

Table 1 Mutagenic primers for site-directed mutagenesis

Primer	Sequence (5'→ 3')
I139AF	5' GAAGCTACAG <u>CT</u> AAAGGCACATTTAC 3'
S159AF	5' GGATTTTTTTGGCATGCTTTATCCGCCC 3'
L160AF	5' GGCATAGTGCATCCGCCCACAATACAA 3'
S161AF	5' GGCATAGTTT <u>AGCCG</u> CCCACAATACAAG 3'
A162VF	5' GGCATAGTTTATCC <u>GT</u> ACACAATACAAG 3'
D209NF	5' CAATAAAAA <u>AT</u> AGTGCACGATATGAAG 3'
V215AF	5' GTGCACGATATGAAG <u>CT</u> AAAATGAAAGC 3'

Primers were designed based on *cyt2Aa2* gene (GenBank Accession No. AF472606). Mutated nucleotides were underlined. This table showed only the forward primers. DNA sequences of the reverse primers are complementary to their forward primers

Table 2 Mosquito-larvicidal and hemolytic activities of Cyt2Aa2 wild type and mutants against *A. aegypti* larvae and RBC.

Toxin	Protein Expression	Solubility	Activation	Hemolytic end-point ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)	Larvicidal activity LC_{50} ($\mu\text{g/ml}$)
WT	Yes	+++	Yes	0.05-0.1	0.6 (0.5-0.7)
I139A	Low	–	nd	nd	Non toxic
S159A	Yes	+++	Yes	0.1-0.2	1.3(1.0-1.6)
L160A	Yes	+++	Yes	0.1-0.2	1.3 (1.0-1.6)
S161A	Yes	+++	Yes	0.2-0.4	1.7 (1.2-2.2)
A162V	Yes	+++	Yes	No lysis	Non toxic
D209N	Yes	+++	Yes	No lysis	1.3 (0.9-1.7)
V215A	Yes	–	nd	nd	Non toxic

Solubility was determined by incubating the toxin inclusions in 50 mM $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{NaHCO}_3$, pH 10.5, plus 10 mM at 37°C for 1 h. The soluble proteins were activated by proteinase K (1%, w/w) at 37°C for 1 h. Hemolysis was tested against rat red blood cells and mosquito larvicidal activity was assayed using *A. aegypti* larvae. The assays were repeated three times.

*nd, not determined because there was no activated toxin for the assay.