

**Additional file 1: Table S1.** Details of all primer sets used in this study

Purpose	Primer name	Primer sequence (5' – 3')	Reference(s)
Identification of vertebrate blood meal	VF1_t1	TGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTTCTCAACCAACC ACAAAGACATTGG	42
	VF1d_t1	TGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTTCTCAACCAACC ACAARGAYATYGG	
	VF1i_t1	TGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTTCTCAACCAACC AIAAIGAIATIGG	
	VR1d_t1	CAGGAAACAGCTATGACTAGACTTCTGGGT GGCCRAARAAYCA	
	VR1_t1	CAGGAAACAGCTATGACTAGACTTCTGGGT GGCCAAAGAATCA	
	VR1i_t1	CAGGAAACAGCTATGACTAGACTTCTGGGT GICCIAAIAAICA	
Separation of <i>Culex pipiens</i> s.l. and <i>Culex torrentium</i>	ACEtorr	TGCCTGTGCTACCAGTGATGTT	44
	ACEpip	GGAAACAACGACGTATGTAG	
Separation of <i>Culex pipiens</i> form <i>pipiens</i> and <i>Culex pipiens</i> form <i>molestus</i>	CQ11F	GATCCTAGCAAGCGAGAAC	45, 46
	molCQ11	CCCTCCAGTAAGGTATCAAC	
	pipCQ11 R	CATGTTGAGCTTCGGTGAA	
Species delineation of <i>Anopheles maculipennis</i> s.l.	5.8S	TGTGAACTGCAGGACACAT	47
	28S	ATGCTTAAATTTAGGGGGTA	