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# Species diversity and community composition of mosquitoes in a filariasis endemic area in Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

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Mosquitoes are well known as the most medically important arthropod vectors which should be monitored and evaluated because of their potential to transmit diseases. One step in monitoring and evaluation could be conducted by assessing the presence of prevalent mosquito's vectors including their species diversity and composition. The present study has successfully recorded the diversity and community composition of mosquitoes in two villages in Banyuasin District, South Sumatra Province, Indonesia. The research was conducted for four months from December 2016 to March 2017 by collecting mosquitoes using Indoor and Outdoor Human Landing Collection method (HLC). The result shows that there were 8239 mosquitoes collected consisting of 12 genera and 38 species. *Mansonia* is found as the most dominant genus in Sedang Village, while in Muara Sugih Village, *Culex* is the most dominant. Assessment on species diversity showed that Sedang Village has higher diversity compared to Muara Sugih Village. Further analysis indicates that environmental characteristics and presence of water plant play important role in the diversity, abundance, and dominance of mosquitoes. Waterlogged area covered with *Pistia stratiotes* in Sedang Village likely facilitate the breeding of *Mansonia* spp while extensive rice field in Muara Sugih Village may enable the high numbers of *Culex* spp, *Anopheles* spp, and *Aedes* spp. mosquitoes. The findings of this study suggest the rationale for the high cases of filariasis in Banyuasin District. Future research should be directed to reveal mosquitoes' dispersal pattern and its potential as disease vector, the risk of transmitted disease, and further prevention to reduce the number of filariasis cases.

**Keywords:** Disease vector, entomology, environmental characteristics, human landing method, mosquitoes diversity

**Abbreviations:** Ma: *Mansonia*; Cx: *Culex*; An: *Anopheles*; Ae: *Aedes*; Och: *Ochlerotatus*; fv: *fulvus*; sp./spp.: species

## INTRODUCTION

Mosquitoes are important groups of arthropods which inhabit freshwater habitats. Beside causing annoyance to humans, mammals, birds and other animals due to their bites (Rueda 2008), the presence of mosquitoes is generally undesirable as they may transmit pathogen, especially to human, causing diseases such as filariasis, dengue, and malaria (Kauffman et al. 2017; Asare et al. 2016; Chandra 2008). Rueda (2008) reported that there are more than hundreds of mosquitoes species which have been proved to transmit various diseases to human and animal species.

In the context of filariasis, mosquitoes are well known as the most medically important arthropod vectors which should be monitored and evaluated because of their potential to transmit the disease (Rajakumar and Abdul Rahuman 2011). One step in monitoring and evaluation could be conducted by assessing the presence of prevalent

mosquitoes vectors including their species diversity and composition (Beemtsen et al. 2000). Several studies report that there are 23 species belong to five genera which are potentially identified as filariasis vectors, such as *Mansonia*, *Anopheles*, *Culex*, *Aedes*, and *Armigeres* (Wijayanti et al. 2016; St. Laurent et al. 2016; Sugiarto et al. 2017). The potential of being the vector is based on several cases. For example in Mali, 10 species of *Anopheles* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* are confirmed as the vectors of *Wuchereria bancrofti* in the rural and urban type location, respectively (Coulibaly et al. 2013); and 6 *Mansonia* species are reported as the *Brugia malayi* vectors which are found in the swamp area in Thailand (Apiwathnasom et al. 2006). Nonetheless, filariasis cases generated by mosquito species from such genera in Indonesia still rarely appear in the medical reports likely because of the lack of information. The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia reports that *Mansonia* and *Anopheles barbirostris* are the main species which play

2 important role in the transmission of filariasis in eastern Indonesia (Kementerian Kesehatan RI 2016).

In South Sumatra, *Ma. uniformis* and *An. nigerrimus* are confirmed as *B. malayi* vectors, while *An. barbirostris* is reported as the vector of *B. timori* which is commonly found in East Nusa Tenggara and the South Maluku Islands (Kementerian Kesehatan RI 2016). Some species of *Mansonia* spp. are also reported as the nocturnal sub-periodic of *B. malayi* vectors. In general, comprehensive research to identify vectors of infectious diseases has never been made in Indonesia. The diversity of mosquitoes, for example, has never been reported comprehensively despite the fundamental role of such data in informing the potential risk and impact of the transmission of infectious diseases and the plausible preventive actions to control the transmission (Vourc'h et al. 2012; Chaves et al. 2011). The lack of information on species diversity of mosquito hampers the understanding on the distribution and occurrence of vectors potentially initiate the infectious disease.

In this study, diversity of mosquito species is investigated for the first time in two villages in Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia to assess the potential of transmission of filariasis and other mosquitoes-based infectious diseases in the area. The choice of the studied area is based on the high filariasis cases occurred during the periods between 1983 and 2002. Banyuasin is also reported as the highest filariasis cases in South Sumatra as in 2014 there were 83% (142 of 173) of provincial cases of chronic filariasis occurred in Banyuasin District alone (Dinas Kesehatan Banyuasin 2016). Banyuasin also has a high rate of endemic case with 2.02% of the average microfilariae rate. The high rates of filariasis and endemic cases indicates the high abundance of mosquitoes which potentially increases the possibility of pathogen transmission (Roche et al. 2013). Several efforts have been made to suppress the number of filariasis cases in Banyuasin District including fogging, community counseling, and treating the villagers through the mass drug administration (MDA) programmes (Banyuasin 2016). However, the number of cases is still relatively high with the microfilaria rate of 0.93% after three years of the MDA program.

3 Furthermore, this study also aims to investigate the community composition of mosquito species in term of abundance, frequency, and dominance as well as their habitats and resting rate in Banyuasin District. The environmental characteristics of the studied area are briefly discussed. The results of this study could serve as baseline information for assessing and monitoring the risk of filariasis disease in Banyuasin which may help to develop preventive actions to halt disease transmission in the future.

### 3 MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Study area

The research was conducted by collecting mosquitoes in two villages of filariasis endemic area in Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia. The first studied area

was Sedang Village located in Suak Tapeh Sub-district (2° 49.395' South and 104° 25.381' East longitude) with the altitude of 10 meters above the sea level. The second studied area was Muara Sugih Village in Tanjung Lago Sub-district located at 2° 47.048' South and 104° 45.731' East longitude with the altitude of 12 meters above the sea level (Figure 1). The landscapes of studied area are dominated by water bodies such as swamp, river, rice field and farm (Figure 2). Sedang Village is surrounded by water bodies which constantly inundating to form pool-alike landscapes with aquatic plants covering the surfaces, indicating the characteristics of the swamps with mosaic of plantations of rubber trees and oil palm (Figure 2.A). It differs with Muara Sugih Village which consists of rivers, tidal rice fields, and oil palm plantations characterized by flowing water in primary and secondary drainage canals used to drain the rice fields (Figure 2.B).

The different characteristics of land use and hydrological system between Sedang Village and Muara Sugih do not differentiate the physical characteristics of both studied-area. Table 1 shows that the average temperature and humidity in Sedang Village and Muara Sugih Village are relatively similar with difference are less than ± 2°C and ±2%, respectively. In term of altitude, both study areas are classified as lowland which is suitable for mosquitoes' breeding and habitat (Costa et al. 2010).

#### Mosquitoes collection method

The study was conducted in four months from December 2016 to March 2017 with one collection time per month. The mosquito collection was done using Indoor and Outdoor Human Landing Collection method (HLC) for 12 hours between 18.00 and 06.00 the following day by six groups of enumerator. Three groups collected mosquitoes that were biting and resting in indoor condition and three groups collected mosquitoes that were biting and resting in outdoor condition. The biting mosquitoes were collected using aspirator for 40 minutes per hour and the resting mosquitoes were collected using aspirators for 10 minutes per hour. All research activities had been approved by the Ethics Team of Sriwijaya University, Indonesia (Ethical Access Certificate No. 522 / kepkrsmhfkunsi / 2016).

#### The identification of mosquitoes and data analysis

All female mosquitoes were identified using the Rampa and Wharton identification book (Pratiwi et al. 2018) and habitat characteristics were also recorded. Species diversity and composition were then analyzed based on following parameters including indexes of abundance, frequency, and dominance (Sugiarto et al. 2017). Such parameters are formulated as follow:

$$\text{Abundance} = \frac{\sum \text{mosquitoes are captured per species by certain methods}}{\sum \text{all mosquitoes caught with certain methods}} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{\sum \text{arrests containing certain species}}{\sum \text{all certain arrests in the same way}} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Dominance Rate} = \text{frequency} \times \text{abundance} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Resting rate} = \frac{\sum \text{resting mosquitos of certain caught species}}{\sum \text{all caught resting mosquitos}} \times 100\% \quad (4)$$



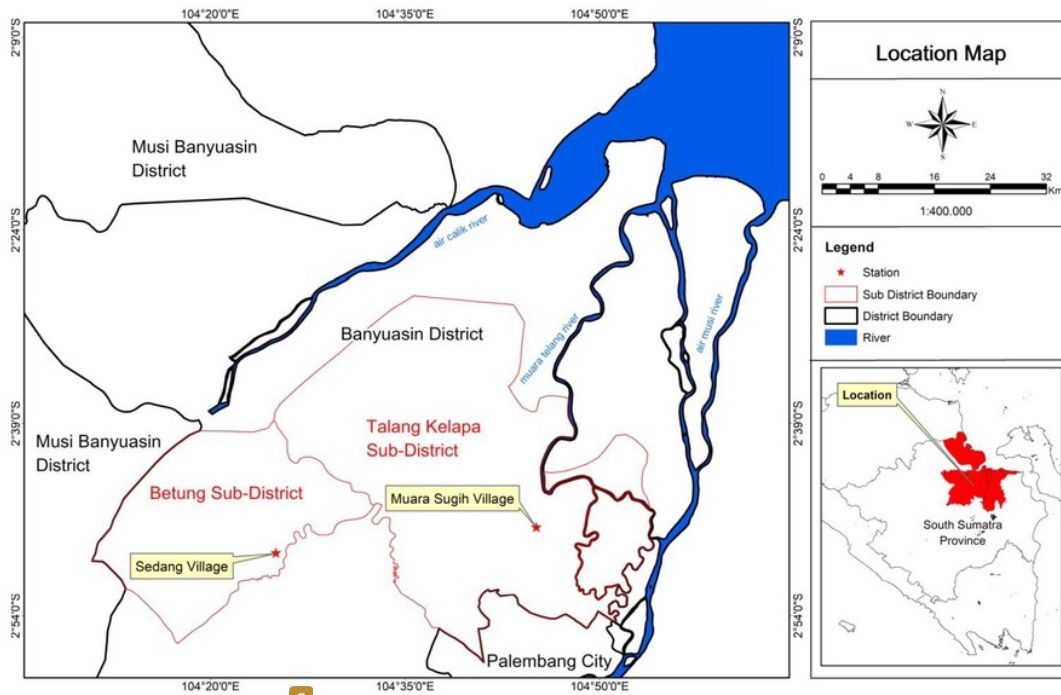


Figure 1. Location of study area at Sedang Village and Muara Sugih Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia



Figure 2. Landscape of (A) Sedang Village, and (B) Muara Sugih Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Table 1. Environmental characteristics of Sedang Village and Muara Sugih Village in Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Variable	Sedang Village	Muara Sugih Village
Location	2° 49.395' S and 104° 25.381' East longitude	2° 47.048' S and 104° 45.731' East longitude
Altitude	10 meters above sea level	12 meters above sea level
Water bodies	Tidal swamps	Rivers, paddy fields
Temperature	27,14±1,96°C	25,64±1,46°C
Humidity	91,18±5,35%	86,92±11,897%
Aquatic plant dominant	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>	<i>Oryza sativa</i>
Land use	Rubber and oil palm plantations	Rice fields

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Th<sup>8</sup>ollections of mosquitoes**

A total of 8239 mosquitoes were successfully collected during the fieldwork period, consisting of 12 genera: *Mansonia* (53.25%), *Culex* (37.17%), *Anopheles* (2.35%), *Aedes* (4.84%), *Armigeres* (0.53%), *Triptoides* (0.25%), *Ochleratus* (0.10%), *Mimomyia* (0.06%), *Malaya* (0.23%), *Topomyia* (0.01%), *Lutzia* (0.11%), and *Udaya* (0.01%). The 12 genera consist of 38 species including 10 species of *Culex*, 8 species of *Aedes*, 6 species of *Mansonia*, 5 species of *Anopheles*, 2 species of *Malaya*, and each one species from genus *Armigeres*, *Triptoides*, *Ochleratus*, *Mimomyia*, *Topomyia*, *Lutzia*, and *Udaya*. The detailed number of mosquitoes and percentages of each genus were shown in Table 2.

If differentiated based on studied area, there were 10 genera consisting of 32 species of mosquitoes collected in Sedang Village, while in Muara Sugih Village, the genera were only 8 with 22 species. There were 16 species collected in both studied areas, which are *Ma. dives*, *Ma. indiana*, *Ma. annulata*, *Ma. bonneae*, *Ma. uniformis*, *Och. fv. palliens*, *Cx. quinquefasciatus*, *Cx. tritaeniorhynchus*, *Cx. fuscocephalus*, *Cx. bitaeniorhynchus*, *Cx. hutchinsoni*, *Cx. vishnui*, *Cx. gelidus*, *Ae. albolineatus*, *Ae. albopictus*, and *Ae. aegypti*. Figure 3 shows detailed occurrence of mosquito species in the studied areas.

In term of total number of collected mosquitoes, the abundance of mosquitoes in Sedang Village is higher than the abundance of mosquitoes in Muara Sugih Village. There were approximately 4613 mosquitoes collected in Sedang Village, while in Muara Sugih there were only 3626 mosquitoes. Table 2 shows that the most dominant genus in both studied area are different in which *Mansonia* is the most dominant genus in Sedang Village, while in Muara Sugih Village, *Culex* is the most dominant.

Interestingly, there is an opposite pattern of dominant genus between two study areas in which a dominant genus in a village has a low number and percentage in the other village and vice versa. For example, there were 3.14% of *Mansonia* detected in Muara Sugih, while *Culex* comprised 3.09% of total mosquitoes in Sedang Village. Other species have medium level of occurrence in both studied areas such as *Aedes*, but it has higher number collected in Muara Sugih Village than in Sedang Village. The rest genera relatively have similar numbers for both studied-areas. The findings of the diversity from two different studied areas provide baseline information on the distribution of mosquitoes in Banyuasin District.



**Figure 3.** Species composition of mosquitoes at study areas of two villages in Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

**Table 2.** Genus diversity and abundance of mosquitoes in two studied areas in Sedang Village and Muara Sugih Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Genera	Abundance in number			Abundance in percentage (%)		
	Total	Sedang Village	Muara Sugih Village	Total	Sedang Village	Muara Sugih Village
<i>Mansonia</i>	4435	4176	259	53.25	50.68	3.14
<i>Culex</i>	3096	255	2841	37.17	3.09	34.48
<i>Anopheles</i>	196	82	114	2.35	0.99	1.38
<i>Aedes</i>	403	18	385	4.84	0.22	4.67
<i>Armigeres</i>	44	44	0	0.53	0.53	0
<i>Triptoides</i>	21	21	0	0.25	0.25	0
<i>Ochlerotatus</i>	9	7	2	0.10	0.08	0.02
<i>Mimomyia</i>	5	5	0	0.06	0.06	0
<i>Malaya</i>	19	4	15	0.23	0.05	0.18
<i>Lutzia</i>	9	0	9	0.11	0	0.11
<i>Udaya</i>	1	0	1	0.01	0	0.01
<i>Topomyia</i>	1	1	0	0.01	0.01	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8239</b>	<b>4613</b>	<b>3626</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55.99</b>	<b>44.01</b>

**Table 3.** Species diversity and abundance of mosquitoes in two studied areas in Sedang Village and Muara Sugih Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Genera	Species	Abundance in number		Abundance in percentages (%)	
		Sedang Village	Muara Sugih Village	Sedang Village	Muara Sugih Village
<i>Mansonia</i>	<i>Ma. annulifera</i>	2228	0	27.04	0.00
	<i>Ma. uniformis</i>	1022	135	12.40	1.64
	<i>Ma. indiana</i>	909	7	11.03	0.08
	<i>Ma. dives</i>	15	92	0.18	1.12
	<i>Ma. borneae</i>	1	24	0.01	0.29
	<i>Ma. mulata</i>	1	1	0.01	0.01
	<i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i>	93	874	1.13	10.61
<i>Culex</i>	<i>Cx. gelidus</i>	80	125	0.97	1.52
	<i>Cx. vishnui</i>	34	1073	0.41	13.02
	<i>Cx. tritaeniorhynchus</i>	17	437	0.21	5.30
	<i>Cx. fuscocephalus</i>	16	182	0.19	2.21
	<i>Cx. tripteroides</i>	8	0	0.10	0.00
	<i>Cx. solitarius</i>	5	0	0.06	0.00
	<i>Cx. bitaeniorhynchus</i>	1	1	0.01	0.01
	<i>Cx. hutchinsoni</i>	1	9	0.01	0.11
	<i>Cx. sitiens</i>	0	140	0.00	1.70
	<i>An. triptoides</i>	51	0	0.62	0.00
<i>Anopheles</i>	<i>An. barbirostris</i>	16	0	0.19	0.00
	<i>An. nigerrimus</i>	12	0	0.15	0.00
	<i>An. subalbatus</i>	3	0	0.04	0.00
<i>Aedes</i>	<i>Ae. umbrosus</i>	0	114	0.00	1.38
	<i>Ae. aegypti</i>	4	62	0.05	0.75
	<i>Ae. albopictus</i>	3	6	0.04	0.07
	<i>Aedes</i> sp	2	1	0.02	0.01
	<i>Ae. albolineatus</i>	2	1	0.02	0.01
	<i>Ae. amandalei</i>	2	0	0.02	0.00
	<i>Ae. vittatus</i>	1	0	0.01	0.00
	<i>Ae. lineatopenmis</i>	1	0	0.01	0.00
<i>Armigeres</i>	<i>Armigeres subalbatus</i>	44	0	0.53	0.00
	<i>Triptoides</i>	21	0	0.25	0.00
<i>Ochlerotatus</i>	<i>Och. fv. pallens</i>	7	2	0.08	0.02
<i>Mimomyia</i>	<i>Mimomyia</i> sp	5	0	0.06	0.00
<i>Malaya</i>	<i>Malaya jacobsoni</i>	4	10	0.05	0.12
	<i>Malaya</i> sp	0	5	0.00	0.06
<i>Lutzia</i>	<i>Lutzia fuscana</i>	0	9	0.00	0.11
<i>Udaya</i>	<i>Udaya</i> sp	0	1	0.00	0.01
<i>Topomyia</i>	<i>Topomyia</i>	1	0	0.01	0.00

**Biting behavior of collected mosquitoes**

In Sedang Village, the outdoor and indoor biting behavior of collected mosquitoes is dominated by genus *Mansonia*. There are four species of *Mansonia* namely: *Ma. annulifera*, *Ma. uniformis*, *Ma. indiana*, and *Ma. dives* with the most abundant species is *Mansonia annulifera* with 46.27% and 48.91% in outdoor and indoor respectively, followed by *Ma. uniformis* (25.84% and 18.28%) and *Ma. indiana* (18.47% and 25.39). *Ma. dives* is the least abundant of *Mansonia* (0.21% and 0.04%) captured in outdoor and indoor condition.

*Cx. quinquefasciatus* and *Armigeres subalbatus* are the only species outside the *Mansonia* spp. genus which have high biting activities in outdoor condition with

approximately 2.59% and 1.89% of total collected mosquitoes, respectively. *Cx. gelidus* is higher in abundance in indoor than outdoor while *Cx. quinquefasciatus* has less biting activity in indoor than outdoor.

In term of dominance rate of collected mosquitoes, *Ma. annulifera* has the highest dominant rate by having 38.56 and 36.68 of biting activities in indoor and outdoor condition respectively, followed by *Ma. uniformis*, *Ma. indiana*, and *Cx. quinquefasciatus*. In term of frequency of biting activities *Ma. uniformis* has the highest frequency with 0.62 and 0.90 in indoor and outdoor respectively, followed by *Ma. annulifera* (0.75 and 0.83).



**Table 4.** Data on the abundance, frequency, and dominance of biting mosquitoes in Sedang Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Genus	Species	Outdoor			Indoor			
		Abundance (%)	Frequency	Dominance	Abundance (%)	Frequency	Dominance	
<i>Mansonia</i>	<i>M. annulifera</i>	46.27	0.83	38.56	48.91	0.75	36.68	
	<i>Ma. uniformis</i>	25.84	0.90	23.15	18.28	0.62	11.42	
	<i>Ma. indiana</i>	18.47	0.75	13.85	25.39	0.62	15.87	
	<i>Ma. dives</i>	0.21	0.06	0.01	0.29	0.04	0.01	
	<i>Ma. bonneae</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ma. annulata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Culex</i>	<i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i>	2.60	0.35	0.92	1.58	0.23	0.36	
	<i>Cx. gelidus</i>	0.98	0.16	0.16	1.77	0.21	0.37	
	<i>Cx. vishnui</i>	0.77	0.12	0.09	0.39	0.04	0.01	
	<i>Cx. tritaeniorhynchus</i>	0.35	0.06	0.02	0.69	0.06	0.04	
	<i>Cx. fuscocephalus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Cx. tripteroides</i>	0.28	0.04	0.01	0	0	0	
	<i>Cx. solitarius</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Cx. bitaeniorhynchus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Cx. hutchinsoni</i>	0.07	0.02	0.001	0	0	0	
	<i>Cx. sitien</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Anopheles</i>	<i>An. triptoides</i>	0.77	0.12	0.09	0.98	0.04	0.04
	<i>An. barbirostris</i>	0.14	0.04	0.006	0.49	0.08	0.04	
	<i>An. nigerrimus</i>	0.35	0.06	0.02	0.19	0.04	0.01	
	<i>An. subalbatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>An. umbrosus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Aedes</i>	<i>Ae. aegypti</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ae. albopictus</i>	0.07	0.02	0.001	0	0	0	
	<i>Aedes</i> sp	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ae. albolineatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ae. annandalei</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ae. vittatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ae. lineatopennis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Ae. andamanensis</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Armigeres</i>	<i>Armigeres subalbatus</i>	1.90	0.14	0.28	0.79	0.08	0.06
	<i>Triptoides</i>	<i>Triptoides</i>	0.56	0.04	0.02	0.19	0.02	0.004
<i>Ochlerotatus</i>	<i>Och. fv. pallens</i>	0.140449	0.02	0.003	0	0	0	
<i>Mimomyia</i>	<i>Mimomyia</i> sp.	0.070225	0.02	0.001	0	0	0	
<i>Malaya</i>	<i>Malaya jacobsoni</i>	0.140449	0.12	0.02	0	0	0	
	<i>Malaya</i> sp							
<i>Lutzia</i>	<i>Lutzia fuscana</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Udaya</i>	<i>Udaya</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Topomyia</i>	<i>Topomyia</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	

In Muara Sugih Village, *Culex* dominates the collected mosquitoes with 1293 and 540 individuals captured in outdoor and indoor, respectively. To be more specific, *Cx. vishnui* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* are the most abundant species captured in outdoor and indoor, respectively. *Cx. vishnui* has frequency of 0.54 and 0.48 in outdoor and indoor respectively, in which *Cx. quinquefasciatus* has the highest frequency of biting activity both outdoor and indoor with frequency rates of 0.71 and 0.73, respectively. The frequency index indicates that *Cx. quinquefasciatus* has higher intensity of encounter compared to *Cx. vishnui* during the fieldwork period. The other species of *Culex* spp. which have high occurrence and abundance including *Cx. tritaeniorhynchus*, *Cx. sitien*, and *Cx. fuscocephalus* but they have lower frequency than *Cx. vishnui* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus*, indicating a lower intensity of presences

of these species compared to *Cx. vishnui* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus*.

*Mansonia* spp that dominates mosquitoes in Sedang Village have lower percentages of occurrence in Muara Sugih Village compared to *Culex* spp. There is only 7.35% and 7.58% of *Mansonia* spp recorded in Muara Sugih in outdoor and indoor biting activities, respectively, while there are 80.20% and 69.13% of *Culex* spp in outdoor and indoor biting activities, respectively. Moreover, *Ma. bonneae* and *Ma. annulata* which are not found in Sedang Village, yet they occur in Muara Sugih, providing additional distribution of *Mansonia* spp. Other species showing high abundance and dominance after *Culex* spp. including *An. umbrosus* and *Ae. Aegypti*. Detailed information on abundance, frequency, and dominance recorded mosquitoes in Muara Sugih Village is shown in Table 5.

**Table 5.** Data on the abundance, frequency, and dominance of biting mosquitoes in Muara Sugih Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Genera	Species	Outdoor			Indoor			
		Abundance (%)	Frequency	Dominance	Abundance (%)	Frequency	Dominance	
<i>Mansonia</i>	<i>Ma. annulifera</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ma. uniformis</i>	3.25	0.31	1.01	4.81	0.25	1.20	
	<i>Ma. indiana</i>	0.39	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ma. dives</i>	3.17	0.31	0.99	1.48	0.10	0.15	
	<i>Ma. borneae</i>	0.54	0.08	0.04	1.11	0.10	0.12	
	<i>Ma. mulata</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.02	0.003	
<i>Culex</i>	<i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i>	24.28	0.71	17.20	29.26	0.73	21.33	
	<i>Cx. gelidus</i>	4.41	0.35	1.56	1.67	0.17	0.28	
	<i>Cx. vishnui</i>	30.63	0.54	16.59	23.15	0.48	11.09	
	<i>Cx. tritaeniorhynchus</i>	13.38	0.54	7.25	7.47	0.31	2.31	
	<i>Cx. fuscocephalus</i>	2.32	0.12	0.29	2.59	0.14	0.38	
	<i>Cx. tripterooides</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Cx. solitarius</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Cx. bitaeniorhynchus</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Cx. hutchinsoni</i>	0.31	0.04	0.013	0.18	0.02	0.004	
	<i>Cx. sitiens</i>	4.87	0.17	0.81	4.81	0.08	0.40	
	<i>Anopheles</i>	<i>An. triptoides</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>An. barbirostris</i>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>An. nigerrimus</i>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>An. subalbatus</i>		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>An. umbrosus</i>		4.95	0.29	1.44	3.33	0.14	0.49	
<i>Aedes</i>	<i>Ae. aegypti</i>	2.86	0.14	0.42	1.48	0.10	0.15	
	<i>Ae. albopictus</i>	0.15	0.02	0.003	0.74	0.06	0.05	
	<i>Ae. lineatopennis</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. albolineatus</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. amandalei</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. vittatus</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. andamanensis</i>	4.41	0.29	1.29	17.04	0.33	5.68	
	<i>Aedes</i> sp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.02	0.004	
	<i>Armigeres</i>	<i>Armigeres subalbatus</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<i>Triptoides</i>	<i>Triptoides</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Ochlerotatus</i>	<i>Och. fv. pallens</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>Mimomyia</i>	<i>Mimomyia</i> sp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>Malaya</i>	<i>Malaya jacobsoni</i>	0.08	0.02	0.002	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Malaya</i> spp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.02	0.004	
<i>Lutzia</i>	<i>Lutzia fuscana</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.02	0.008	
<i>Udaya</i>	<i>Udaya</i> sp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>Topomyia</i>	<i>Topomyia</i> sp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

### Resting behavior of collected mosquitoes

Table 6 shows resting behavior of collected mosquitoes in Sedang Village. *Ma. annulifera* which has the highest abundance, frequency, and dominance species of biting behaviors in Sedang Village also relatively has similar percentages of outdoor and indoor resting activities. The high abundance of resting mosquitoes was followed by *Ma. uniformis*, and *Ma. indiana*. On the other hand, *Ma. uniformis*, *Cx. quinquefasciatus*, *Cx. gelidus* which show higher biting activities in outdoor than indoor, on the contrary, they have higher indoor resting activities than outdoor ones, indicating that resting behavior is not correlated with biting behavior. However, *Ma. indiana* shows different result by having similar condition in resting and biting activities in Sedang Village.

In Muara Sugih Village, data of resting behavior of collected mosquitoes is shown in Table 7. *Cx. vishnui* is the

most dominant and abundant species in term of resting activities with outdoor resting is more prevalent than indoor resting. This behavior is correlated with biting behavior of *Cx. vishnui* which has higher outdoor biting behavior than indoor. Other species, *Cx. quinquefasciatus* which is the second most abundant species in Muara Sugih Village has relatively higher resting activities in indoor than in outdoor. This result is in accordance with the resting behavior of *Cx. quinquefasciatus* in Sedang Village. Other species such as *Cx. fuscocephalus* and *An. umbrosus* show similar behavior of biting and resting. However, other species including *Cx. sitiens*, *Cx. gelidus*, *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. andamanensis* show different results between resting activities and biting activities, which are similar to the behavior of *Ma. uniformis* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* in Sedang Village.



**Table 6.** Data on the abundance of resting mosquitoes in Sedang Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Genera	Species	Outdoor (%)	Indoor (%)	
<i>Mansonia</i>	<i>5. Ma. annulifera</i>	50.45	48.16	
	<i>Ma. uniformis</i>	19.77	23.42	
	<i>Ma. indiana</i>	17.62	18.13	
	<i>Ma. dives</i>	0.36	0.47	
	<i>Ma. borneae</i>	0.09	0.00	
	<i>Ma. 4. mulata</i>	0.00	0.09	
<i>Culex</i>	<i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i>	1.16	2.55	
	<i>Cx. gelidus</i>	2.86	1.51	
	<i>Cx. vishnui</i>	1.16	0.56	
	<i>Cx. tritaeniorhynchus</i>	0.45	0.00	
	<i>Cx. fuscocephalus</i>	0.81	0.66	
	<i>Cx. tripteroides</i>	0.18	0.19	
	<i>Cx. solitaries</i>	0.45	0.00	
	<i>Cx. bitaeniorhynchus</i>	0.09	0.00	
	<i>Cx. hutchinsoni</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Cx. sitiens</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Anopheles</i>	<i>An. triptoides</i>	0.81	1.98
		<i>An. barbirostris</i>	0.45	0.38
<i>An. nigerrimus</i>		0.09	0.38	
<i>An. subalbatus</i>		0.00	0.28	
<i>7. An. umbrosus</i>		0.00	0.00	
<i>Aedes</i>	<i>Ae. aegypti</i>	0.18	0.19	
	<i>Ae. albopictus</i>	2.27	0.09	
	<i>Aedes sp</i>	0.09	0.09	
	<i>Ae. albolineatus</i>	0.09	0.09	
	<i>Ae. amandalei</i>	0.09	0.09	
	<i>Ae. vittatus</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. lineatopennis</i>	0.00	0.09	
	<i>Ae. andamanensis</i>	0.28	0.00	
<i>Armigeres</i>	<i>Armigeres subalbatus</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Triptoides</i>	<i>Triptoides</i>	0.45	0.00	
<i>Ochlerotatus</i>	<i>Och. fv. pallens</i>	0.18	0.00	
<i>Mimomyia</i>	<i>Mimomyia sp</i>	0.18	0.19	
<i>Malaya</i>	<i>Malaya jacobsoni</i>	0.18	0.00	
	<i>Malaya sp</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Lutzia</i>	<i>Lutzia fuscana</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Udaya</i>	<i>Udaya sp.</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Topomyia</i>	<i>Topomyia sp</i>	0.00	0.00	

**Table 7.** Data on the abundance of resting mosquitoes in Muara Sugih Village, Banyuasin District, South Sumatra, Indonesia

Genera	Species	Outdoor (%)	Indoor (%)	
<i>Mansonia</i>	<i>5. Ma. annulifera</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ma. uniformis</i>	3.92	3.42	
	<i>Ma. indiana</i>	0.17	0.00	
	<i>Ma. dives</i>	2.26	2.64	
	<i>Ma. borneae</i>	0.61	0.62	
	<i>Ma. 4. mulata</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Culex</i>	<i>Cx. quinquefasciatus</i>	19.15	28.26	
	<i>Cx. gelidus</i>	3.13	3.57	
	<i>Cx. vishnui</i>	31.24	29.97	
	<i>Cx. tritaeniorhynchus</i>	11.58	14.13	
	<i>Cx. fuscocephalus</i>	6.96	9.01	
	<i>Cx. tripteroides</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Cx. solitaries</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Cx. bitaeniorhynchus</i>	0.09	0.00	
	<i>Cx. hutchinsoni</i>	0.35	0.00	
	<i>Cx. sitiens</i>	2.52	3.41	
	<i>Anopheles</i>	<i>An. triptoides</i>	0.00	0.00
		<i>An. barbirostris</i>	0.00	0.00
<i>An. nigerrimus</i>		0.00	0.00	
<i>An. subalbatus</i>		0.00	0.00	
<i>7. An. umbrosus</i>		2.52	0.46	
<i>Aedes</i>	<i>Ae. aegypti</i>	0.00	2.64	
	<i>Ae. albopictus</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Aedes sp</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. albolineatus</i>	0.09	0.00	
	<i>Ae. amandalei</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. vittatus</i>	0.00	0.00	
	<i>Ae. andamanensis</i>	14.45	0.00	
	<i>Ae. lineatopennis</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Armigeres</i>	<i>Armigeres subalbatus</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Triptoides</i>	<i>Triptoides</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Ochlerotatus</i>	<i>Och. fv. pallens</i>	0.17	0.00	
<i>Mimomyia</i>	<i>Mimomyia sp</i>	0.00	0.00	
<i>Malaya</i>	<i>Malaya jacobsoni</i>	0.26	0.93	
	<i>Malaya sp</i>	0.09	0.46	
<i>Lutzia</i>	<i>Lutzia fuscana</i>	0.35	0.46	
<i>Udaya</i>	<i>Udaya sp</i>	0.09	0.00	
<i>Topomyia</i>	<i>Topomyia sp</i>	0.00	0.00	

## Discussion

Environmental characteristics of Banyuasin District provide suitable breeding place for mosquitoes. Both studied areas consist of wetland area but differ in the type of landscape and hydrological system either in the form of swamps, rice fields, and rivers. The climatic variables in term of air temperature and humidity in both studied areas also support the breeding and development of mosquitoes' larvae, resulting in high diversity of mosquito species (Amarasinghe and Weerakkodi 2014). In this study, there are 8239 mosquitoes are collected belong to 38 species and 12 genera such as *Mansonia* (53.83%), *Culex* (37.58%), *Anopheles* (2.38%), *Aedes* (4.90%), *Armigeres* (0.53%), *Tripteroides* (0.25%), *Ochlerotatus* (0.11%), *Mimomyia* (0.06%), *Malaya* (0.23%), *Topomyia* (0.01%), *Lutzia* (0.11%) and *Udaya* (0.01%).

Further investigation demonstrates that the distribution of mosquitoes' communities in Sedang Village differ with those in Muara Sugih Village where *Mansonia* spp is the highest number of collected mosquitoes in Sedang Village

while *Culex* spp is the highest in Muara Sugih. Nonetheless, both studied areas have relatively high diversity of mosquito species in which the total genera in Sedang Village and Muara Sugih Village are 10 and 8 genera and the total of species are 32 and 22 species, respectively. The high diversity of mosquito in both studied areas reveal potential risk associated with the occurrence and transmission of vector-borne diseases (Manguin and Boete 2011). Although there are only few species potentially become the vector of infectious disease, it is really important to understand their diversity, composition and distribution in a filariasis endemic area such as in Banyuasin District.

There are many factors affecting the diversity of mosquitoes. Most important is the quality and the characteristic of environment, especially the water system (Mahmuda and Usman 2011). It is because mosquitoes' larvae entirely require aquatic habitats which develop themselves in water bodies. The water quality and characteristics determine species diversity and community

composition of mosquitoes (Bashar et al. 2016). In Sedang Village, most of the water bodies are characterized as waterlogged areas that form pool-alike landscape with aquatic plants covering the surfaces. In Muara Sugih, the water bodies are in the form of primary and secondary drainage canals with the water is flowing. The water body's characteristics likely affect species diversity and community composition of mosquitoes. The logged water bodies such as in Sedang Village consists of higher diversity than the flowing water such as in Muara Sugih. These findings are in agreement with common knowledge that mosquitoes prefer stagnant water as breeding site than flowing water. However, it is different from the case of *Culex* spp which shows high activities in Muara Sugih which is characterized by flowing-water landscape. This finding provides new insight that *Culex* spp. is typically favor fresh and unpolluted water in which the water is contained inorganic ions such as  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  etc (Rydzanicz et al. 2016). This study which demonstrates the dominance of *Cx. vishnui* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* in Muara Sugih Village indicates that these species prefer flowing water and primary drainage as breeding site.

The dominant species of mosquitoes in each studied area is likely also determined by water plant characteristics. In Sedang Village, most of the water bodies are covered with water plants which provide suitable place of breeding for *Mansonia* spp. A study states that *Mansonioides* can only breed in fresh water containing floating vegetation (Ghosh et al. 2006). To be more specific, *Ma. annulifera*, the most dominant species in Sedang Village, shows the preference water bodies covered with *Pistia stratiotes* than any weeds. *Pistia stratiotes* become suitable water plant supporting the breeding of *Mansonia* mosquitoes through attaching the *Mansonia* larvae on the roots of *P. stratiotes* and obtains oxygen from *Aerenchyma* cells of aquatic plants by inserting its serrated siphon (Gupta et al. 2010; Lounibos et al. 1990).

On the other hand, the landscape in Muara Sugih Village is characterized by rice fields with *Oryza sativa* as the dominant aquatic plant. Previous study reveals that flood-irrigated rice fields serve as breeding site for potential vector mosquitoes species, mainly the larvae of *Culex*, *Anopheles* and *Aedes* species (Dejenie et al. 2011). It is in accordance with the result of this study in which *Culex* spp is found as the most dominant genera in Muara Sugih which mostly consists of rice field with no other water plant covered the water bodies. The presence of paddy plant supports the breeding of *Culex* spp. Richards (2010) reports that there is a linear relationship between mosquitoes abundance of *Culex* spp with rice field density in which the higher is the density of paddy field the higher is mosquitoes abundance (Richards et al. 2010; Jacob et al. 2006). This is because the Urea fertilizer added onto paddy field can stimulate the oviposition attractant or stimulant of *Culex* species (Sunish et al. 2003).

Besides the diversity of mosquitoes is different between two studied areas, several species are found in both areas. The overlapping community composition includes 16 species, in which five species are the dominant species in

both places, such as *Ma. uniformis* and *Ma. indiana* which are the dominant species in Sedang Village, and *Cx. quinquefasciatus*, *Cx. vishnui*, and *Cx. tritaeniorhynchus* which are dominant in Muara Sugih Village. The presence of these species in both studied-area suggests that these species could breed under wide-range of physical characteristics of the environment in both studied-areas. On the other hand, the absence of several species indicates that environmental characteristics of each studied-area could not support the breeding of such mosquitoes. Nonetheless, other factors may contribute to the spread and transmission of infectious diseases. Further studies are therefore required to investigate the potential of these mosquitoes in transmitting diseases. Several reports find that *Culex* spp and *Aedes* spp are the vector for Japanese Encephalitis and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, respectively. Meanwhile, *Mansonia* spp is reported as the vector for filariasis.

This study also reveals biting behavior of collected mosquitoes. The results show that the most dominant species obviously are also mosquitoes with the most biting activities. Host feeding behavior of mosquitoes has important implications for humans since the biting rhythms of mosquitoes can determine the periods of transmission risk and also serve as basic information for developing methods of personal protection against disease transmission or annoyance. The biting activities need to be studied because it allows an understanding of biting cycles of vector species, determining of nuisance level, and detecting the risk of disease transmission. In Sedang Village, most of the collected mosquitoes are *Mansonia* spp which could transmit the infected disease such as filariasis. It is in accordance with the fact that Sedang Village becomes the endemic area of filariasis (Banyuasin 2016). In Muara Sugih, *Culex* spp are the most dominant species found in the area which potentially transmit several diseases such as filariasis, Japanese encephalitis, etc. (Kauffman et al. 2017). The results of biting behavior of this study could serve as baseline information for assessment and monitoring to develop plausible strategies to prevent the risk of mosquito-based pathogen diseases transmission in Banyuasin.

The study of resting behavior conducted may also help to determine the category of mosquito. Endophilic mosquito is defined as mosquito that rest in indoor condition, inside a human dwelling, during the period between the end of blood-feeding and the onset of searching for an oviposition site. In contrast, the exophilic mosquitoes spend this period somewhere outside a human dwelling (Paaijmans and Thomas 2011). The resting behaviors for female mosquitoes are aimed to get a break in the following night after sucking blood, perhaps due to an increase in weight which made it difficult and dangerous to fly. Several observations suggest that various species of mosquitoes are approach the host and waiting before they give a bite (Tuno et al. 2003). The results of this study show that the most dominant species in both studied areas have relatively similar resting area in indoor and outdoor condition. The results suggest that *Mansonia* spp and *Culex* spp can be categorized as exophilic mosquitoes except for *Cx. quinquefasciatus* which may be categorized



as endophilic. There are no behavior changes found during the research period.

To conclude, this study find that factors including environmental characteristic, hydrological system, and the presence of aquatic plant, likely related to the species diversity and community composition of mosquitoes in Banyuasin District. The physical parameters such as temperature, air humidity, and altitude may not contribute a lot to differentiate mosquito diversity due to both studied areas have similar physical characteristics. The logged water covered with *Pistia stratiotes* in Sedang Village facilitates the breeding of *Mansonia*, resulting in the dominance of *Mansonia* spp. The high density of rice field with flowing water in Muara Sugih Village contributes to a high number of *Culex*, *Anopheles*, and *Aedes* with *Culex* spp as the most dominant mosquitoes. The high diversity of *Mansonia* spp in Sedang Village is in agreement with the label of Sedang Village as the endemic area of filariasis triggered by the biting activities of *Mansonia* spp. The findings of this research may serve as an initial assessment in determining the potential of infectious disease transmitted in the studied area. Further research is required in the studied area to investigate whether the diversity increases the risk of transmission or reduces the transmission through dilution effect.

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