

***Anopheles gambiae*, Strain Pimperena, Eggs**

**Catalog No. MRA-861**

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**Product Description:**

Classification: Culicidae, *Anopheles*

Species: *Anopheles gambiae* (African malaria mosquito)

Strain: Pimperena

Original Source: The *Anopheles gambiae* (*An. gambiae*), strain Pimperena colony was originally collected in 2005 by M. Coulibaly in Pimperena, Mali; single ovipositions were set up in the insectary at the University of Notre Dame.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: *An. gambiae*, strain Pimperena was deposited as the S molecular form of *An. gambiae*.<sup>1,2</sup> Approximately five isofemale families molecularly identified as *An. gambiae* S form were used to establish the stock, which was subsequently karyotyped as homokaryotypic 2Rb/b and heterokaryotypic 2La/+. The *An. gambiae*, strain Pimperena colony is the source of DNA for the *An. gambiae* S form genome sequencing project (GenBank: [LCWJ000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/LCWJ000000000)) supported by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI).<sup>1,2</sup>

**Material Provided:**

MRA-861 contains a suitable number of eggs<sup>3</sup> to establish a stock. Eggs are provided on damp filter paper and should be hatched immediately upon receipt.

**Packaging/Storage:**

MRA-861 is prepared and shipped by CDC. The product is provided at room temperature.

**Growth Conditions:**

The Pimperena colony is extremely difficult to maintain; it is not adapted to non-human bloodmeals and should not be allowed to fall to low densities or it will die out.<sup>2</sup>

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 1**

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