

Behavioural divergence of sympatric *Anopheles funestus* populations in Burkina Faso

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Background: In Burkina Faso, two chromosomal forms of the malaria vector *Anopheles funestus*, Folonzo and Kiribina, are distinguished by contrasting frequencies of shared polymorphic chromosomal inversions. Sympatric and synchronous populations of Folonzo and Kiribina mate assortatively, as indicated by a significant deficit of heterokaryotypes, and genetic associations among inversions on independently segregating chromosome arms. The present study aimed to assess, by intensive longitudinal sampling, whether sympatric Folonzo and Kiribina populations are characterized by behavioural differences in key malaria vectorial parameters.

Methods: The study was conducted in two adjacent villages near Ouagadougou, in the dry savanna of central Burkina Faso. Mosquito adult resting behaviour of both forms was compared based on parallel indoor/outdoor collections across six breeding seasons; 8,235 fully karyotyped samples of half-gravid females were analysed in total. Additionally, indoor/outdoor human biting behaviour, host selection, and *Plasmodium falciparum* sporozoite rate was assessed and compared between chromosomal forms.

Results: The Kiribina form was numerically predominant in the area. However, the Folonzo form was significantly over-represented in indoor resting collections and showed stronger post-prandial endophily, while Kiribina predominated outdoors. Neither form was statistically distinguishable in human biting behaviour, and both were more likely to seek human blood meals indoors than outside. The human blood index and sporozoite rate were comparably high in both chromosomal forms in indoor collections (>89% and >8%, respectively).

Conclusions: Both Kiribina and Folonzo chromosomal forms are formidable malaria vectors in Burkina Faso. However, the significantly greater tendency for the Kiribina form to rest outdoors despite its pronounced anthropophily suggests that uniform exposure of the overall *An. funestus* population to indoor-based vector control tools cannot be expected; Kiribina is more likely to evade indoor interventions and escape unharmed outdoors, reducing the efficacy of malaria control. Accordingly, more efficient methods to detect Kiribina and Folonzo, and a more complete understanding of their distribution and behaviour in Africa are advocated.

Keywords: *Anopheles funestus*, Anthropophily, Behavioural divergence, Chromosomal forms, Exophily, Folonzo, Kiribina, Malaria vector, West Africa

Anopheles gambiae, *Anopheles coluzzii*, *Anopheles arabiensis*, *Anopheles funestus*, *Anopheles*

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1 *Anopheles funestus*

Season	Sample	Total	Folongo	Kiribina	OR	0.95 CI	P
1999-2000	ISC/indoor	1154	377	777	1.94	1.29-2.93	0.001
	PIT/outdoor	155	31	124			
2000-2001	ISC/indoor	1164	208	956	1.58	0.55-4.54	NS
	PIT/outdoor	33	4	29			
2001-2002	ISC/indoor	2733	659	2074	0.95	0.49-1.84	NS
	PIT/outdoor	48	12	36			
2002-2003	ISC/indoor	485	301	184	3.03	1.70-5.37	<0.0001
	PIT/outdoor	57	20	37			
2005-2006	ISC/indoor	99	63	36	2.33	0.49-11.02	NS
	PIT/outdoor	7	3	4			
2006-2007	ISC/indoor	932	343	589	11.87	8.93-15.76	<0.0001
	PIT/outdoor	1368	64	1304			
Pooled	ISC/indoor	6567	1951	4616	4.84	4.02-5.82	<0.0001
	PIT/outdoor	1668	134	1534			

OR, odds ratio of indoor/outdoor resting by Folongo versus Kiribina; CI, confidence interval; ISC, insecticide spray-sheet catch; PIT, Muirhead-Thomson pit-shelter [30].

Indoor resting was significantly higher in Folongo (OR 4.84, 95% CI 4.02-5.82, P < 0.0001) compared to Kiribina in the pooled population. In the 2002-2003 season, indoor resting was significantly higher in Folongo (OR 3.03, 95% CI 1.70-5.37, P < 0.0001) compared to Kiribina. In the 2005-2006 season, indoor resting was significantly higher in Folongo (OR 2.33, 95% CI 0.49-11.02, P = NS) compared to Kiribina. In the 2006-2007 season, indoor resting was significantly higher in Folongo (OR 11.87, 95% CI 8.93-15.76, P < 0.0001) compared to Kiribina. In the 1999-2000 season, indoor resting was significantly higher in Folongo (OR 1.94, 95% CI 1.29-2.93, P = 0.001) compared to Kiribina. In the 2000-2001 season, indoor resting was not significantly higher in Folongo (OR 1.58, 95% CI 0.55-4.54, P = NS) compared to Kiribina. In the 2001-2002 season, indoor resting was not significantly higher in Folongo (OR 0.95, 95% CI 0.49-1.84, P = NS) compared to Kiribina. In the 2002-2003 season, outdoor resting was significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.33, 95% CI 0.18-0.61, P < 0.0001) compared to Folongo. In the 2005-2006 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.43, 95% CI 0.11-1.61, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the 2006-2007 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.43, 95% CI 0.11-1.61, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the 1999-2000 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.51, 95% CI 0.21-1.21, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the 2000-2001 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.38, 95% CI 0.11-1.31, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the 2001-2002 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.43, 95% CI 0.11-1.61, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the 2002-2003 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.33, 95% CI 0.18-0.61, P < 0.0001) compared to Folongo. In the 2005-2006 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.43, 95% CI 0.11-1.61, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the 2006-2007 season, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.43, 95% CI 0.11-1.61, P = NS) compared to Folongo. In the pooled population, outdoor resting was not significantly higher in Kiribina (OR 0.33, 95% CI 0.18-0.61, P < 0.0001) compared to Folongo.

2 *Anopheles funestus*
(2005-2007)

Sample*	Total	Folongo	Kiribina	OR	0.95 CI	P
ISC/indoor	38	9	29	5.64	2.43-13.10	0.0003
PIT/outdoor	518	27	491			

OR, odds ratio of post-prandial indoor resting by Folongo versus Kiribina for outdoor-feeding *An. funestus* (2005-2007 season); CI, confidence interval; PIT, Muirhead-Thomson pit-shelter [30]; ISC, insecticide spray-sheet catch.

*Includes only *An. funestus* having blood fed exclusively on cattle, based on blood meal identification.

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Month	Sample	<i>Anopheles funestus</i>			OR	0.95 CI	P
		Total	Folonzo	Kiribina			
October	HLC/indoor	363	263	100	0.87	0.54-1.40	NS
	HLC/outdoor	117	88	29			
November	HLC/indoor	218	151	67	1.18	0.74-1.87	NS
	HLC/outdoor	131	86	45			
December	HLC/indoor	70	42	28	0.62	0.30-1.30	NS
	HLC/outdoor	58	41	17			
January	HLC/indoor	80	45	35	1.63	0.73-3.65	NS
	HLC/outdoor	34	15	19			
Pooled	HLC/indoor	731	501	230	1.04	0.79-1.37	NS
	HLC/outdoor	340	230	110			

OR, odds ratio of indoor/outdoor human biting by Folonzo versus Kiribina; CI, confidence interval; HLC, human landing catch.

P. falciparum (%) versus *An. funestus*, [34]. I, *An. funestus* [34], [1, 35-3]. *An. gambiae*, *An. arabiensis* [3,32]. *An. funestus*. [33].

Sample	Blood meal	<i>Anopheles funestus</i>		OR	0.95 CI	P
		Folonzo	Kiribina			
ISC/indoors	Human + Mixed	191 + 21 (212)	232 + 11 (243)	2.81	1.30-6.07	0.006
	Bovine	9	29			
	Total	221	272			
	HBI	95.9%	89.3%			
PIT/outdoors	Human + Mixed	2 + 1 (3)	13 + 25 (38)	1.44	0.42-4.95	NS*
	Bovine	27	491			
	Total	30	529			
	HBI	10.0%	7.2%			

*NS by Fisher Exact test. Chi-square not calculated due to an expected cell frequency below 5. OR, odds ratio of human/bovine blood meal by Folonzo versus Kiribina; CI, confidence interval; ISC, insecticide spray-sheet catch; PIT, Muirhead-Thomson pit-shelter [30]; Mixed, blood meal of human and bovine origin; HBI, human blood index.

Plasmodium falciparum
Anopheles funestus
(200 –200)

Sample	CSP	Folozzo	Kiribina	OR	0.95 CI	P
ISC/indoor	+	27	45	0.97	0.59-1.59	NS
	-	291	469			
	Total	318	514			
	%CSP+	8.5%	8.8%			
PIT/outdoor	+	0	32	0.00	0.00-2.14	NS*
	-	61	1035			
	Total	61	1067			
	%CSP+	0.0%	3.0%			

*NS by Fisher Exact test.
 CSP, circumsporozoite protein; OR, odds ratio of sporozoite infection in Folozzo versus Kiribina; CI, confidence interval; ISC, insecticide spray-sheet catch; PIT, Muirhead-Thomson pit-shelter [30].

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