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(*DIPTERA: CULICIDAE*) MOSQUITO
IN DOMESTIC BREEDING
CONTAINERS**

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ABSTRACT

Physico-chemical Characteristics of *Aedes* (Diptera: Culicidae) Mosquito in Domestic Container Habitat

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Introduction: Physico-chemical characteristics of the breeding water containers plays a major role in determining the preference and efficiency of the breeding containers. **Objective:** The objective of the study was to analyze the physico-chemical parameters of the *Aedes* container habitat and larval productivity of the container in and around Puncak Alam, Selangor. **Methodology:** In this study, colonize containers and uncolonize containers are randomly obtained on site and have been classed into containers identity (CID). *In-situ* and *ex-situ* measurement was done to find the physical and chemical properties of the water using appropriate equipments. The parameter tested are pH, temperature, turbidity, magnesium, calcium, nitrate and phosphate concentration. **Result:** It is found that there are no significant difference between colonize containers and uncolonize containers. An *independent t-test* was used to compare the physico-chemical characteristics between the colonize containers and uncolonize containers. However, in terms of containers efficiency, rubber material based containers have shown the most promising result to serve as a breeding container compare to other type of containers. **Conclusion:** The outcome of this study shows that physico-chemical characteristics does not influence the ovipositioning of the *Aedes* mosquito thus proving that all containers containing water have the potential in becoming a breeding site for the *Aedes* mosquito.

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