



# Chemical Ecology: Integrated Vector Management as an Alternative to Insecticides

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# Importance of mosquito-borne diseases (MBD)

- ❑ 2.7 million deaths/year Worldwide
- ❑ 700 million people/year at risk of transmission
- ❑ 90 % of mosquito-borne illnesses occurring in Africa
- ❑ 28 % of emerging diseases (Zika, Chikungunya, Nil fever, etc.)

## The main vector mosquitoes



***Aedes***



***Culex***



***Anopheles***

# Vector control of mosquitoes: a critical part of the global strategy

## Insecticides



**Most important and effective component of vector control**

Ex: Pyrethroids, organochlorines, organophosphates and carbamates

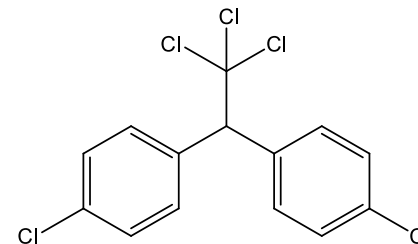
## Problems

**Environmental pollution**

**Broad spectrum of insecticide actions**

**Re-invasion of untreated populations**

**Resistance of vector mosquito populations**

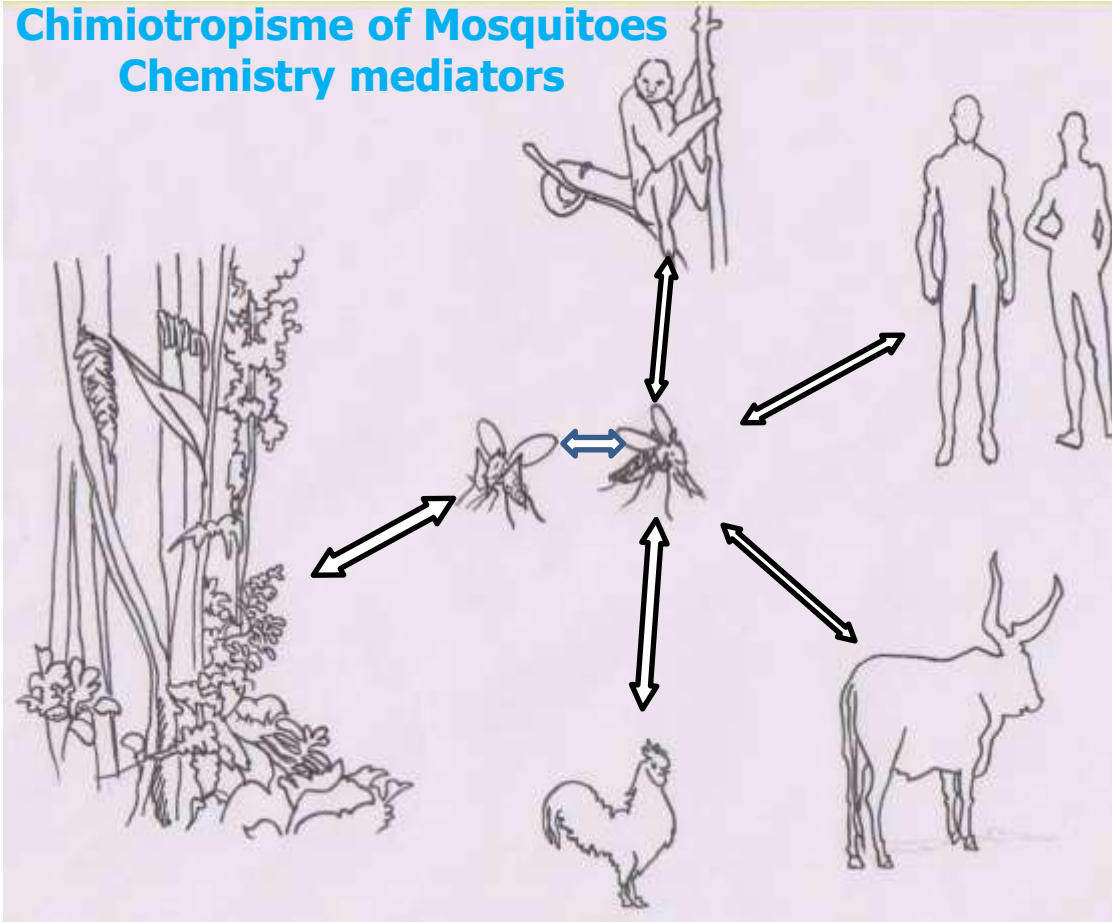


**Nobel Price Muller (1948)**

**Silencious Spring : Rachel Carlson 1962**

Ex: Dichloro-Diphényle-Trichloroethane (DDT)

# Chemical ecology: a promising alternative to insecticides



Ex: Pheromones, Kairomones, etc.

## Close and selective interactions

Host – Vector – Semiochemical

**Biocontrol**

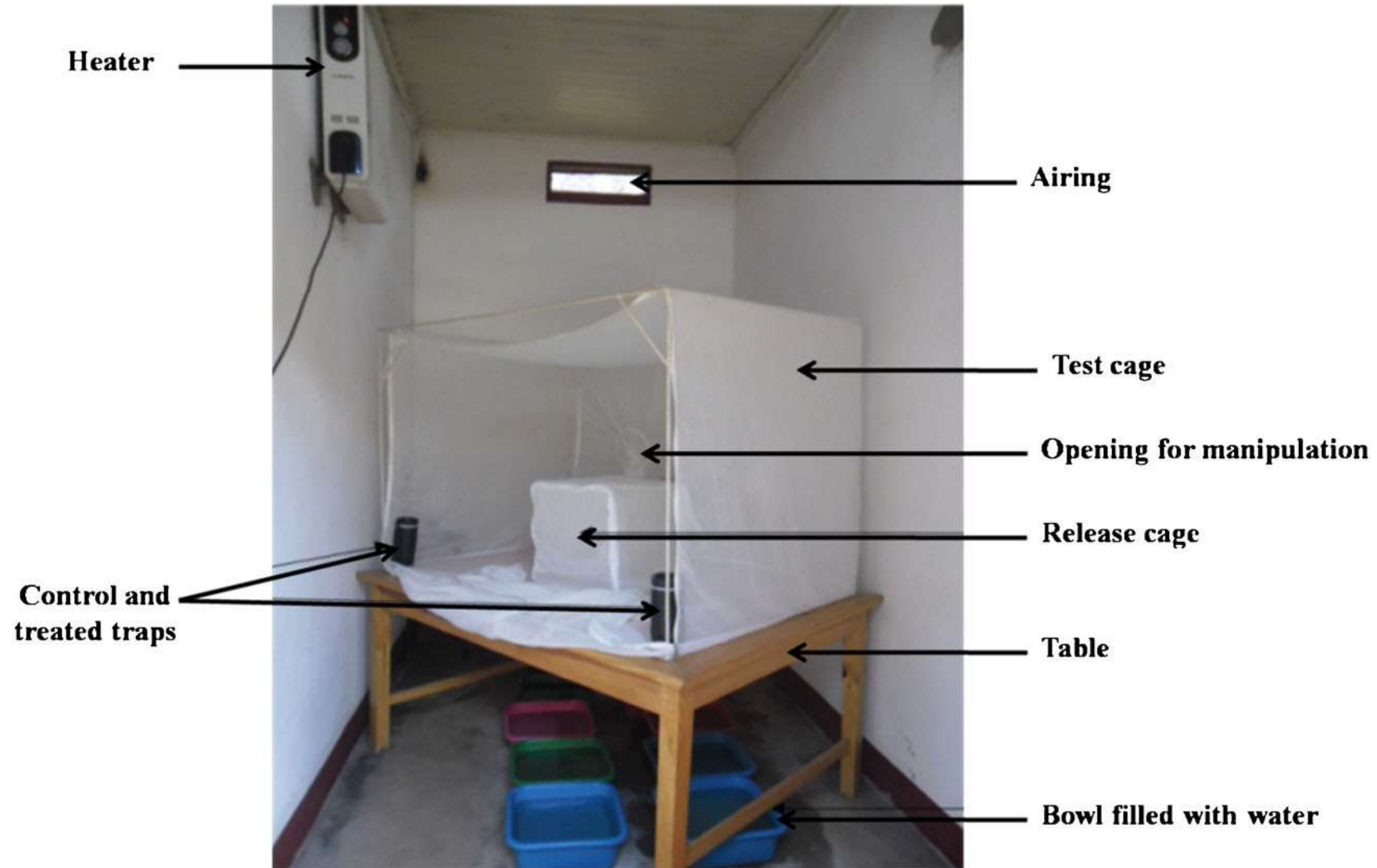
**Attractants**

Mass trapping of target species

**Repellents**

Protection of exposed populations

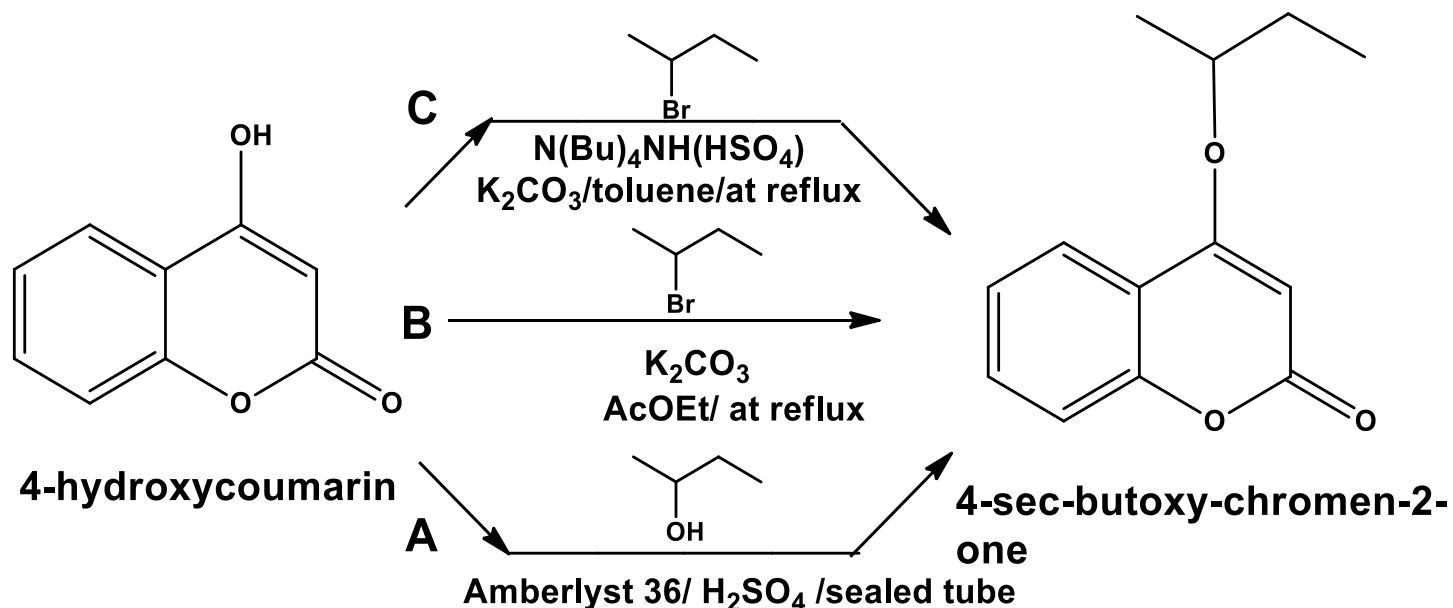
# Bioassay using modified-cage system



# Chemical synthesis of new candidate compounds based on coumarin derivatives

## Three different synthetic pathways:

- (C) Williamson type synthesis of ether
- (B) Phase transfert catalysis
- (A) Acid catalysis



# Field study using BG sentinel and CDC light traps



Bamboo rich location

BG sentinel trap

Source of CO<sub>2</sub>

Battery

Pipe

**BG sentinel trap**

**(Biogent)**

**for *Aedes albopictus***



CDC light trap

**CDC light trap**

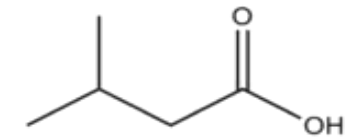
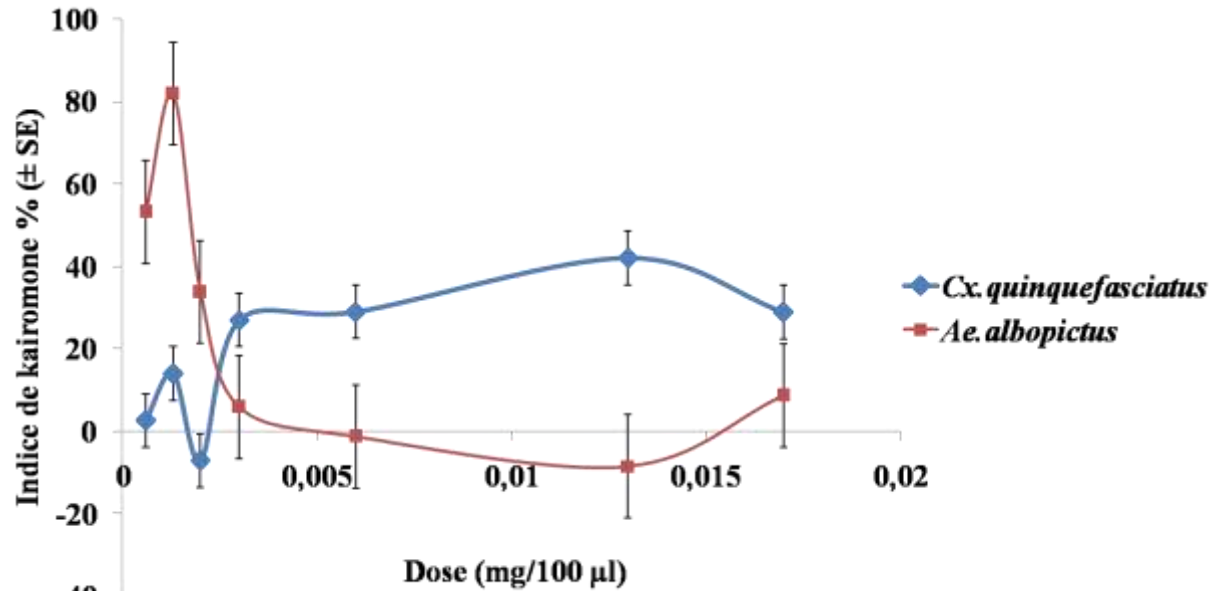
**(Center for Disease Control)**

**for *Anopheles* spp.**

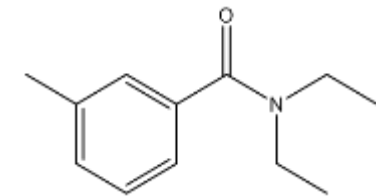
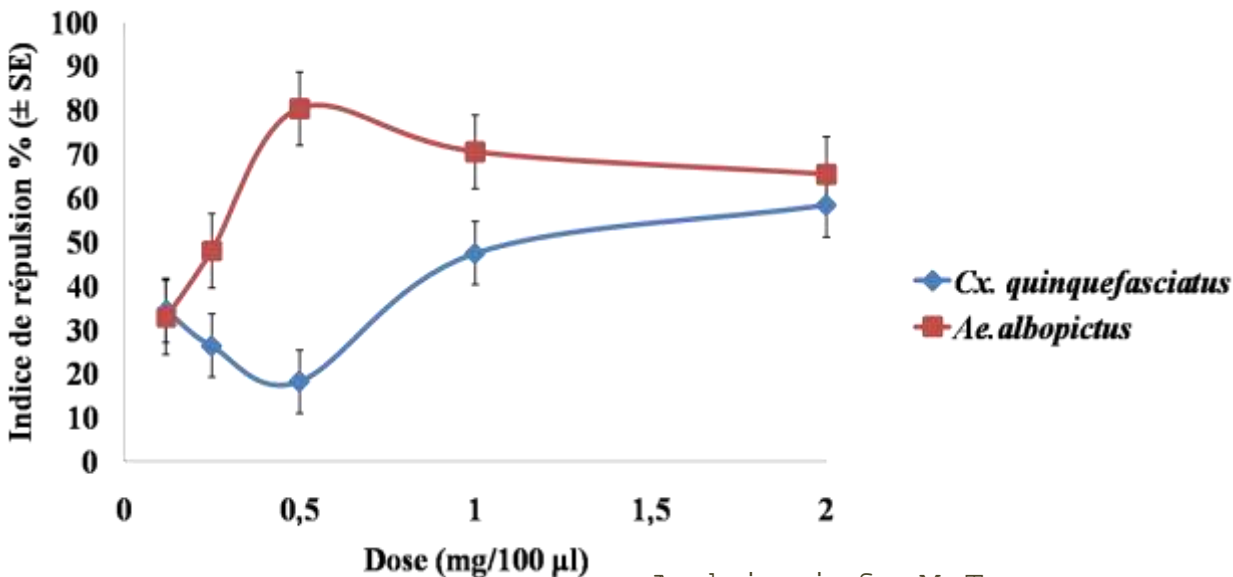


### 3. Results

## Isovaleric acid (attractant) and DEET (repellent) by modified-cage

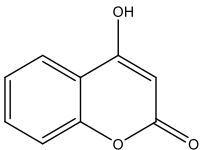
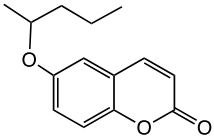
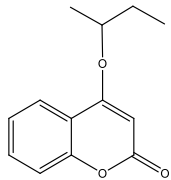
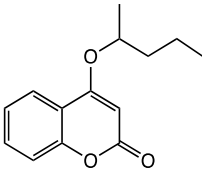


Isovaleric acid

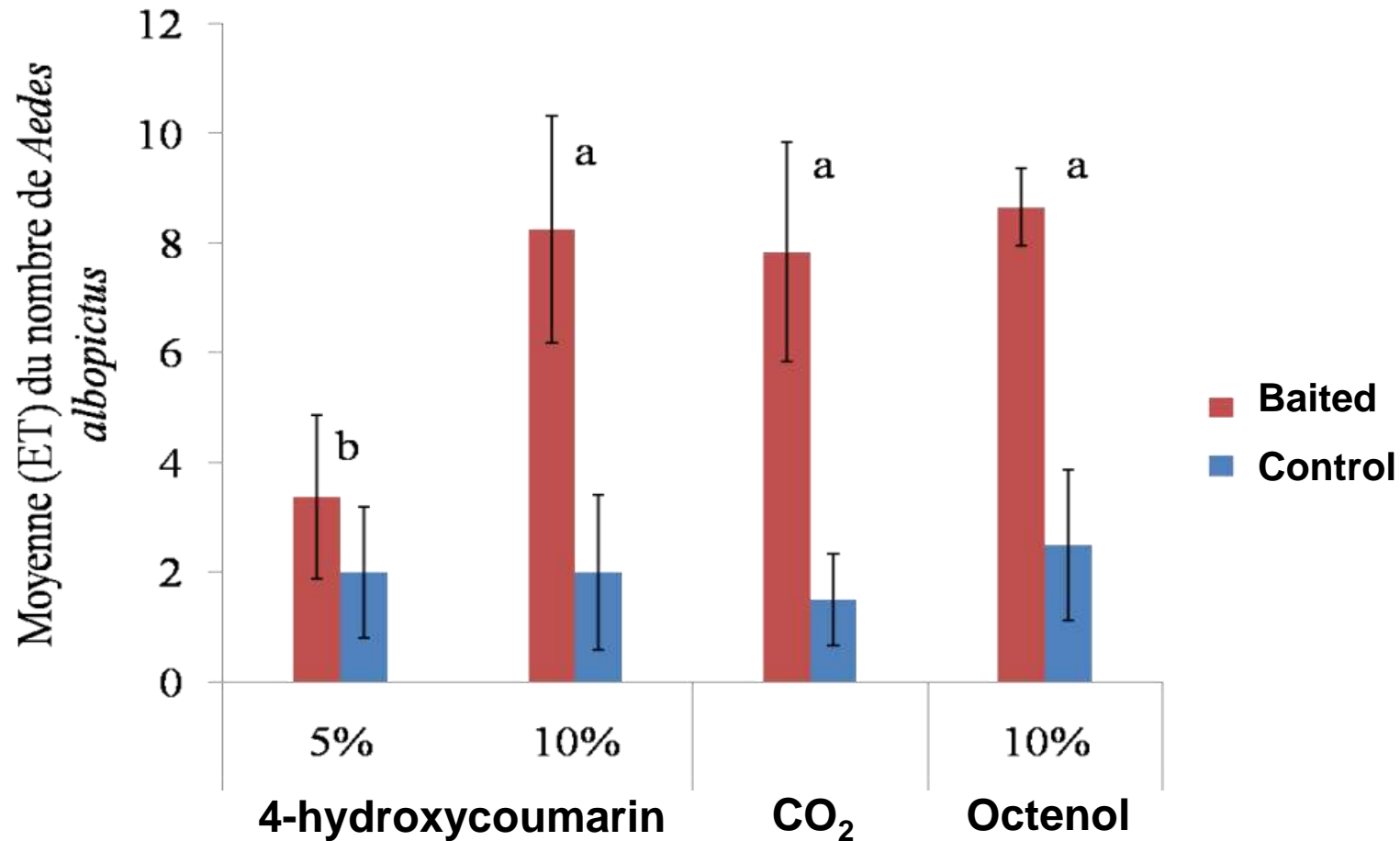


N,N-diethyl-metatoluamide

# New family of active compounds based on coumarin derivatives

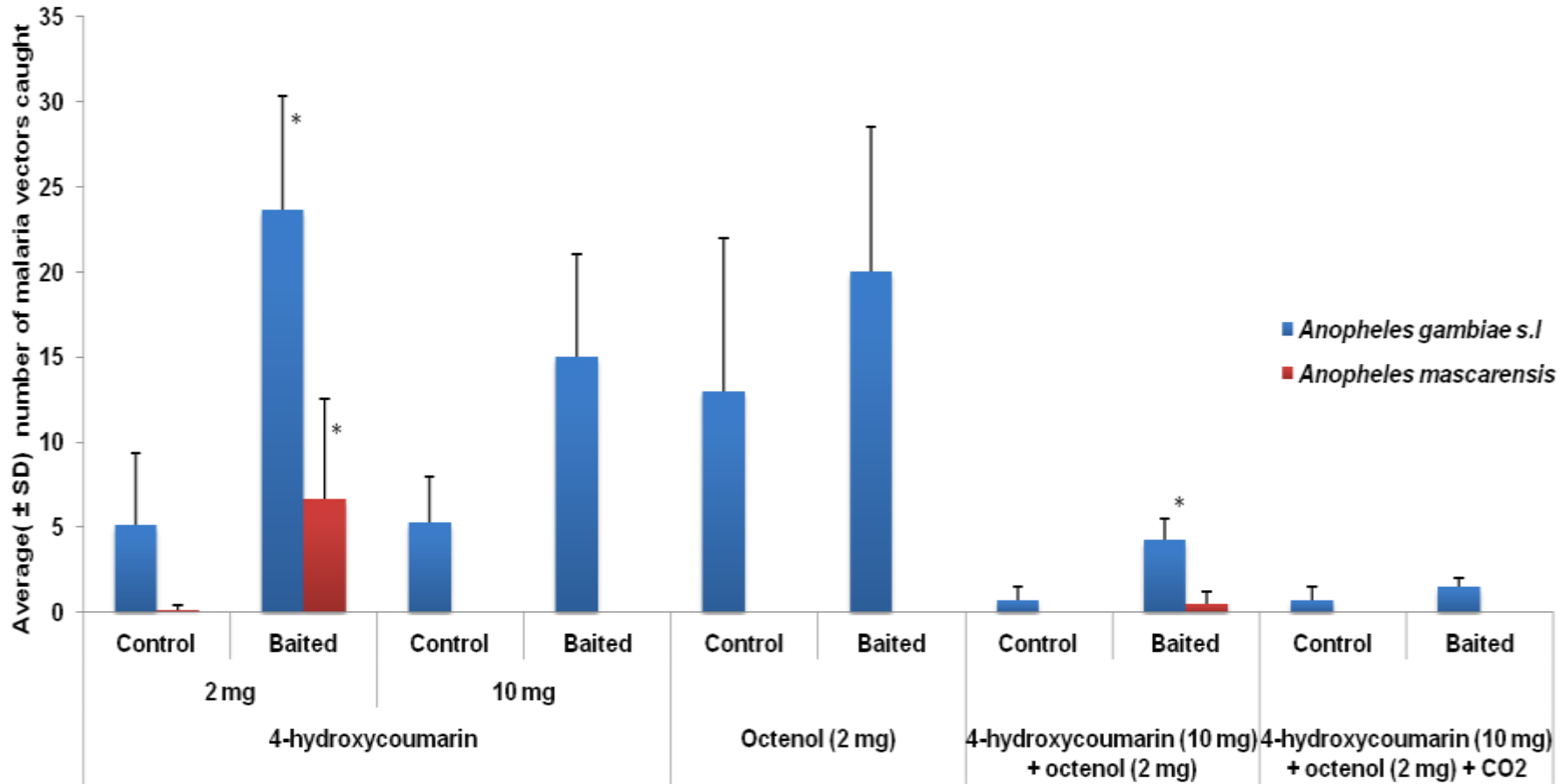
Compounds	Structure	Dose (mg/ml)	Effects	Index (%)
4-hydroxycoumarin		10	Attractant	65
6-sec-pentoxycoumarin		10	Attractant	40
4-sec-butoxycoumarin		10	Repellent	50
4-sec-pentoxycoumarin		10	Repellent	20

# 4-hydroxycoumarin as attractant of *Aedes albopictus*



Average ( $\pm$  SD) number of *Aedes albopictus* collected in the control and baited traps using BG sentinel trap

# 4-hydroxycoumarin as attractant of *Anopheles* spp.



Average ( $\pm$  SD) number of *Anopheles* malaria vectors caught in the control and baited traps using CDC light trap

## New bioassay: modified-cage system

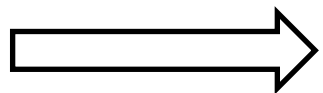
❖ Products	Effects	Species
Isovaleric acid	Attractant	<i>Aedes albopictus</i> and
DEET	Repellent	<i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>



❖ **Difference in behavioral response of the two species towards attractant and repellent products**

*Hao et al. (2012)*

*Bernier et al. (2007)*



**Validating the effectiveness of the proposed bioassay**

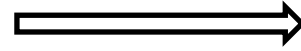
# Comparison of the different chemical synthesis ways

Chemical synthesis	Yields	Types of synthesis	Atomic economy
Williamson type	Low (5%)	Nucleophilic attacks <small>Williamson (1850)</small>	Bad (toluene, NaBr)
Phase transfert catalysis	High (70%)		
Acid catalysis	Medium (52%)	Nucleophilic substitution <small>Trost (2002)</small>	Good (water, recyclable catalyst)

# Coumarin structural modification and mosquito behavioral response

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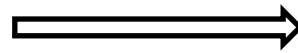
**Nature and position** of hydroxyl  
substitutes in the coumarin cycle



**Influenced the behavioral  
response** of mosquitoes  
(attractant or repellent)

*Vialle et al. (2011)*

**Branching and change**  
in the carbon chain

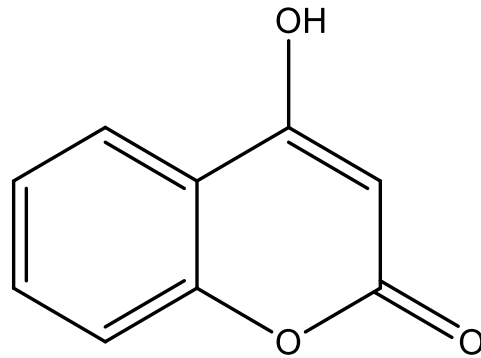


**Affected the efficacy**  
of products

*Vialle et al. (2013)*

# Effectiveness of 4-hydroxycoumarin as attractant of mosquitoes

- **Attractant effect** on *Ae. Albopictus*  
(comparable to octenol and CO<sub>2</sub> with high selectivity)



- **Attractant effect** on *Anopheles* spp.  
(high selectivity to the malaria vectors)





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