

# QUIESCENCE EGGS AND VERTICAL TRANSMISSION – ARE THEY IMPORTANT IN DENGUE TRANSMISSION?

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## ABSTRACT

The anthropophilic and peridomestic female *Aedes aegypti* bites humans to suck blood to mature fertilized eggs, during which dengue virus can be spread between mosquito and human populations. Besides this route of transmission, there is possibility of dengue virus being passed directly to offsprings through transovarial transmission. After biting humans, fertilized eggs are laid in appropriate recipients (breeding sites). These eggs can hatch in contact with water releasing larvae, or can be stored in a dormant state (quiescence), which last for extended periods. Mosquitoes and humans are coupled in order to assess the dynamics of dengue virus transmission taking into account both horizontal and vertical transmissions. With respect to transovarial transmission, the influence of stored eggs is assessed [1, 2].

## References

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