## Ebola and arboviral infections



### Introduction and talk outline

Ebola (not an arbovirus!)

Dengue Chikungunya Yellow Fever Japanese Encephalitis West Nile

Others...

## **Ebolavirus**

### West Africa Ebola outbreak

Index case occurred in a family in Guéckédou, Guinea

- 18 month old child, died after 2 days of illness
- December 2013 / January 2014

Spread to a number of health care workers and then among their family members

- January to March 2014

Spread to peri-urban areas by March 2014



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BRIEF REPORT

#### Emergence of Zaire Ebola Virus Disease in Guinea

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## **Ebolavirus** species

Filovirus (family also includes *Marburgvirus* and *Cuevavirus*) Cause of Ebola virus disease (EVD) Filamentous single-stranded negative sense RNA virus

Zaire ebolavirus: 1976, Democratic Republic of Congo.

<u>Sudan ebolav</u>irus: 1976, Sudan.

Bundibugyo ebolavirus: 2007, Uganda.

Taï Forest ebolavirus 1994, Ivory Coast.

Single case, veterinary worker handling primate.

Reston ebolavirus: 1989, Philippines.

Macaques, swine.

Human laboratory workers seropositive but no clinical disease



### **Ebolavirus Ecology**

### Enzootic Cycle

New evidence strongly implicates bats as the reservoir hosts for ebolaviruses, though the means of local enzootic maintainance and transmission of the virus within bat populations remain unknown.

#### **Ebolaviruses:**

Ebola virus (formerly Zaire virus) Sudan virus Taï Forest virus Bundibugyo virus Reston virus (non-human)

### Epizootic Cycle

Epizootics caused by ebolaviruses appear sporadically, producing high mortality among non-human primates and duikers and may precede human outbreaks. Epidemics caused by ebolaviruses produce acute disease among humans, with the exception of Reston virus which does not produce detectable disease in humans. Little is known about how the virus first passes to humans, triggering waves of human-to-human transmission, and an epidemic.

> Human-to-human transmission is a predominant feature of epidemics.

Following initial human infection through contact with an infected bat or other wild animal, human-to-human transmission often occurs.

### **Clinical features**

Incubation: 2 to 21 days (most common 4-10 days)

ightarrow Patient is not contagious during this period

**Initial phase**: vague flu-like symptoms – fever, headache, sore throat, myalgia, arthralgia

Next: asthenia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea (often severe), abdominal pain

Late (5-7 days from onset): shock, haemorrhage, multi-organ failure

Death usually 7-10 days from onset



### Poor prognosis :

Pregnant women Young children

### Convalescence:

Arthralgia Myalgia Abdominal pain Asthenia Anorexia Eye manifestations



### **Routes of transmission**

Contact with the sick, dead, infectious body fluids (vomit, blood, faeces, saliva, sweat, milk, semen), soiled linen/clothes

Hands to mucus membranes: eyes, nose, mouth

Broken skin

Puncture with contaminated instrument

Large droplet projection to mucus membranes (in patients with late-stage disease)

Sexual intercourse: virus in the semen up to 3 months Breast milk: virus in the milk up to 3 months Dead bodies particularly dangerous

## Ebola symptoms – 3 phases

### Phase 1

Flu like illness (fever, chills, malaise, headache, anorexia, arthralgia, myalgia) Conjunctival injection

Rash

### Phase 2

Diarrhoea,

Vomiting

Abdominal pain (RUQ / epigastric)

### Phase 3

Haemorrhage – bleeding ranges from mild (bruising, mucosal bleeding, oozing from venepuncture sites) to severe (haematemesis / malaena)

Confusion / seizures

Hiccups

The most common feature of EVD during this outbreak has been progressive gastrointestinal symptoms:

- anorexia, nausea, abdominal discomfort
- vomiting and severe diarrhoea
- Progressive volume depletion

The most important, life-saving treatment currently available is fluid resuscitation

## **Infection control**

Fundamental to outbreak control Households of infected contacts quarantined 21 days of temperature monitoring Good community engagement vital



### **Contact Tracing**



#### VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVERS RISK ASSESSMENT (Version & 15.11.2015)



CONFIRMED VHF

-Contact High Level Isolation Unit for transfer (020 7794 0500: Royal Free)

-Launch full public health actions, including categorisation

and management of contacts -Inform lab If other lab tests are needed

YES

VHF Unlikely;

De-escalate isolation and

manage locally unless odvised by Imported Fever Service for

follow up test

#### STAFF AT RISK

Hand hygiene, double gloves, fluid repellent disposable coverall or gown, full length plastic apron over coverall/gown, head cover e.g. surgical cap, fluid repellent footwear e.g. surgical boots, full face shield or goggles, fluid repellent FFP3 respirator

### What are arboviruses?

Arboviruses = Arthropod-Bourne
 viruses



### DENGUE

## **Dengue: an emerging infectious disease**

- Dengue is an emerging infectious disease of tropical and sub-tropical regions
- Caused by dengue virus (DENV)
  - 4 serotypes (DENV-1-4); Flavivirus
- Transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes
- Clinically apparent infections present as a spectrum:
  - Dengue
  - Severe dengue
- Estimated annual global burden:
  - 70 500 million infections
  - 2.1 million severe dengue cases
  - 21,000 deaths
- Can be epidemic and/or endemic

### The global distribution and burden of dengue

LETTER

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# A significant impact on both health systems and individuals...



### **Clinical features of acute dengue**

- Fever
- Anorexia and nausea
- Rash (acute macular erythematous)
- Aches and pains (retro-orbital pain in adults)
- (Thrombocytopenia and leucopenia)

## **Clinical features of severe dengue**

Intravascular volume depletion secondary to increased systemic vascular permeability

A variety of haemorrhagic manifestations due to the combined effects of:-

Thrombocytopenia Deranged haemostasis

Severe organ impairment:-Usually secondary May be idiosyncratic





### **Risk factors for severe disease**

Why do some patients develop severe dengue and others not?

### 1. <u>Secondary infection with a heterologous serotype:</u>

- Studies in Thailand, Cuba and elsewhere have shown that individuals with <u>pre-existing antibody</u> to a <u>different DENV serotype</u> are at higher risk of developing severe dengue than those experiencing a first infection
- The proposed mechanism explaining this observation is *antibody-dependent enhancement:*

## Antibody dependent enhancement (ADE)

- pre-existing antibodies bind to heterologous serotype but fail to neutralise it. Can occur in;
  - Secondary infection
  - Primary infection in infants born to immune mothers
- Results in altered cellular tropism and higher virus burden



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### Host determinants of outcome

- Age
- Gender
- Flavivirus-infection history
- Genotype
- Co-morbidities

### Figure 1.4 Suggested dengue case classification and levels of severity

### DENGUE ± WARNING SIGNS



### CRITERIA FOR DENGUE ± WARNING SIGNS

### Probable dengue

live in /travel to dengue endemic area. Fever and 2 of the following criteria:

- Nausea, vomiting
- Rash
- Aches and pains
- Tourniquet test positive
- Leukopenia
- Any warning sign

### Laboratory-confirmed dengue

[important when no sign of plasma leakage]

### Warning signs\*

- Abdominal pain or tenderness
- Persistent vomiting
- Clinical fluid accumulation
- Mucosal bleed
- Lethargy, restlessness
- Liver enlargment >2 cm
- Laboratory: increase in HCT concurrent with rapid decrease in platelet count
- \*(requiring strict observation and medical intervention)

### CRITERIA FOR SEVERE DENGUE

SEVERE DENGUE

### Severe plasma leakage

leading to:

- Shock (DSS)
- Fluid accumulation with respiratory distress

### Severe bleeding

as evaluated by clinician

### Severe organ involvement

- Liver: AST or ALT >=1000
- CNS: Impaired consciousness
- Heart and other organs

## Diagnosis

- Often made clinically not ideal!
- Confirmed:
  - (PCR)
  - (Virus culture)
  - IgM seroconversion in paired samples or IgG rise in paired samples
- Suspected:
  - IgM + in single sample
  - IgG + at HI titre >1280 in single sample
- Rapid diagnostic tests:
  - NS1 rapid tests useful in 1<sup>st</sup> 5 days fever; "field friendly"; sensitivity varies across serotypes

### Treatment

- Only supportive care
- IV fluids + careful resuscitation
- Anti-pyretics...
- Prevention: vector control...

### Management

- Most cases can be managed as outpatients
- Consider admission if warning signs present
- Pulse pressure <20mmHg or poor perfusion = shock...
- IV fluids:
  - Warning signs: start with 5-7ml/kg/hr
  - Shock: start with 10ml/kg/hr for 1 hour
  - Reassess frequently SERIOUS risk of overload
  - Reserve colloids for refractory shock
  - Blood products in haemorrhage

## Warning signs (not validated...)

- Abdominal pain
- Persistent vomiting
- Clinical fluid accumulation
- Mucosal bleeding
- Lethargy or restlessness
- Liver enlargement >2cm
- Rise in haematocrit with concurrent fall in platelets

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### Efficacy of a Tetravalent Dengue Vaccine in Children in Latin America

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#### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

In light of the increasing rate of dengue infections throughout the world despite vector-control measures, several dengue vaccine candidates are in development.

#### METHODS

In a phase 3 efficacy trial of a tetravalent dengue vaccine in five Latin American countries where dengue is endemic, we randomly assigned healthy children between the ages of 9 and 16 years in a 2:1 ratio to receive three injections of recombinant, live, attenuated, tetravalent dengue vaccine (CYD-TDV) or placebo at months 0, 6, and 12 under blinded conditions. The children were then followed for 25 months. The primary outcome was vaccine efficacy against symptomatic, virologically confirmed dengue (VCD), regardless of disease severity or serotype, occurring more than 28 days after the third injection.

#### RESULTS

A total of 20,869 healthy children received either vaccine or placebo. At baseline, 79.4% of an immunogenicity subgroup of 1944 children had seropositive status for one or more dengue serotypes. In the per-protocol population, there were 176 VCD cases (with 11,793 person-years at risk) in the vaccine group and 221 VCD cases (with 5809 person-years at risk) in the control group, for a vaccine efficacy of 60.8% (95% confidence interval (CI), 52.0 to 68.0). In the intention-to-treat population (those who received at least one injection), vaccine efficacy was 64.7% (95% CI, 58.7 to 69.8). Serotype-specific vaccine efficacy was 50.3% for serotype 1, 42.3% for serotype 2, 74.0% for serotype 3, and 77.7% for serotype 4. Among the severe VCD cases, 1 of 12 was in the vaccine group, for an intention-to-treat vaccine efficacy of 95.5%. Vaccine efficacy against hospitalization for dengue was 80.3%. The safety profile for the CYD-TDV vaccine was similar to that for placebo, with no marked difference in rates of adverse events.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The CYD-TDV dengue vaccine was efficacious against VCD and severe VCD and led to fewer hospitalizations for VCD in five Latin American countries where dengue is endemic. (Funded by Sanofi Pasteur; ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01374516.)

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### CHIKUNGUNYA



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### Perspective SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

### Chikungunya at the Door — Déjà Vu All Over Again?

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## Chikungunya

- Chikungunya
  - Aedes mosquitoes
  - Alphavirus (Togaviridae)
  - Big outbreak in Indian Ocean region
  - Now threatening USA
  - Clinically similar to DENV but no shock and only minor bleeding
  - Chronic joint symptoms ?mediated by TNF-alpha
  - Severe disease myocarditis, encephalitis



### **Diagnosis and treatment**

- <u>Diagnostic tests</u>: virus isolation (RT-PCR) (1<sup>st</sup> 5 days), serology (IgM appears after ~5 days), in many settings diagnosis is clinical (wide differential)
- <u>No vaccine and no specific therapeutic</u>: role of chloroquine not supported; only therapeutic options are supportive

### **YELLOW FEVER**

## 47 year old woman

- Holiday in the Gambia
- No YF vaccine
- On last day developed fever, headache, myalgia
- Returned to Europe diarrhoea and dizziness on flight

- Admitted to hospital as symptoms progressed
- Noted to be jaundiced...

## Continued....

- Lab results:
  - Hb 12.9 g/dL
  - WCC 4100 cell/mm<sup>3</sup>
  - PLT 95000 plt/mm<sup>3</sup>
  - AST 49000 U/L
  - ALT 23000 U/L
  - INR 3.3
  - Yellow fever RT-PCR positive

- Progress:
  - Increasing somnolescence
  - Increased coagulopathy
  - Increasing acidosis
  - Massive GI bleeding
  - Died 6 days after illness onset

## Introduction

- Namesake of Flavivirus family
- Transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes
- ~600 million live in at risk areas
- Significant impact on history
- Vaccine preventable



### **Transmission and distribution**





## **Clinical features**

- Many (?most) infections inapparent
- 3-6 day incubation
- Headache, myalgia and fever & in most cases resolution
  - Subconjunctival haemorrhage, Faget's sign and leucopenia
- In a few cases fever returns + nausea, vomiting, back pain, somnolescence

Progresses to prostration, icteric hepatitis, GI haemorrhage, renal failure

### Laboratory tests

- <u>Simple lab tests</u>: albuminuria, AST may be higher than ALT (cardiac damage) note similar pattern seen in dengue...
- <u>Diagnostic tests</u>: virus isolation (RT-PCR), serology, postmortem diagnosis using immunohistochemistry

### **Treatment & prevention**

- Supportive needs ICU ideally
- Isolate from mosquitoes
- Live attenuated 17D vaccine good protection
- Vaccine associated with viscerotropic disease systemic infection (like YF) or CNS disease
- New XRX-001 vaccine may be safer...
- WHO requirement for 10 year booster is changing immunity from single dose thought to be lifelong

### JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS

## 20 year old Spanish martial artist

- Travelled to Thailand to take part in a Thai boxing competition
- Travelled in rural areas + stayed in basic accommodation
- Admitted to local hospital with fever, myalgia, malaise and headache

## Continued...

- Condition worsened photophobia, vomiting and reduced GCS (11)
- Next day: developed seizures, V and VII cranial nerve palsies, left hemiparesis + further fall in GCS (9)
- Intubated and ventilated
- Treated with ceftriaxone, doxycycline, aciclovir, dexamethasone + phenytoin

## Continued...

- CSF: 960 wcc/mm<sup>3</sup> (90% lymphocytes)
- CSF biochemistry NAD
- Other bloods NAD
- Japanese encephalitis IgM positive in blood and CSF



## Progress

- Transferred back to Spain
- Made slow improvement over 2 months
- Residual ataxia, memory impairment and emotional lability



### Japanese Encephalitis

- Flavivirus spread by mosquitoes (*Culex spp.*)
- The leading cause of viral neurological disease in Asia... (poliomyelitis gone, but HFM...)
- 3 billion people live in areas where JE is transmitted
- Up to 50,000 cases of JE are reported to WHO each year
- Up to 10,000 to 15,000 deaths are reported each year

### **Geographical Distribution**

Regions reported to have transmission of JE virus



## **Transmission of JE**

- JE is spread by mosquitoes
- Culex tritaeniorhynchus is the main vector: species that breed in rice paddies, ditches, and ground pools are also important

Culex mosquito laying eggs on water



Photo credit: Richard G. Weber

## **Clinical Features**

- Incubation period 5-15 days
- Characteristically children
- Fever and confusion
- 30% death rate
- Survivors
  - Marked extra-pyramidal features during recovery phase
  - Approx 50% of survivors left with neurological disability subtle neurocognitive marked ataxia

## JEV - Diagnosis

- Diagnosis based upon clinical syndrome and serology
- Demonstration of rising titres of IgM in CSF
- Virus not detectable in CSF or blood when symptomatic

## JEV - investigations

- FBC leucopenia, sometimes mild anaemia, mild thrombocytopenia
- Hyponatraemia
- Virus isolation from brain tissue...
- IgM blood or CSF (takes 7 days to rise)
- MRI frequently thalamic lesions +/- haemorrhage. Basal ganglia, brain stem and cerebellum also affected

### JEV- Treatment

- Supportive
- Manage raised intracranial pressure
- Treat nosocomial infections
- Interferon 2a trialled no effect
- Steroids not demonstrated to be beneficial
- An effective vaccine is available (countries have differeing guidelines on who should receive JE vaccine)

## **WEST NILE**

## **History and epidemiology**

- Originally isolated in West Nile region in 1937
- Sporadic outbreaks of febrile disease in Africa and Middle East since then
- Increasing severity observed since 1990s & emergence in Western hemisphere in 1999
- Naturally circulates between mosquitoes and birds

### Its raining crows....





Figure 153-3 West Nile virus transmission cycle and examples of modifying climatologic, vertebrate, mosquito, and human factors on infection and illness.

## **Clinical features**

- Asymptomatic in majority
- Incubation: 2-6 days
- Symptomatic in ~20%:
  - Non-specific febrile illness; varied symptoms
- Neurological disease in ~1%:
  - Febrile prodrome
  - Encephalitis, flaccid paralysis, cranial neuropathies, optic neuritis...
  - Sequelae common

### **Diagnosis and treatment**

- Mainstay = serology (IgM positive on MAC-ELISA suggestive of diagnosis) but PCR is also useful (for CSF, <u>not</u> plasma)
- No specific therapy
- No vaccine

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Virus	Human disease syndrome	Reservoir hosts	Main enzootic/endemic vectors	Secondary amplification hosts	Epidemic vectors
Alphavirus					
Eastern equine encephalitis	Febrile illness, encephalitis	Passerine, birds	Culiseta melanura, Culex (Melanoconion) spp. (Latin America)	None	Aedes, Ochlerotatus and Coquilletidia spp.
Venezuelan equine encephalitis	Febrile illness, encephalitis	Rodents	Culex (Melanoconion) spp.	Equines	Ochlerotatus and Psorophora spp.
Western equine encephalitis	Febrile illness, encephalitis	Birds	Culex tarsalis, Culex quinquefasciatus (North America)		
Chikungunya	Arthralgia/rash	Primates	Aedes spp.	Humans	Aedes aegypti
O'nyong-nyong	Arthralgia/rash	Unknown	Unknown	Humans	Anopheles funestus, Anopheles gambiae
Ross River	Arthralgia/rash	Marsupials	Culex annulirostris, Oculerotatis vigilax	Humans?	
Flavivirus					
Dengue 1,2,4 (sylvatic genotypes)	Febrile illness, haemorrhagic syndrome	Primates	Arboreal Aedes spp.		
Dengue 1–4 (endemic genotypes)	Febrile illness, haemorrhagic syndrome	Humans	Aedes aegypti, Aedes albopictus		
Japanese encephalitis	Febrile illness, encephalitis	Birds	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Culex spp.	Pigs	Culex tritaeniorhynchus, Culex spp.
St Louis encephalitis	Encephalitis	Birds	Culex quinquefasciatus		
West Nile	Febrile illness, encephalitis	Birds	Culex spp.		
Yellow fever	Hepatitis, haemorrhagic disease	Primates	Aedes, Sabethes and Haemagogus spp.	Humans	Aedes aegypti

Table 1 | Medically important mosquito-borne alphaviruses and flaviviruses

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## Zika virus

- Zika
  - Aedes mosquitoes
  - Flavivirus
  - Africa, Southeast Asia & Pacific; emergence in South America
  - Illness usually mild: fever, rash, joint pain and conjuctivtitis
  - Linked to microcephaly in newborn (presumably by placental infection)
  - Case report of sexual transmission of Zika...
  - No specific therapeutic available



Thank you







