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Cover: 'The seeds of million-murdering death', as Ross described the mosquito stages in the life cycle of the malaria parasite. The complex obligate developmental transformations of the malaria parasite within the mosquito vector, which enable dissemination of the parasite through its vertebrate host populations, are reviewed in this issue (pp. 573–580). The article is accompanied by an online animation that summarizes what is known about these complex events. Illustration by Anthony Coulson; design by Geraldine Woods.

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