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SOP for the handling of accidental exposure to *Plasmodium falciparum*-infected blood and/or being bitten by an infected mosquito

- In the event of coming into contact with *P. falciparum*-infected blood, immediately rinse the exposed area with warm water and soap.
- In the event of being bitten by an infected mosquito, notify the laboratory supervisor or the project manager.
- Complete the incident form and send it to the laboratory supervisor.
- Depending on the post-infection time or if it cannot be determined, initiate prophylaxis.