

***Anopheles stephensi*, Strain UCISS2018, Eggs**

Catalog No. MRA-1323

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Product Description:

Protozoa Classification: *Culicidae, Anopheles*

Species: *Anopheles stephensi*

Strain: UCISS2018 (also known as UCI)

Original Source: *Anopheles stephensi* (*An. stephensi*), strain UCISS2018 was originally isolated in India, also known as Indo-Pakistan malaria vector.

Comments: *An. stephensi* strain UCISS2018 is an isofemale line derived from a long-colonized laboratory strain in 2018.¹ It is a demonstrated laboratory vector for malaria parasites *Plasmodium falciparum* (*P. falciparum*), *P. vivax*, and *P. berghei*, and is likely to transmit a wide range of *Plasmodium* species. In laboratory experiments, MRA-1323 has a low competence for the filarial worm, *Brugia malayi*, and has the ability to transmit chikungunya virus.¹ Chromosomal-level, high-quality reference genome of *An. stephensi* strain UCISS2018 is available.²

Material Provided:

MRA-1323 contains a suitable number of eggs to establish a stock. Eggs are provided on damp filter paper and should be hatched immediately upon receipt.

Packaging/Storage:

MRA-1323 is prepared and shipped by CDC. The product is provided at room temperature.

Growth Conditions:

Standard *An. stephensi* rearing methods are recommended.^{3,4}

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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