                         | 45                                   |
| Naled        | 2.25   | 30                                | 30                              | 30                         | 45                                   |
| Permethrin   | 43   | 10                                | 10                              | 30                         | 30                                   |
| Prallethrin  | 0.05   | 120+                              | 120+                            | 120+                       | 60                                   |
| Pyrethrum    | 15   | 15                                | 30                              | 120+                       | 45                                   |
| Resmethrin   | 30   | 5                                 | 10                              | 30                         | 15                                   |
| Sumethrin    | 20   | 10                                | 45                              | 120                        | 30                                   |

# Comparing Methods

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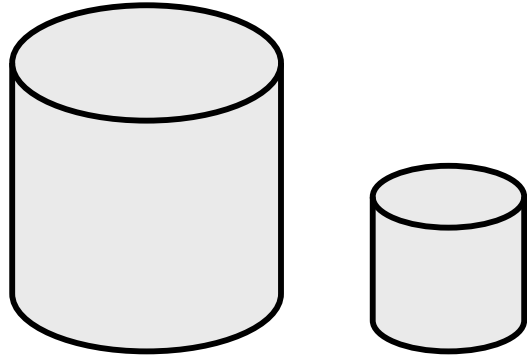
- + Materials are cheap and easily accessible
- + Procedure is simple and easy to follow
- + Only one test to scale resistance level
- Time consuming to collect data, if resistance is detected
- Level of resistance difficult to determine when using a diagnostic time

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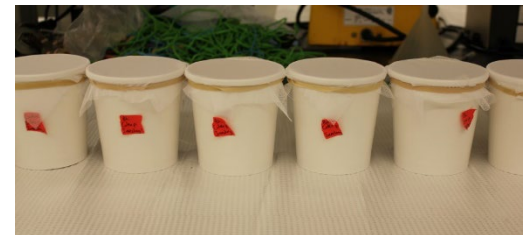
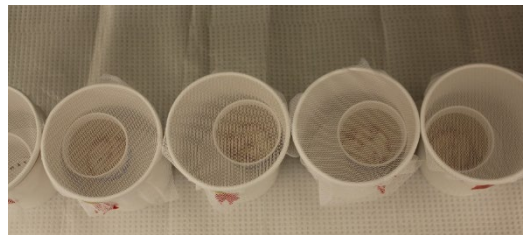


- + Only checked once (post-24 h) for each concentration used
- + Diagnostic doses are uniform and based on susceptibility curves
- Kits are difficult to obtain or build
- Must run multiple tests to detect different levels of resistance

# Larvicide Bioassay

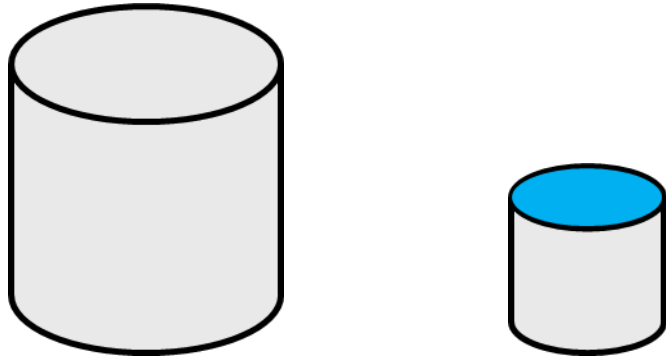


Use two wax-lined paper cups

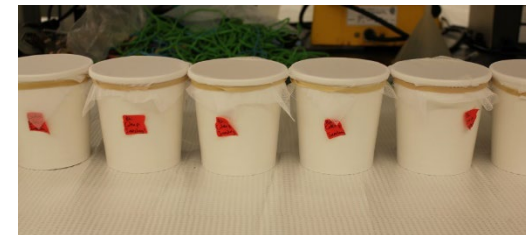
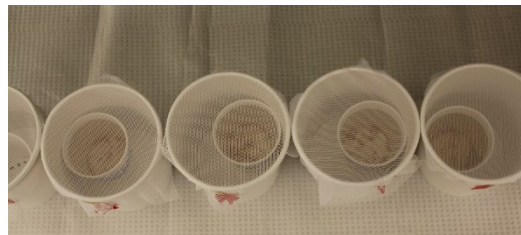




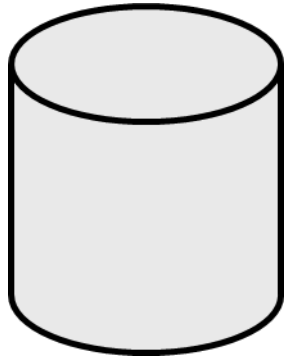
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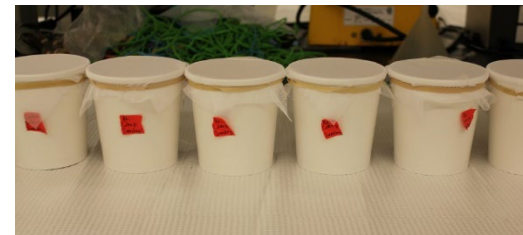
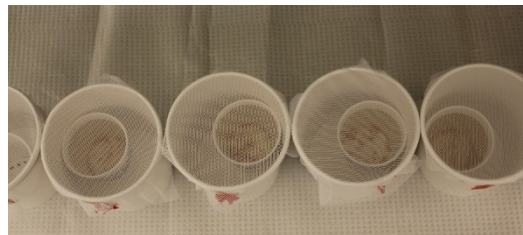
Fill the smaller cup with 74 ml of water and add 50 mg of fish food



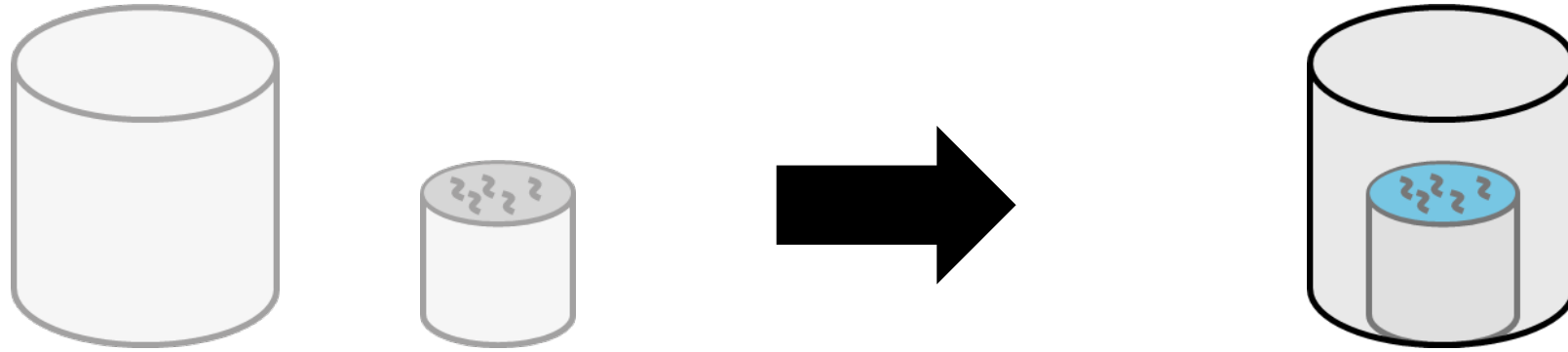
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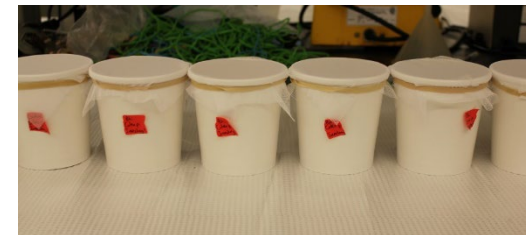
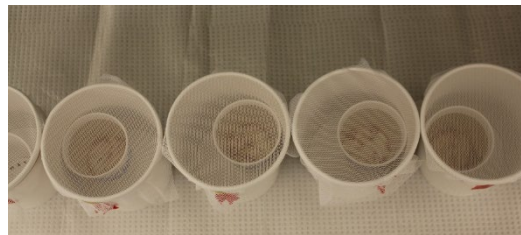
Add 15 4<sup>th</sup> instar larvae to the small cups



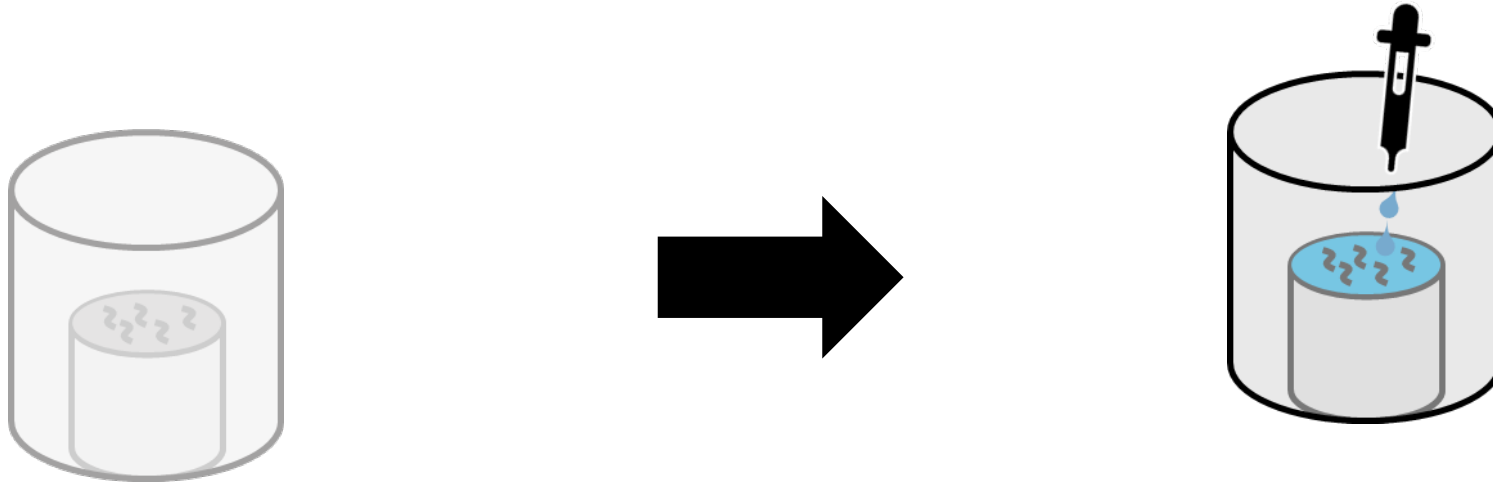
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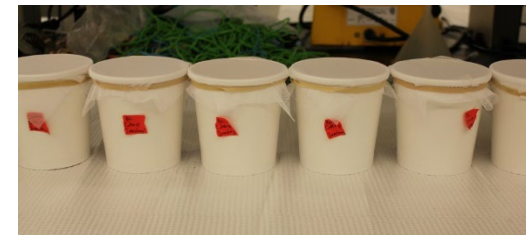
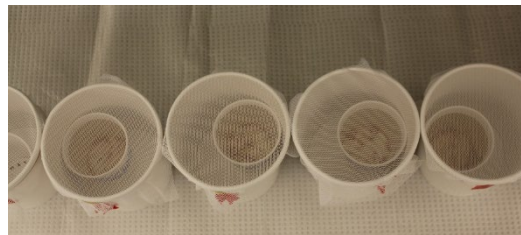
Place smaller cup  
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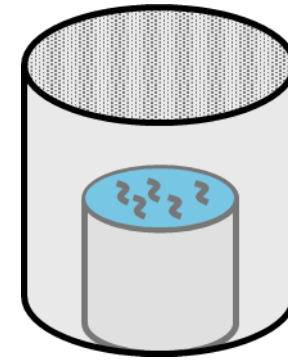
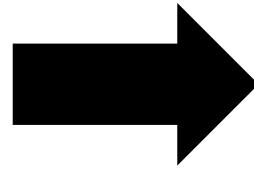
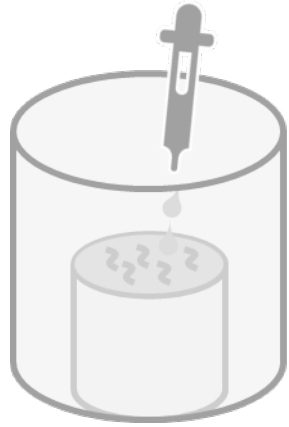
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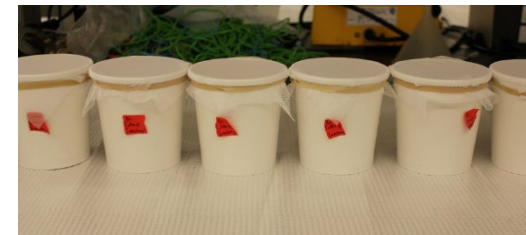
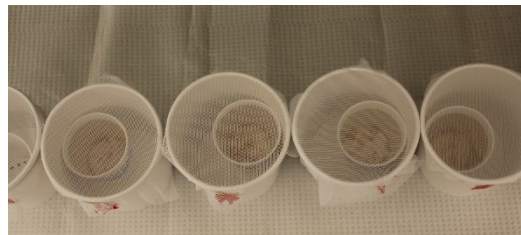
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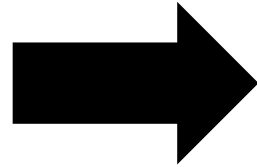
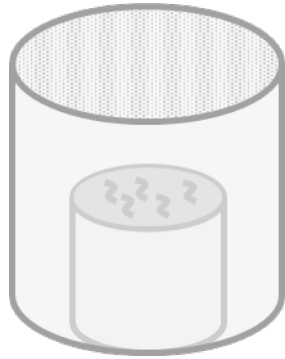


Place a piece of fine fabric  
over the top of the larger cup



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Highest Concentration



Determine 5-6 concentrations to build susceptibility curve

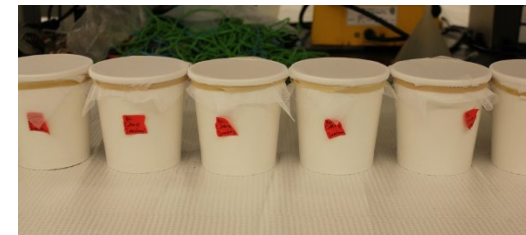
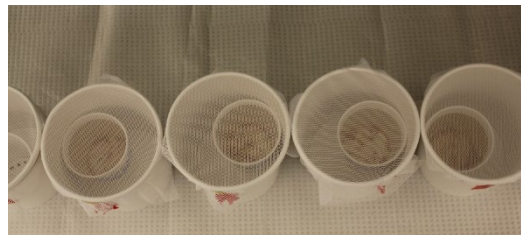
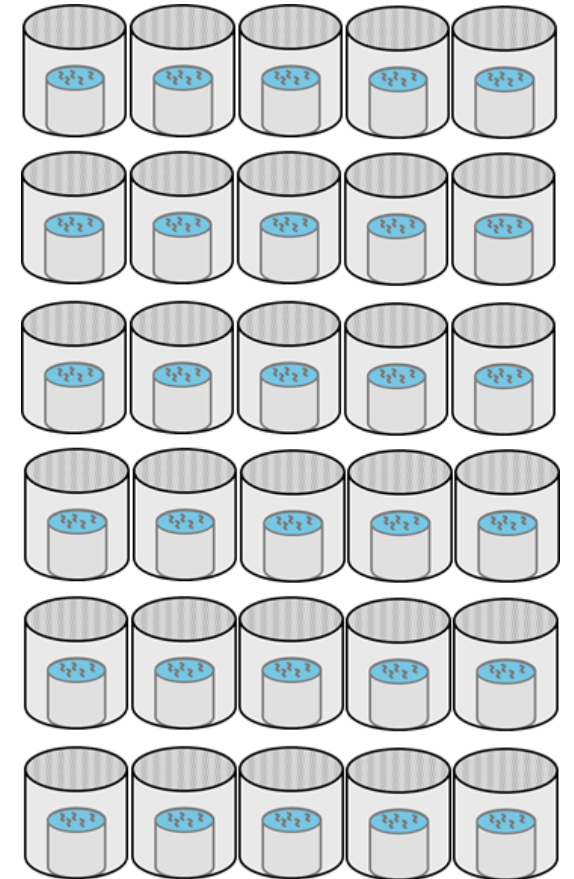
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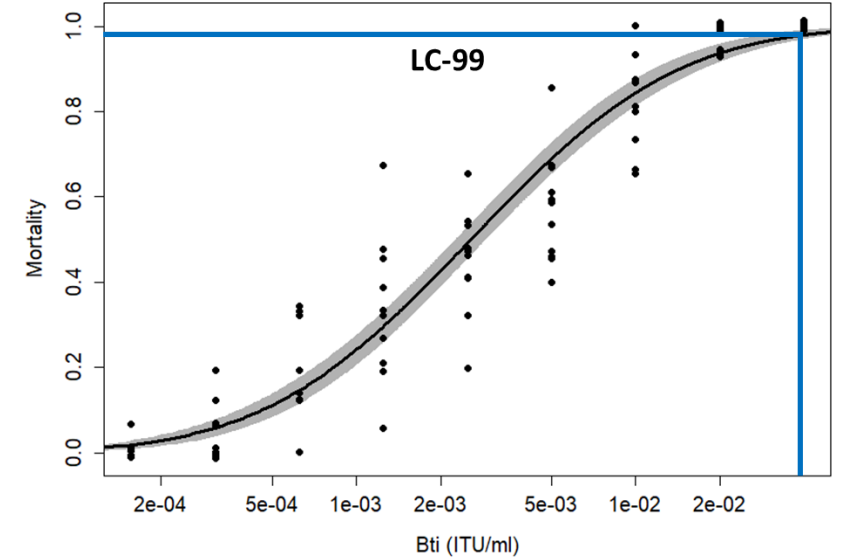
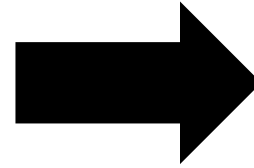
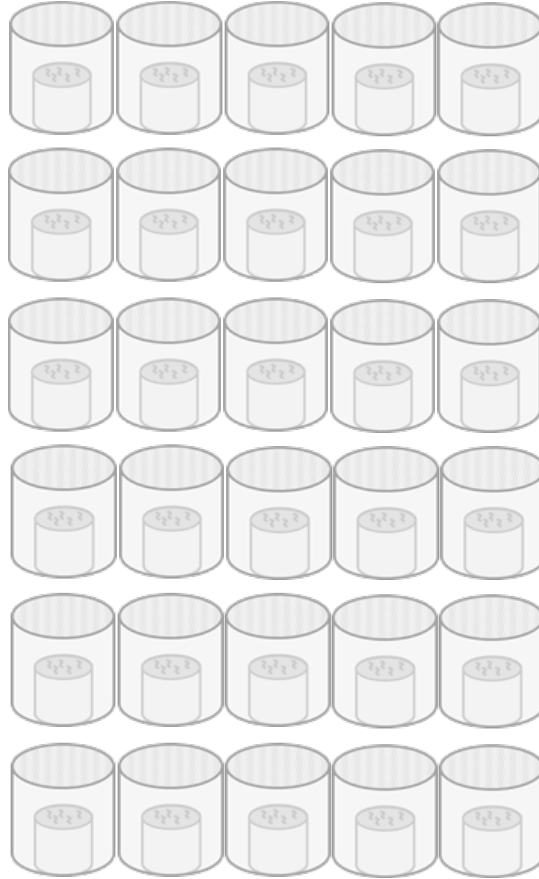
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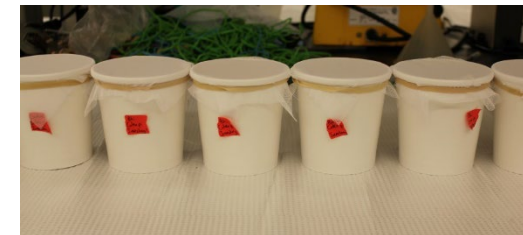
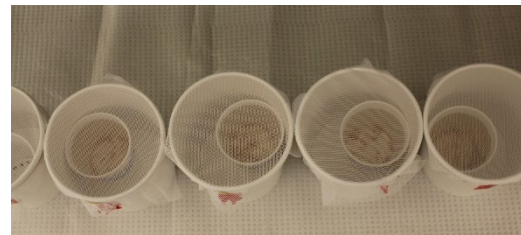
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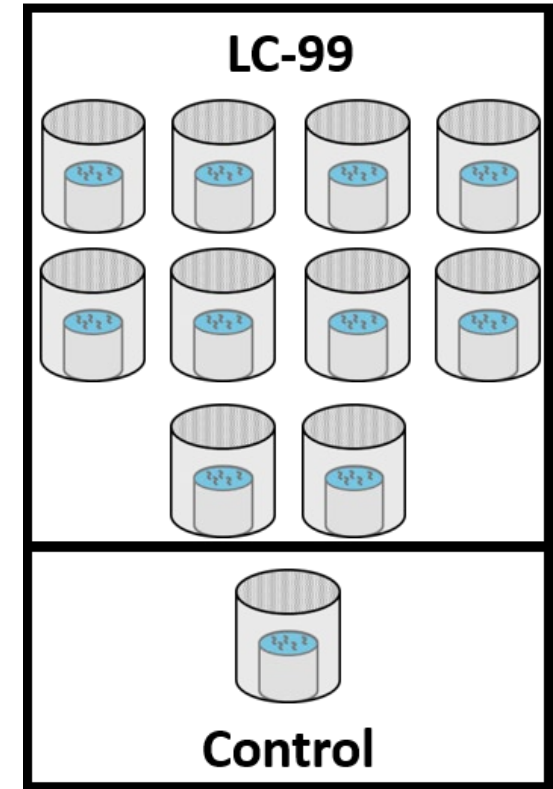
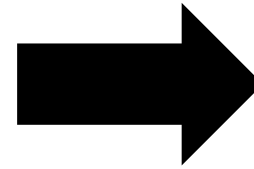
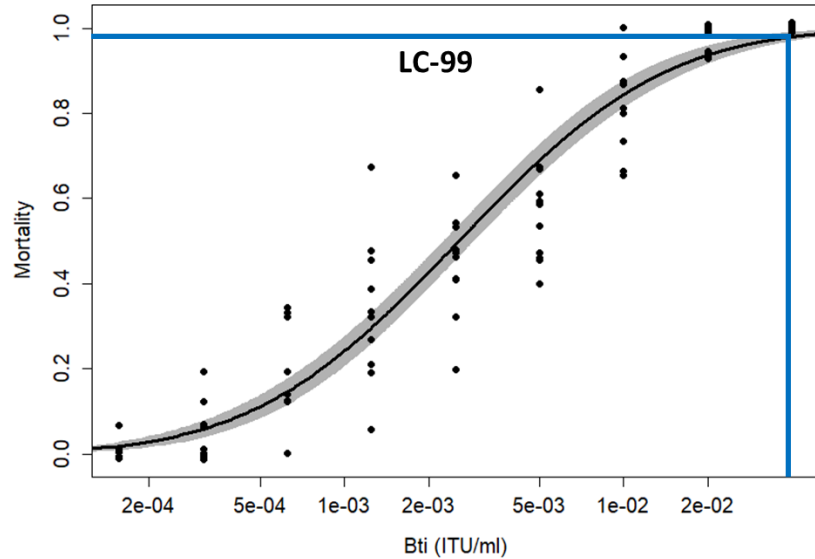


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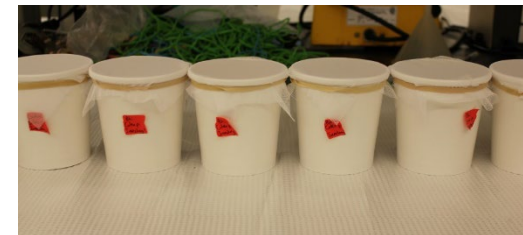
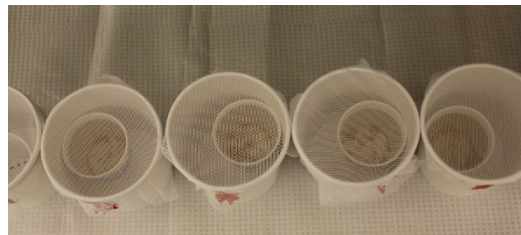




# Larvicide Bioassay



Test field populations at the diagnostic concentration





# Mosquito Collection for Assays



## Egg Collection

- + Age of mosquito known
- + Often easier to ID species
- Requires some space for rearing

**BEST OPTION!**



## Larval Collection

- + Age of adults known
- Age of larvae unknown
- Each individual must be identified
- Requires some space for rearing

## Adult Collection

- + Only need to hold mosquitoes for short time
- Age unknown
- Cannot test larvae
- Each individual must be identified



# Factors Influencing Selection for Pesticide Resistance

## Genetic

- Frequency and dominance of resistance genes
- Expression of genes
- Competition between individuals with and without resistance genes

## Operational

### Chemical

- Chemical nature of pesticide and similarity to other chemicals used historically
- Persistence of residues

### Application

- Application threshold
- Life stage(s) targeted
- Mode of application
- Rotation of chemicals

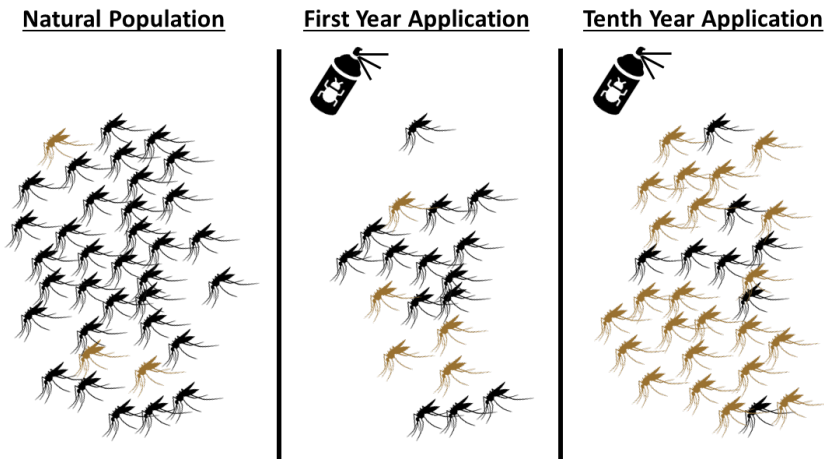
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### Reproductive

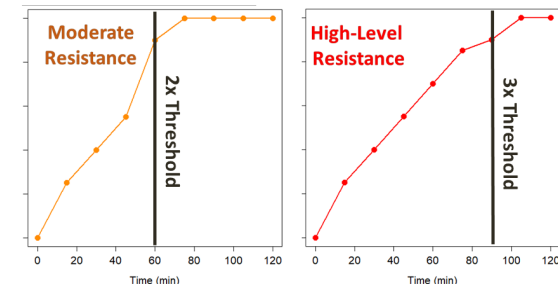
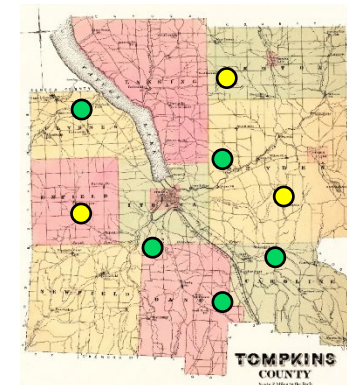
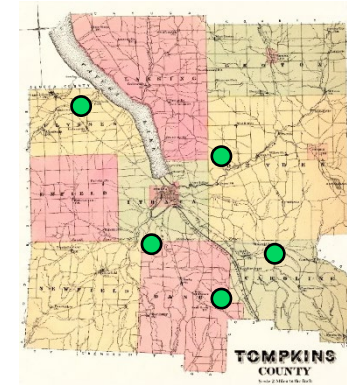
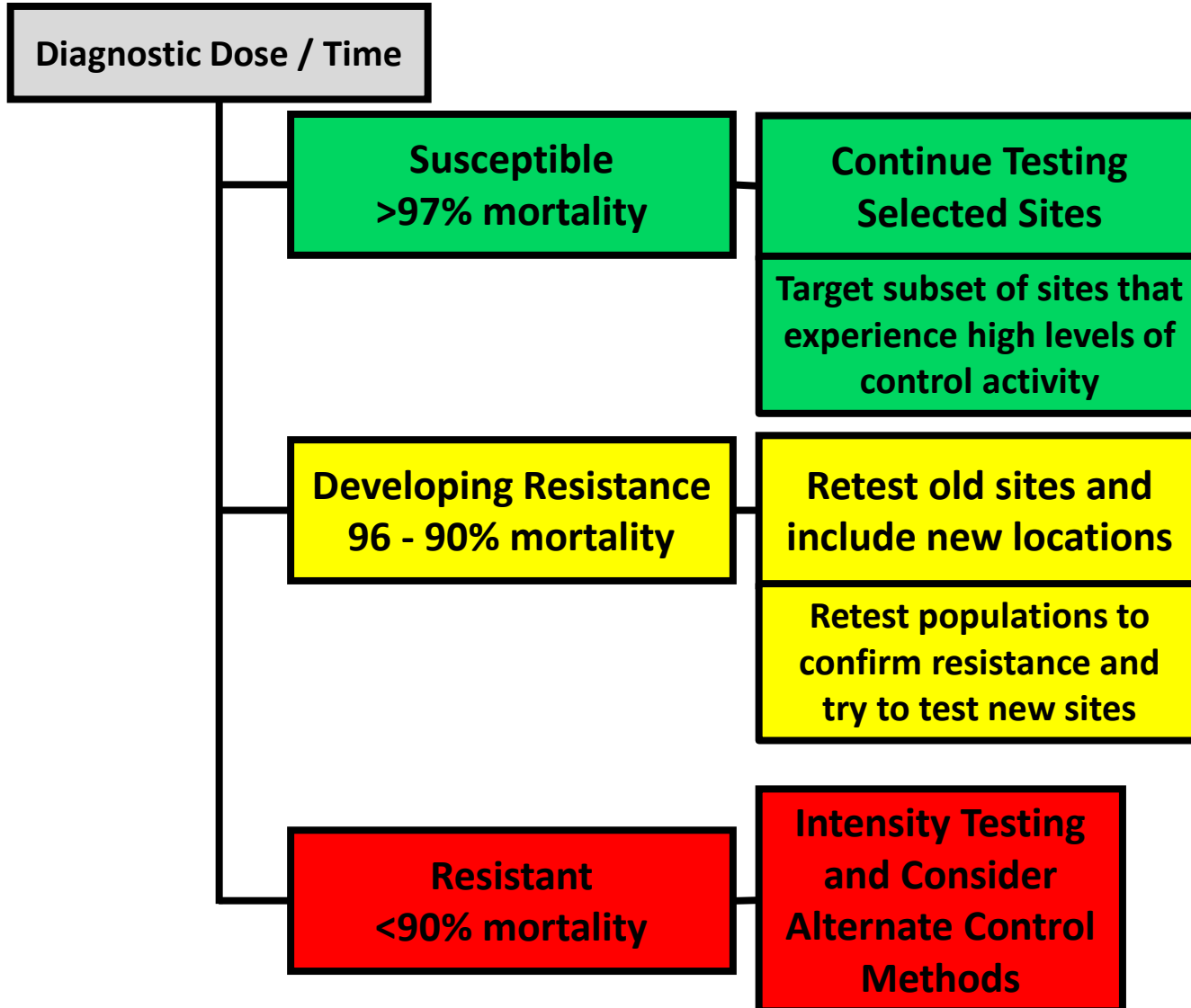
- Generation time and reproductive output
- Mate once, multiple times, or not at all

### Behavioral

- Distance traveled
- Diet type (specialist / generalist)
- Shelter



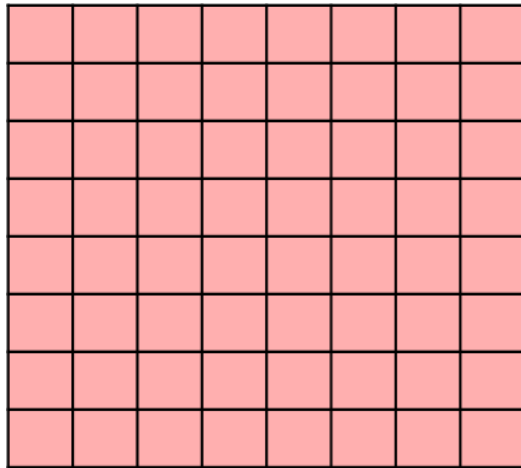
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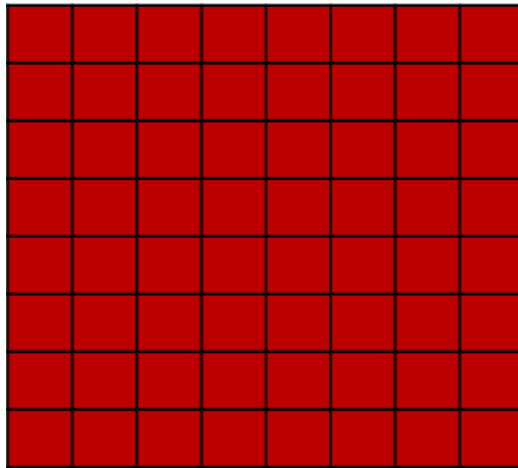
## Management by Moderation

- Lower dosage and number of applications
- Use chemicals that are short lived
- Treat the minimal size area necessary



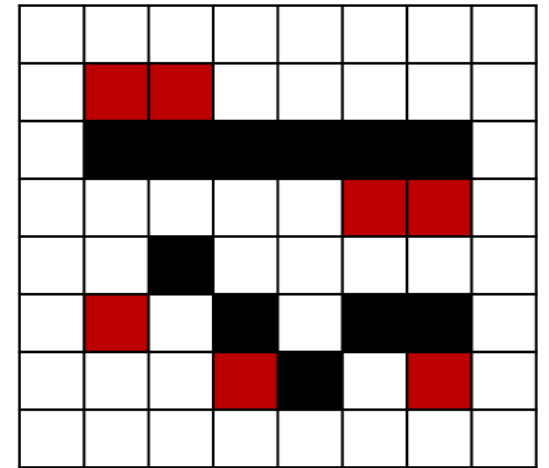
## Management by Saturation

- Eliminating mosquitoes that have resistance genes at low levels before resistance emerges
- Use of synergists in the field



## Management by Multiple Attack

- Mixture of chemicals
- Alternation of chemicals: rotations, mosaics



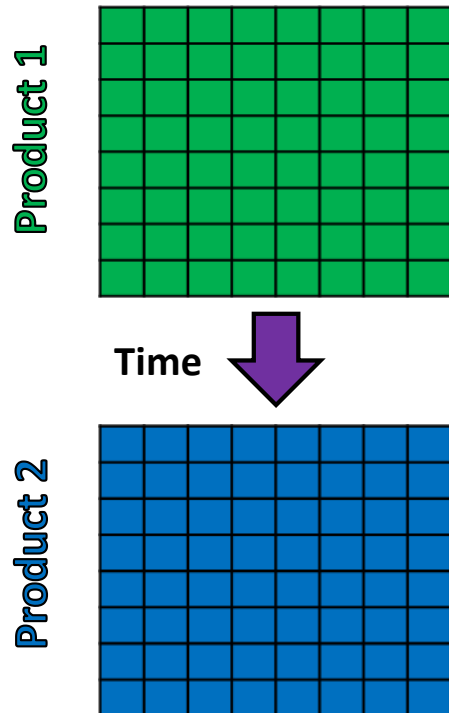
Low Use

High Use

# Management by Multiple Attack

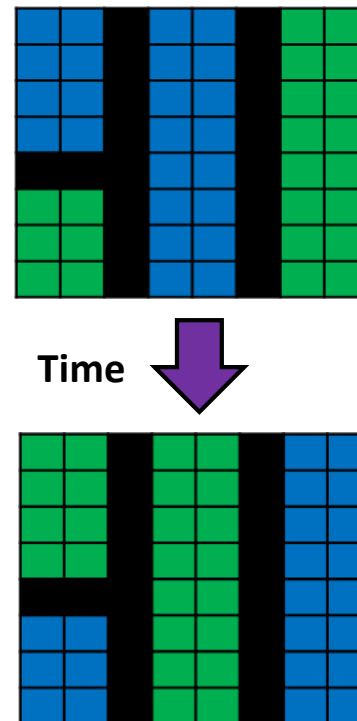
## Rotation

- Switching between products with different modes of action
- This strategy should be paired with resistance monitoring for both products to detect emerging resistance



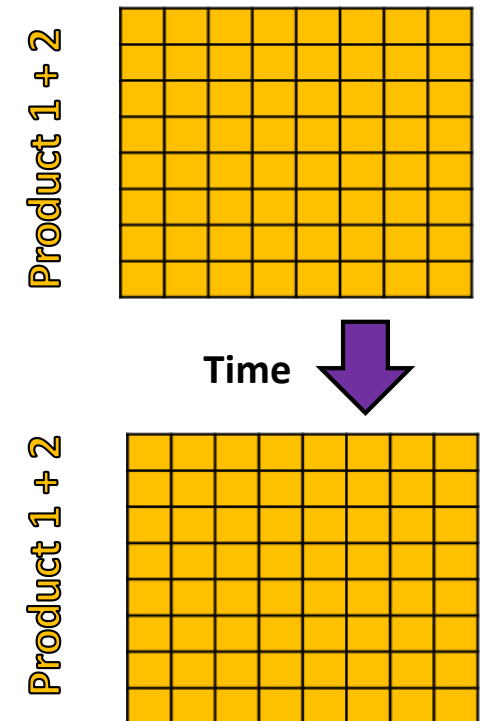
## Mosaic

- Using different pesticides on geographically isolated mosquito populations
- Resistance testing for all populations and products is ideal for this method



## Mixture of Insecticides

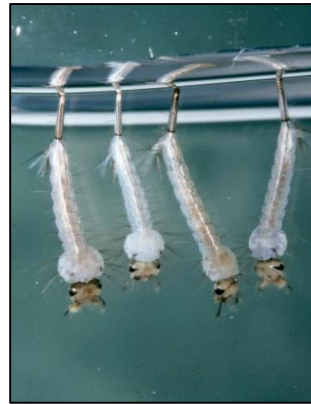
- Deploying a combination of two or more different pesticides to control mosquitoes at the same time
- Resistance testing for all products is necessary



# Take it away John!

(We'll have time for questions at the end of the webinar)

# ***Establishing and Maintaining Mosquito Colonies***



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# *Establishing and Maintaining Mosquito Colonies*

## What do you need?

**Space**

**Equipment**

**Effort**





# Resources

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|  | <p><b>HHS Public Access</b><br/>Author manuscript<br/><i>Bio Protoc.</i> Author manuscript; available in PMC 2017 October 24.</p> |
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## Rearing of *Culex* spp. and *Aedes* spp. Mosquitoes

Elizabeth Kauffman<sup>1</sup>, Anne Payne<sup>1</sup>, Mary A. Franke<sup>1</sup>, Michael A. Schmid<sup>2</sup>, Eva Harris<sup>3</sup>, and Laura D. Kramer<sup>1,4,\*</sup>

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<https://europepmc.org/backend/ptpmcrender.fcgi?accid=PMC5654580&blobtype=pdf>

### Open Access

- List of Supplies
- Techniques Covered in Detail

# Resources

*Manual for  
Mosquito Rearing and  
Experimental Techniques*

Eugene J. Gerberg, Donald R. Barnard  
and Ronald A. Ward



American Mosquito Control Association  
Bulletin No. 5 (revised)

## Everything you need to know

**Compiles information and references from almost any colony work performed and documented up to early 1990s**

**Currently available from AMCA for purchase (\$28)**

<https://www.mosquito.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=9520947>



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# BEI Resources

The screenshot shows the BEI Resources website interface. At the top, it says "b e i RESOURCES" and "SUPPORTING INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESEARCH". There are navigation tabs for "Home", "Catalog", "Deposits", "Register", "MR4", and "About". Below the navigation is a search bar with "Catalog" selected and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar are two dropdown menus: "Choose a Resource" and "Choose an Organism". On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with "Catalog" selected, showing a list of resources including "DMID Resources", "NIAID Vector Program", "Vectorbase", "MR4 Vector Resources", "MR4 Catalog", "European Union Virtual Insectory", "FR3 (Filariasis)", "FR3 Catalog", "SR3 (Schistosomiasis)", "SR3 Catalog", "Sand Fly Care & Maintenance Manual", and "Vector Resource Catalog". The main content area is titled "Vector Resources" and contains a paragraph of text: "The Vector Resource materials within BEI Resources aims to support research to discover new ways to prevent the spread of disease. Vectors—organisms that transmit pathogens to hosts—include mosquitoes, ticks, triatomine bugs, sand flies, black flies, tsetse flies, fleas, mites and certain freshwater snails. BEI Resources currently supplies mosquitoes, ticks, reduviids, sand flies and snails to researchers. We are looking to expand the current resource to include all of the vectors above." Below the text are two buttons: "Vector Resource Catalog" and "Vector Resource Links". Underneath these buttons is a row of seven images of different vectors: a tick, a mosquito, a reduviid bug, a sand fly, a black fly, a tsetse fly, and a flea. At the bottom of the page, there is a small red text instruction: "Click on a Vector above to see catalog offerings. Click on the Vector Resource Catalog button to see ALL Vector Resources."

<https://www.beiresources.org/>

- NIAID
- Repository
- Registration Required
- Eligibility
- Permits
- 4 Species available

## Methods in *Aedes* Research (26 pp):

<https://www.beiresources.org/Portals/2/VectorResources/Methods%20in%20Aedes%20Research%202016.pdf>

## Methods in *Anopheles* Research (408 pp):

<https://www.beiresources.org/Portals/2/VectorResources/2016%20Methods%20in%20Anopheles%20Research%20full%20manual.pdf>

# Facilities

## Short Term

- **Dedicated Bench space**
- **“In Season”**
- **No control needed for temperature or photoperiod**
- **Area for trays of larvae and cages of adults**
- **May need to increase humidity for Adult Cages**
  - **Damp paper towels**
  - **Plastic sheeting**

## Long Term

- **Dedicated space**
  - **Incubator or Growth Chamber**
  - **Walk-in Incubator or Climate Controlled Room**
- **Controls needed for temperature and photoperiod**

# Facilities



## Growth Chamber or Incubator

- Free standing
- 1 or 2 colonies
- Temperature Control (25.5° C)
- Light Control (16:8 hr, L:D)
  - Fluorescent



## Insectary

- Dedicated space
- More Space
- Humidity Control





# Insectary

22 to 25° C

70% RH

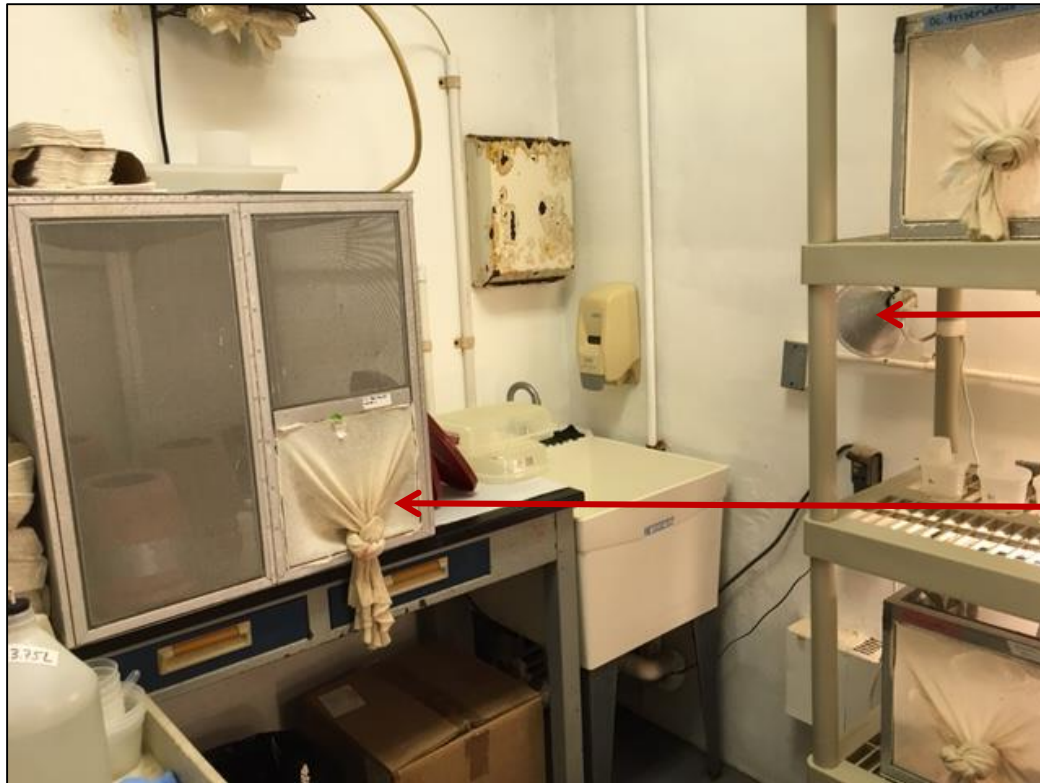
16 hour light, 8 hours dark

- *Overhead Lights*  
On 5:30 AM, Off 9:00 PM
- *Lights on Shelf Units*  
On 6:00 AM, Off 9:30 PM



There are 2 Shelf Units in the room.

Each shelf has a light fixture



## Dusk Simulation

Clip-on Work Light

10 W incandescent bulb

On 5:00 AM, Off 6:30 AM

On 9:00 PM, Off 11:00 PM

8 cu. ft. cage

# Species

## Multivoltine Species

- **Recommended**
  - *Culex pipiens*\* or *Cx. quinquefasciatus*\*
  - *Aedes albopictus*\*
  - *Aedes aegypti*\*
  - *Aedes triseriatus*\*
  - *Cx. pipiens* form *molestus* (autogenous)\*
  - *Aedes atropalpus* (autogenous)#
- **More difficult**
  - *Culiseta melanura*\*
  - *Culex restuans*
  - *Culex salinarius*#
  - *Culex tarsalis*#
  - *Aedes japonicus*#
  - *Anopheles quadrimaculatus*

Larvae  
Develop in  
Containers

## Univoltine Species

- **Can sometimes rear larvae to adult**
- **Extremely difficult to colonize**

\* = currently maintained at CAES # = previously maintained at CAES



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# Specimen Collection



## Ovi-Trap

- 32 oz. "Casino Cup"
- 38 lb. Seed germination paper
- *Aedes/Ochlerotatus* species
- ID larvae as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> instar



## Container

- Gravid Trap Infusion as bait
- *Culex* egg rafts
- ID larvae as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> instar

Photo: Greater Los Angeles County VCD



# Specimen Collection



## Dipper

- Multiple *Aedes/Ochlerotatus* species
- Vernal pool, salt marsh, floodwater
- ID larvae
- Rear to Adult in field collected water
- May need to feed up to 4<sup>th</sup> instar



Photo: John W Hock Co.

## Mechanical Aspirator

- Backpack Aspirator
- Similar to Landing Bite Counts
- Mated Adult Females
- ID females (immobilized by chilling)
- Offer bloodmeal
- Collect eggs, hatch, rear larvae



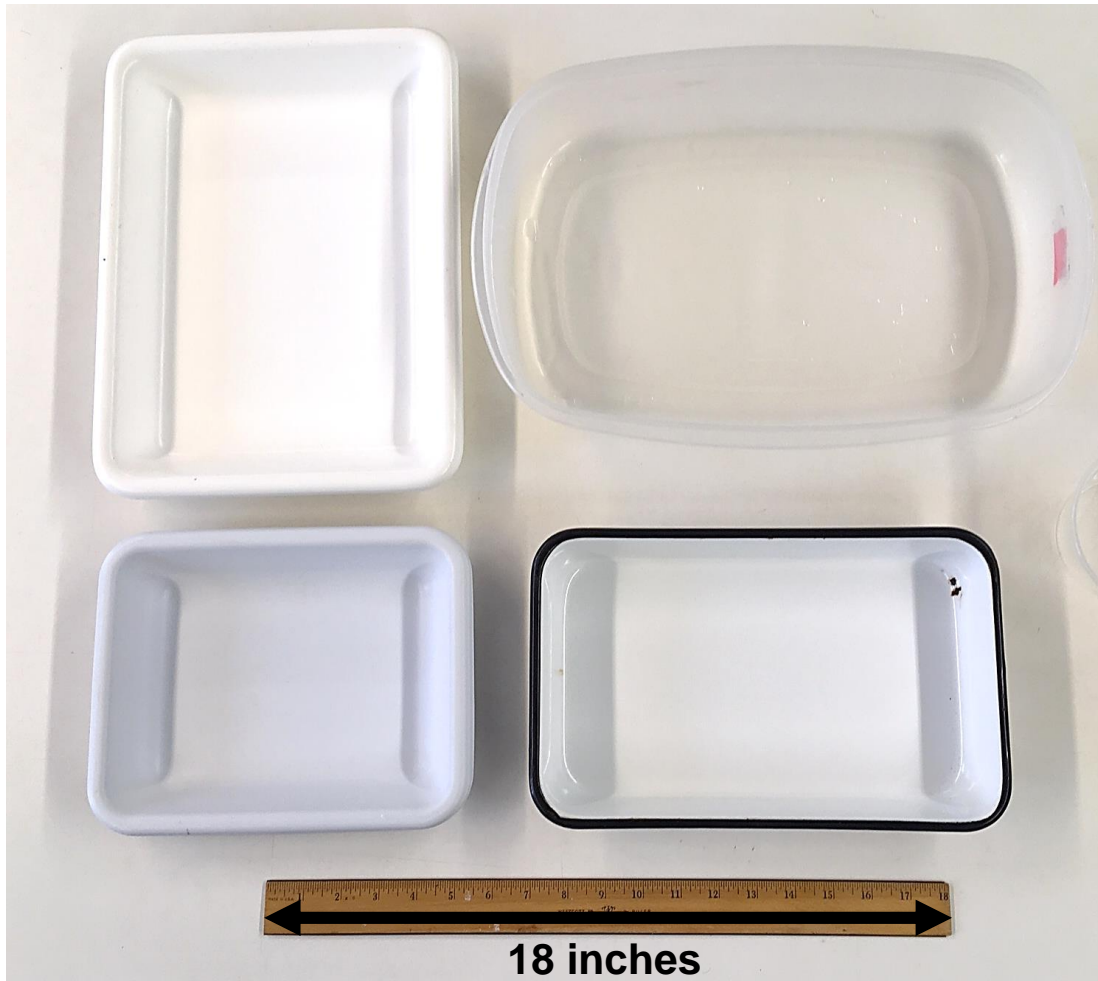
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# Rearing Larvae

- Larger pans work best
- White background
- Surface Area > Volume



## Inexpensive Options

### 24 oz. Take Out Container

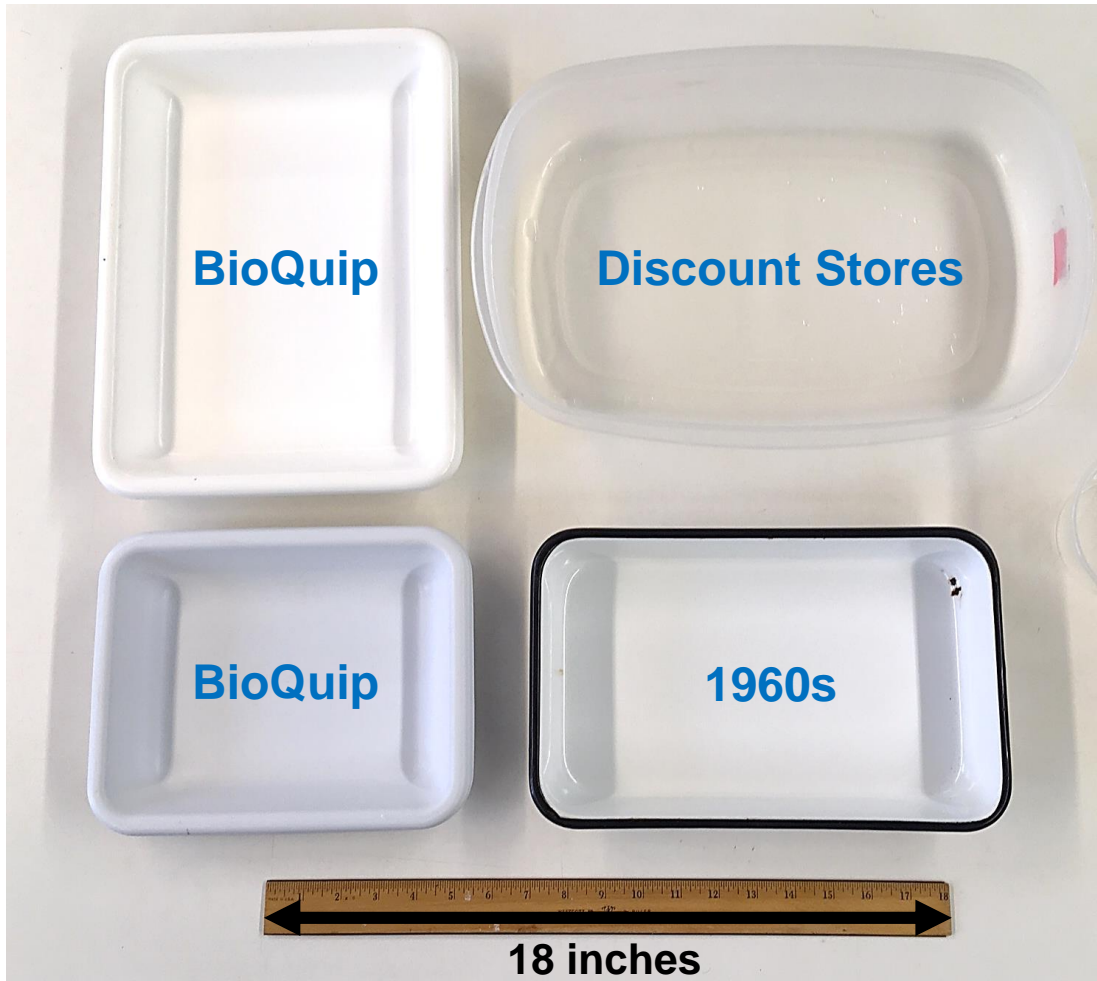


### 16 oz. Deli Container



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24 oz. Take Out Container



16 oz. Deli Container



Online : [webstaurantstore.com](http://webstaurantstore.com)



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# *Larval Diets*

## **Multiple Options**

- **TetraMin Tropical Fish Flakes**
  - **Finely Ground**
  - **Inexpensive, readily available**
- **Liver Powder: Brewer's Yeast (3:2 by weight)**
- **Pet food (Finely Ground and Sifted)**
  - **Koi Food**
  - **Dog Food**
  - **Cat Food**
  - **Rabbit Food Pellets**
  - **Rat Chow**
- **Various Combinations of the Above**
- **Useful to mix in a suspension (slurry)**
  - **Make fresh for use or store 1-2 days**



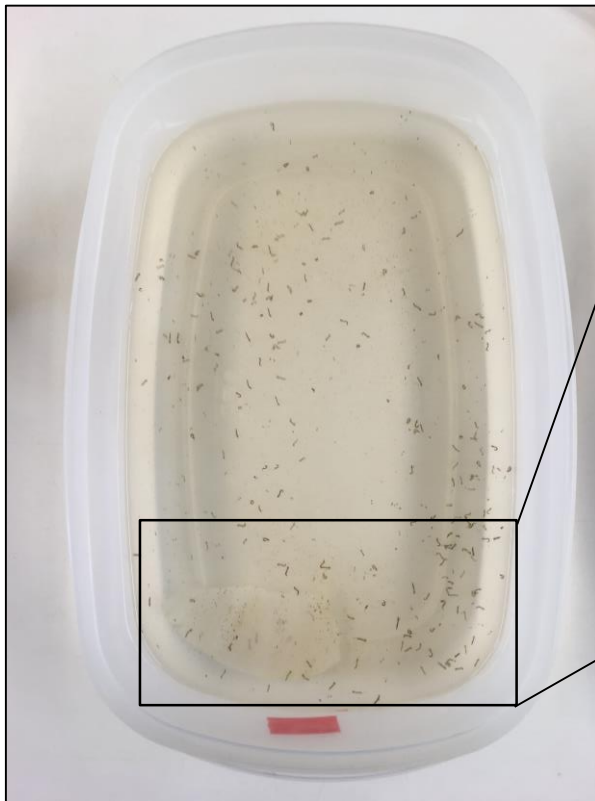
# Hatching Eggs

## Water

- Distilled
- Reverse Osmosis
- Conditioned Tap (let sit at least 24 hr)

## Add water (about 4 cm deep), eggs, larval food

- General rule = 1 larva/1-2 cm<sup>3</sup> water (up to 5 larva/cm<sup>2</sup>) OR LESS



**Aedes Eggs: Flooded Friday,  
Larvae 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> instar on Monday**



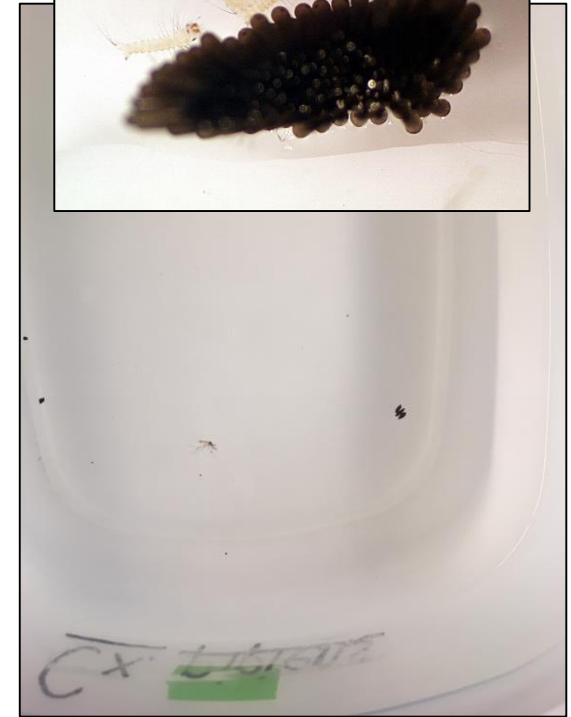
# Hatching Eggs

## Culex egg Rafts

- Each raft = 50 to 200+ eggs
- Make sure to orient in “head down”

## Add to water (2 – 3 cm deep), larval food

- Eggs hatch in 24 – 48 hrs



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# *Feeding Larvae*

## **Feed larvae Mon, Wed, Fri**

- **Increase as Larvae develop from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> instar**
- **Skim surface with paper towel if "scum layer" develops**
- **Feed less if water is cloudy**
- **Decrease as when Pupae first develop**



# Transferring Pupae

Pick pupae as they develop

- 5 to 7 DAYS after hatching eggs

Pipettes

- Need to cut tip
  - Glass
  - Plastic



Transfer Pupae

- Mosquito Breeder
- Deli Cup

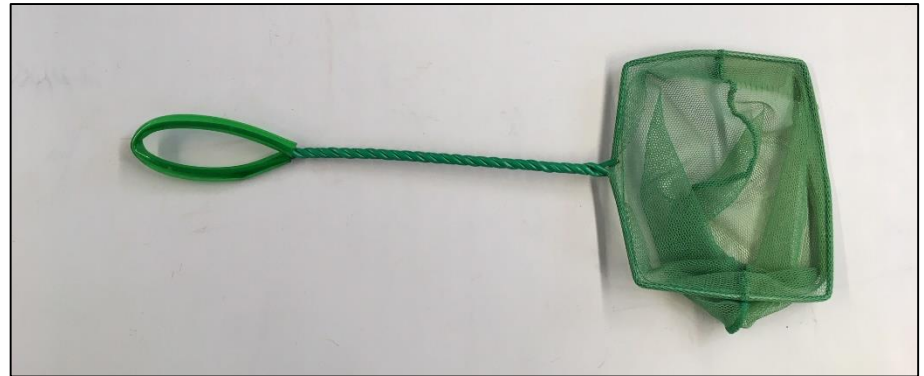
Place into Cage





# Optional Equipment

**Fish Net**  
**For Straining Pupae**  
**and 4<sup>th</sup> instars**



# Cages for Adults

## BioQuip Products

- 30 x 30 x 30 cm (1 cubic foot)
- Metal
- Plastic - BugDorm



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# Inside the Cage

## Sugar Source

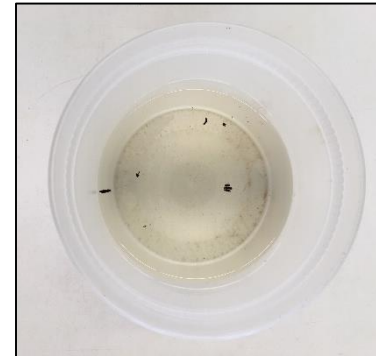
- Table Sugar
- 10% solution
- Cotton balls in 1 oz Cup
- Cotton Wick in 50ml flask

## Raisins, Apple slices



## Oviposition Dish

- Culex
  - Cup with water
  
- Aedes
  - Cup with water and fluted filter paper

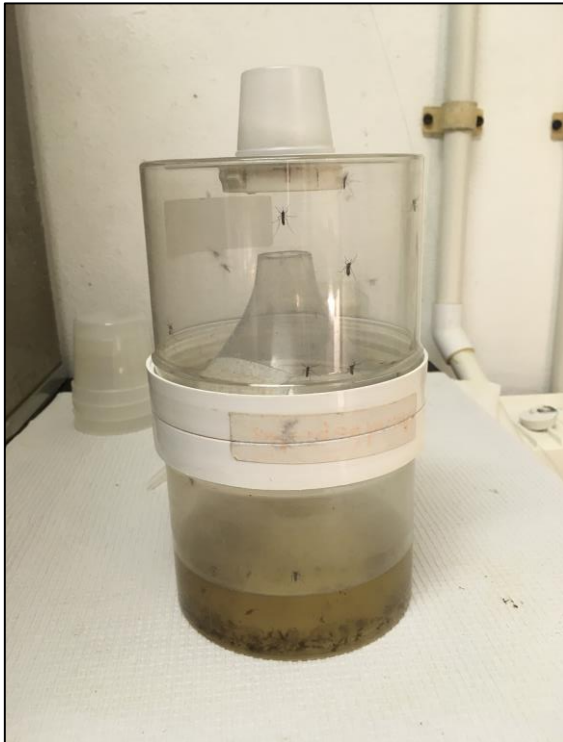


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## BioQuip Products Large Mosquito Breeder





# Aspirators

For removing Adults  
from cage for  
Pesticide Resistance  
Testing

- Battery  
Powered



- Lung Powered



# ***Blood Feeding***

## **Required to Maintain a Colony Long-term**

### **Live Animal**

- **Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Approval**
- **Detailed Protocols**
- **Need to maintain animals appropriately**
  - **Guinea Pigs**
  - **Button Quail**

### **Human Subjects**

- **Regulated by US Department of Health and Human Services Common Rule (45 CFR 46, Subpart A)**
- **Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval**
- **Occupational Activity**
- **Achee et al.** *Considerations for the Use of Human Participants in Vector Biology Research: A Tool for Investigators and Regulators.* *Vector Borne Zoonotic Dis.* 2015 Feb 1; 15(2): 89–102. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4340630/>

# *Blood Feeding*

## Human Subjects

- Many IRBs in the United States will follow the OHRP and NIH definition of human subjects research
  - <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects/research.htm>
- As a consequence, they will not consider direct mosquito feeding a human subjects activity that requires IRB approval, provided no individual data on participants is collected.
- It is recommended that investigators submit projects having a human feeding component to their appropriate IRB for determination that the proposed study activity should be deemed exempt.

# **Blood Feeding - Artificial**

## **Blood from a supplier**

- Defibrinated
- Variety of blood available (sheep, cow, chicken, etc.)

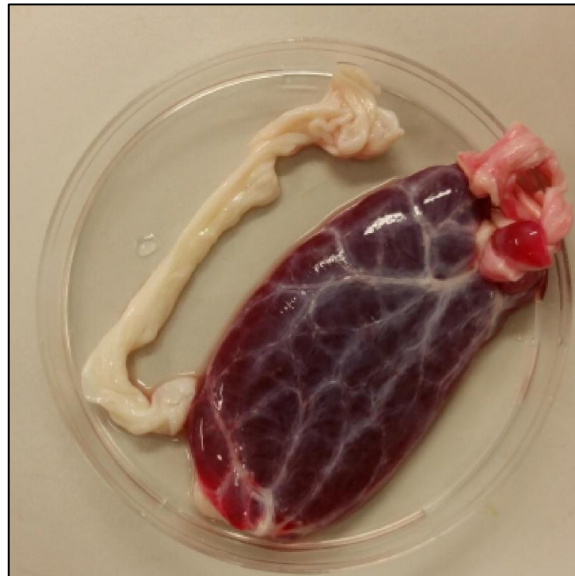
## **Artificial Membrane**

- Sausage Casing (sheep or pig intestine)

**Blood warmed to 37°C (up to 40°C)**

**Sausage Casing Filled  
With Blood (r) and Unfilled**

Kauffman et al. *Bio Protoc*



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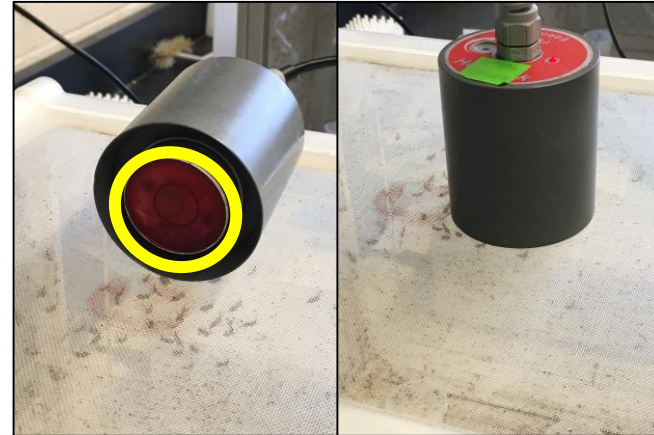
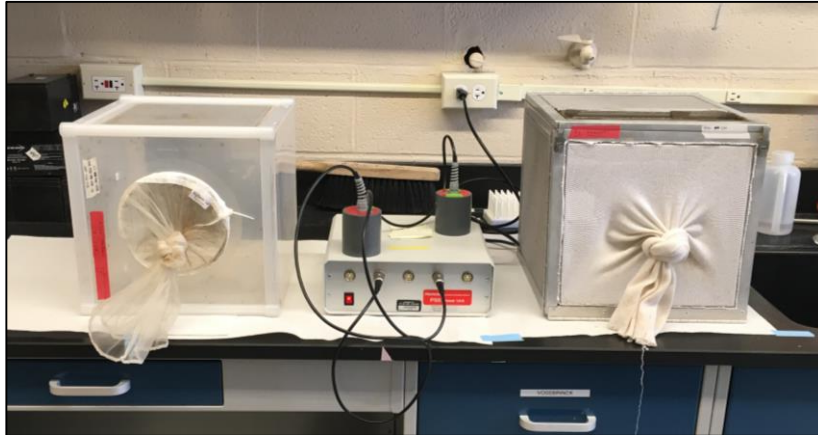




# Artificial Membrane Systems

## Hemotek System

- Parafilm or Casing as Membrane



## Glass Feeders

- Parafilm or Casing as Membrane
- Requires Circulating Water (37-40°C)



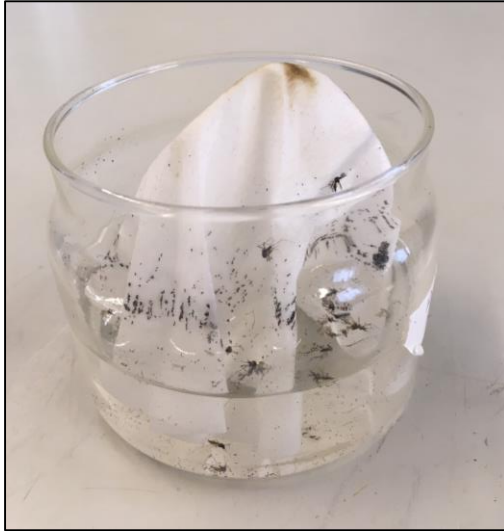
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# Storing Aedes Eggs

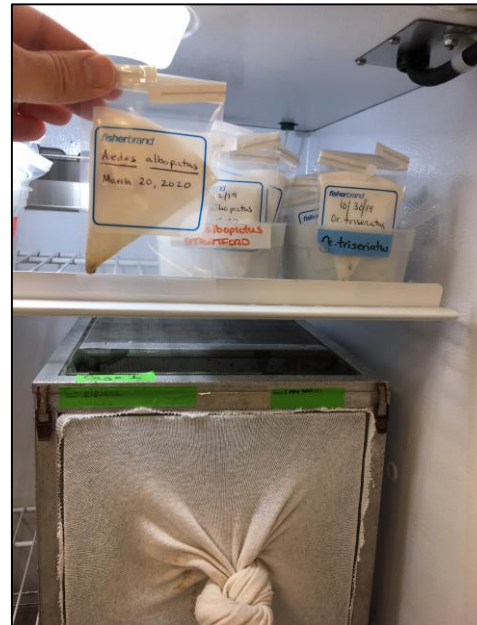
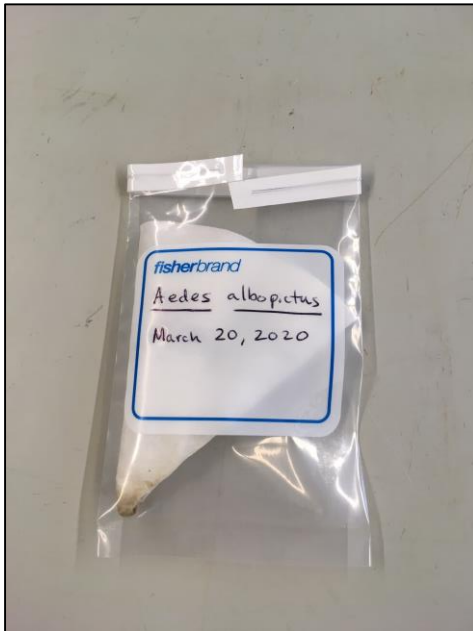
Oviposition 3-5 days after Blood Feeding



Dry on  
Paper  
Towel  
15-30  
mins

Fold with  
Eggs on  
the  
inside.

Place in  
Labeled  
Bag



Store for 1-6 months  
in Rearing Incubator  
or Insectary



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