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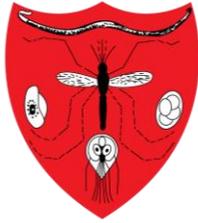
Spitz, D. & Hunter, S. (2005). Contested codes: The social construction of Napster. *Information Society* **21**(3): 169-180. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01972240490951890>

Service, M.W. (1992). Importance of ecology in *Aedes aegypti* control. *Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health* **23**: 681-690.

Low, V.L., Takaoka, H., Adler, P.H., Tan, T.K., Weng, F.C.-H., Chen, C.-Y., Lim, Y.A.L., Ya'cob, Z., Chen, C.D., Sofian-Azirun, M. et al. (2018). A novel molecular and chromosomal lineage of the anthropophilic *Simulium* (*Simulium*) *rufibasis* subgroup (Diptera: Simuliidae) in Taiwan. *Parasitology Research* **117**: 3137-3143. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00436-018-6011-7>

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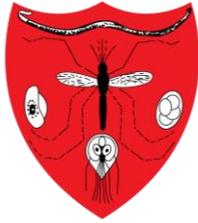
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