Supplementary material for

Protective efficacy and safety of liver stage attenuated malaria parasites

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Figure S1: Percentage identity matrices of UIS3 and LISP2 in different *Plasmodium* species.

Pf: *P. falciparum* 3D7; Pv: *P. vivax* Sal1; Pk: *P. knowlesii*; Pb: *P. berghei* ANKA; Py: *P. yoelii* 17X; Pc: *P. chabaudi chabaudi*. Dark cells represent sequences with >40% amino acid identity. Upper half matrix: full length proteins; lower half matrix: ETRAMP and UIS3 domains as well as 6-cystein domain and 403 amino acid N-terminal region. An N-terminal region in *P. falciparum* could not be identified.



Figure S2: Predicted structure of the 6-cystein domain of LISP2.

(A) Representative layout of LISP2 amino acid sequences in different *Plasmodium* species (Pf: *P. falciparum*, Pv: *P. vivax*, Pk: *P. knowlesii*, Pb: *P. berghei*, Py: *P. yoelii*, Pc: *P. chabaudi*). The 6-Cys domains predicted using SMART server, is highlighted in grey. Numbers below the gene models indicate amino acid positions.

(B) Homology model of the 6-Cys domain in *Pf*LISP2 (corresponding to the grey region in B) predicted by BhageerathH server. The characteristic β -sandwich is shown in a ribbon diagram, overlapped with the surface view (grey). The predicted loop region is hidden for clarity. The enlarged view depicts 6-conserved cysteine residues (arrow head in B), forming 3 disulfide bonds.





(A) Schematic of the removal of the selection cassette by negative selection using 5-Fluorocytosine (5-FC). Primers used for diagnostic PCR reactions in B are indicated.

(B) Diagnostic PCR reactions and expected amplicon sizes.

(C) Schematic of the *uis3* deletion strategy using the 5' and 3'UTRs of *uis3* to integrate a resistance cassette by double crossover into the *LISP2(-)* parasite genome. The locations of primers used for PCR in D are indicated.

(D) Diagnostic PCR reactions and expected amplicon sizes.





(A) Number of liver stages per well 24 and 46 hours post infection (hpi) of HepG2 cells with WT, LISP2(-), uis3(-) and LISP2(-)/uis3(-) sporozoites. Four individual wells were counted. Mean numbers (± SD) are shown.

(B-D) Number of liver stages per well 24 and 48 hours post infection (hpi) of HepG2 cells with WT, LISP2(-), uis3(-) and LISP2(-)/uis3(-) sporozoites. Two individual wells per assay were counted. Mean numbers (\pm SD) are shown.

Supplementary Table 1: Primers used in this study.

Used for	No.	Restriction		Sequence			
Enzymes -							
5' UTR		uis_{3-5} i	ECORI Knul				
		uis3-3 1					
3' UTR		uis3-3 1-	P Sll Hin dIII				
Test-WT	1	Tost 5'f	111/1/11				
	2	lest-3 l					
Test-5'Int	2	Test uis2 5'f					
	1	Test-uis3-5 1		GCCCCCCTTTTTCTTACTATATATATACCAAATG			
Test-3'Int	3	Test-uis3-3 1					
	4	Test-uis3-3 1					
PhA lign? ()	1051-0155-51		OTATTATOCCAAAAAAOCTAAATTOC			
I UA usp2 (-)	lien? 5!f	Sall				
5'UTR		lisp2-51	Sull EcoPI	GTCACCAATTCAATTGTTTGCACGCTTTATCG			
3'UTR Test-gene		lisp2-31	HindIII				
		lisp2-31	Yhol				
	6	lisp2-51	Nhel				
	7	lisp2-gene-r	BamHI				
	8	Test lisp2 5'f	Damin				
Test-5'Int	9	Test-lisp2-5'r					
Test-3'Int	10	Test-lisp2-3'f					
	11	Test-lisp2-3'r		GAAGCAACTATGAAAAAACTAATGGG			
	15	Test hdfr_r		GCCGATATCCAAGAAAGCTGGGTGGTACCC			
RC	16	Test hdfr-f		CCCAAGCTTCAAAAAGCAGGCTTGCCGC			
N-LISP2	10	Test hun T					
Gene-	6	N-lisn2-f	Nhel	ATGCTAGCATGAAAGATCATATAAAAAATGTATGCTTTCG			
insert	7	N-lisp2-r	BamHl	ACGGATCCCGTGTTTCCTTTTTTCTCG			
Promoter-		lisp2-Prom-f	Xhol.Notl.				
insert			SacII	GTCAAAAGTG			
3'insert		lisp2-3-f	HindIII	AAAAAGCTTAGAGCTACCAAAATTTAAAGAAAATCC			
		lisp2-3'r	Xho I	ACCGCTCGAGCCACGGATGCACTAATAGAAGC			
Test-gene	6	N-lisp2-f	Nhel	ATGCTAGCATGAAAGATCATATAAAAAATGTATGCTTTCG			
	7	N-lisp2-r	BamHl	ACGGATCCCGTGTTTCCTTTTTTTCTCG			
Test-5'Int	8	Test-Nlisp2-5'f		TTGTGCACCCTCGTATACTG			
	12	Test-N-lisp2-5'r		CGCAATTTGTTGTACATAAAATAGGC			
Test-3'Int	6	Test-N-lisp2-3'f	Nhel	ATGCTAGCATGAAAGATCATATAAAAAATGTATGCTTTCG			
	11	Test-lisp2-3'r		GAAGCAACTATGAAAAAACTAATGGG			
RC	13	Test hdfr-r		GCCGATATCCAAGAAAGCTGGGTGGTACCC			
	14	Test hdfr-f		CCCAAGCTTCAAAAAAGCAGGCTTGCCGC			
PbA LISP2(-)/uis3(-)							
Test-gene	1			TGCTATAAAGCGTATTATGAATTAATATAAAAGG			
	2			GTATTTATGCCAAAAAAGCTAAATTGC			
Test-5'Int	1			TGCTATAAAGCGTATTATGAATTAATATAAAAGG			
	4			GTCCATACAACTATATCCGAAC			
Test-3'Int	17			AAAGCTAGCTTTGATCCCGTTTTTC			
	5			GTATTTATGCCAAAAAAGCTAAATTGC			

Attenuated parasite line (<i>P. berghei</i> ANKA)	Mice*	Injected sporozoites	Break- through infections	Total number of injected sporozoites
LISP2(-)	15	10.000	-	
	14	20.000	-	
	17	30.000	1	2 230 000
	12	50.000	-	2.230.000
	1	220.000	-	
	1	470.000	-	
uis3(-)	14	20.000	3	
	16	30.000	-	
	12	50.000	3	2.470.000
	3	220.000	-	
	1	450.000	-	
LISP2(-)	14	20.000	-	
/uis3(-)	16	30.000	-	
	9	50.000	-	
	1	100.000	-	4.870.000
	7	200.000	-	
	3	220.000	-	
	6	250.000	-	
N-LISP2	4	10.000	4	160,000
	4	30.000	4	100.000

Supplementary Table 2: Total number of i.v. injected sporozoites and mice.

*all mice injected with sporozoites were naive