

Supplementary Materials and Methods

Genetic Modification of the Parasite *pfcr* Locus

To genetically modify the *pfcr* locus of Dd2 or Dd2_{R539T} parasites, a set of *p crt-hdhfr* donor plasmids encoding variant *pfcr* alleles was prepared. This set included the previously generated plasmids *p crt*^{3D7}-*hdhfr* and *p crt*^{Dd2}-*hdhfr* (*pfcr* allele listed in superscript; see **Table 1**). Site-directed mutagenesis with *Pfu*Turbo Polymerase (Agilent) and primers pairs p1+p2 and p3+p4 was used to introduced PfcRT back-to-wildtype S326N and/or T356I mutations into the donor template *p crt*^{Dd2}-*hdhfr*, generating the additional donor plasmids *p crt*^{Dd2 S326N}-*hdhfr*, *p crt*^{Dd2 T356I}-*hdhfr*, and *p crt*^{GB4}-*hdhfr*.

Our ZFN-based genetic engineering strategy is detailed in **Fig. S1A**. Briefly, Dd2 or Dd2_{R539T} parasites ($\geq 4\%$ parasitemia, mostly ring-stage) were transfected with 40 μg donor plasmid (*p crt-hdhfr*) and pressured with 2.5 nM WR99210 (Jacobus Pharmaceuticals). Parasites enriched with the *p crt-hdhfr* plasmid were similarly transfected with *pZFN*^{*crt*}-*bsd* and pressured with 2.5 nM WR99210 and 2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ Blasticidin HCl (Invitrogen) for a period of six days, followed by continuous pressure with 2.5 nM WR99210. As detailed elsewhere (1), blood PCR reactions (KAPA Biosystems; shown in **Fig. S1B**) were used to assess for successful allelic replacement in bulk cultures and in cloned recombinant parasites. Parasites were cloned by limiting dilution following established protocols (2). The full-length *pfcr* gene was PCR-amplified with primer pair p9+p12 and sequenced with primers p5 and p6 to verify sequence integrity.

Determination of *In Vitro* Growth Selection Coefficients

Parasite growth in co-cultures consisting of a GFP⁻ test line and a GFP⁺ reporter line was monitored regularly for 10 generations (detailed in **Materials and Methods**). The frequencies of

the GFP⁻ test line and the GFP⁺ reporter line at time t are referred to as p_t and q_t , respectively. As previously detailed, the fitness (ω) associated with a particular test line was derived from the natural log-transformed ratio p_t/q_t and normalized to isogenic parasites encoding the wild-type (3D7) *pfCRT* allele in the Dd2 genetic background (Dd2^{3D7}), yielding the relative fitness (ω') metric (3). The *in vitro* growth selection coefficient (s) for each test strain was derived from the relationship $s = \omega' - 1$ (4). Statistical significance was assessed via two-way ANOVA with Sidak's post-hoc test using GraphPad Prism 7 software.

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