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Dear Dr Wakelin and Miss Harris

Import of Genetically Modified *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito Eggs to Mosquito Research and Control Unit, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, from Oxitec Limited, UK.

The genetically modified mosquito to be imported (*Aedes aegypti* OX513A) is morphologically similar to the recipient strain of *Aedes aegypti* from which it was generated. It has been genetically modified to contain a fluorescent marker gene and a repressible lethal trait, conferring genetic sterility, as described in Phuc et al. 2007 BMC Biology 5:11.

The strain is not known to contain any contaminants, adventitious agents or vector borne diseases/parasites, and has been maintained continuously since 2003 in Oxitec's UK laboratory (which does not use or maintain any vector borne diseases or pathogens).

Yours sincerely



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