



# Fever in Travelers Returning from Brazil

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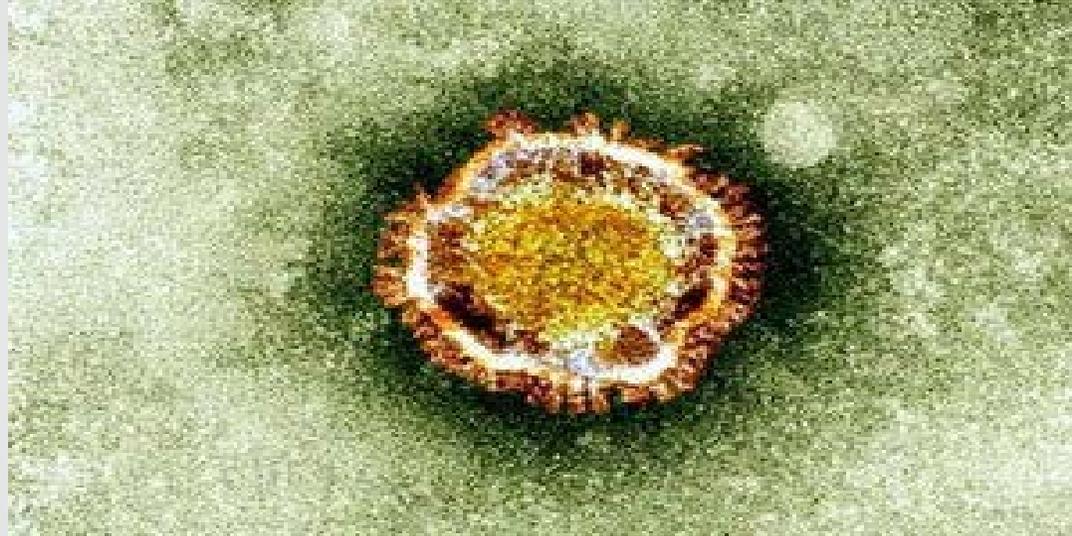
# Case

- F/25 GPH
- Olympic athlete, back to HK for 1 week
- Fever, headache, myalgia for 1 day
- Mosquito sting+ near the Olympic Village
- No GI symptoms
- DDx??

# Arboviruses

- Arboviruses = **A**rthropod-**B**ourne Viruses
- Zika
- Dengue
- Yellow fever
- Chikungunya





Zika virus

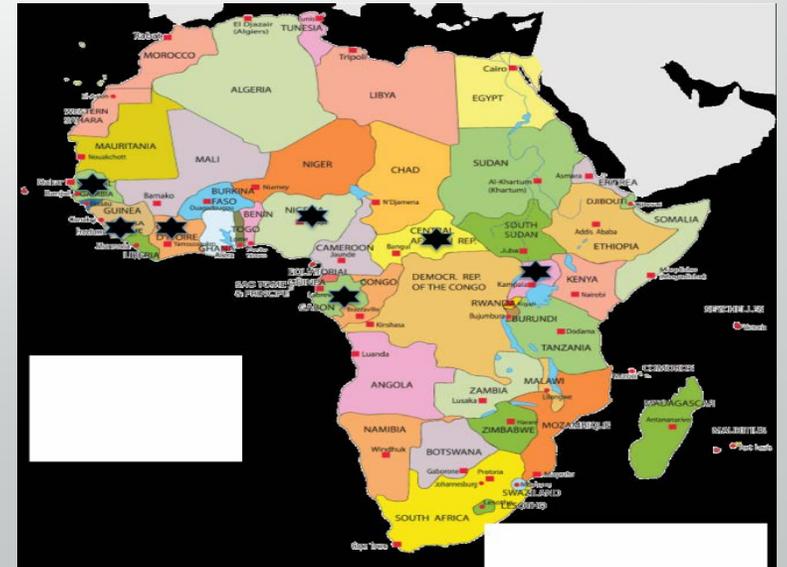


# Zika Virus (ZIKV)

- Zika virus is an RNA virus of the Flaviviridae family
- Genetically close to Yellow fever, dengue, West Nile, and Japanese encephalitis viruses
- Mosquito-borne disease transmitted by the Aedes mosquitoes, particularly Aedes Aegypti

# History of Zika virus: Africa

- 1939: West Nile discovered in Uganda
- **1947**: First ZIKV isolation from Rhesus monkey in **Zika forest** near Lake Victoria in Uganda
- 1948: isolated in same forest from mosquitos
- 1969-1970: Uganda
- 1971-1975: Nigeria
- 1972: Sierra Leone
- 1975: Gabon
- 1979: Central African Republic
- 1988-1991; 2011-2012: Senegal
- 1999: Cote d'Ivoire



# History of the Zika virus: Asia

- 1977-78: Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia
- 2007: First large outbreak at Yap Island, Micronesia
  - 49 confirmed cases
  - 73% of residents >3 yrs had antibodies to ZIKV
  - *Aedes hensilli* as the predominant mosquito
- 2010: Cambodia
- 2013-14: French Polynesia, population: 270,000
  - 5895 suspected cases

# To date

- 67 countries/ areas have documented mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission since 2007
- 11 countries reported evidence of person-to-person transmission probably by sexual contact
- Outbreak in Brazil is ongoing
- As of July 28, 2016, a total of 165932 suspected and 66180 confirmed cases of Zika virus infection
- Rio de Janeiro **ranked third** in Brazil in the incidence rate of Zika infection
- 4 deaths (at least one from Rio de Janeiro) since May 2015

# Vectors

- **Aedes mosquitoes**
    - A. aegypti, A. albopictus
  - 2-10mm long
  - Flies and feed in daytime , peaking during early morning and late afternoon/evening
  - Both active in indoor and outdoor
  - Short flying range <200m
- Larval development can occur in <30ml of water
  - Attracted by CO<sub>2</sub> and organic substance produced by host
  - Sensitive, requiring multiple bites for a full blood meal

*Aedes aegypti*



*Aedes albopictus*



# Clinical presentations of ZIKV

- Incubation period is not clear, but likely to be a few days
- Transmitted by mosquito bite and possible sexual transmission
- Self-limited febrile illness
- Maculopapular rash
- Arthralgia
- Non purulent conjunctivitis or conjunctival hyperemia
- Myalgia, headache, malaise
- Less commonly: retro-orbital pain, anorexia, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain

# Neurological Complications

- Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS)
  - Case-control study provided evidence of Zika Virus infection causing GBS in French Polynesia
  - Acute motor axonal neuropathy (*Lancet 2016;387:1531-39*)
- Meningitis, meningoencephalitiis, myelitis



- **Microcephaly**

- Studies investigating Zika outbreak in French Polynesia 2013-2014,
  - estimated that the risk of microcephaly due to ZIKV infection in the first trimester of pregnancy was 0.95%
- In Northeast Brazil, reported an unusual increase in the number of cases since October 2015
  - Presence of Zika virus genome in the amniotic fluid of pregnant women
  - Presence of virus in tissue specimens and blood samples of a dead newborn with microcephaly
  - Strong association between the risk of microcephaly and infection risk in the first trimester

# Management and prevention

- Statutory notifiable disease since 5 February 2016
- Supportive treatment
- Wear loose, light colored, long sleeved tops and trousers
- DEET-containing insect repellent on exposed parts of body and clothing
- Pregnant women should consider deferring their trip to areas with past or current evidence of ongoing zika virus transmission

# Special note

- Travellers returned from affected areas should apply insect repellent for 14 days after arrival to Hong Kong
- If a female partner is at risk of getting pregnant, or is already pregnant, condom use is for a male traveller
  - For 28 days after his return from an active Zika transmission area if he had no symptoms of unexplained fever and rash
  - For 6 months following recovery if a clinical illness compatible with Zika virus infection or laboratory confirmed infection

# Blood donation after returning from Brazil

- Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service has particular screening policy
- Blood donors are deferred from donation for 28 days upon departure from affected areas



# Dengue Fever

# Dengue fever

- Positive-strand RNA dengue viruses (DENV)
  - 4 Serotypes (DENV-1-4); Flavivirus
- Transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes
- Endemic throughout the tropic and subtropics
- Estimated annual 70- 500 million infections

# Dengue fever in Brazil

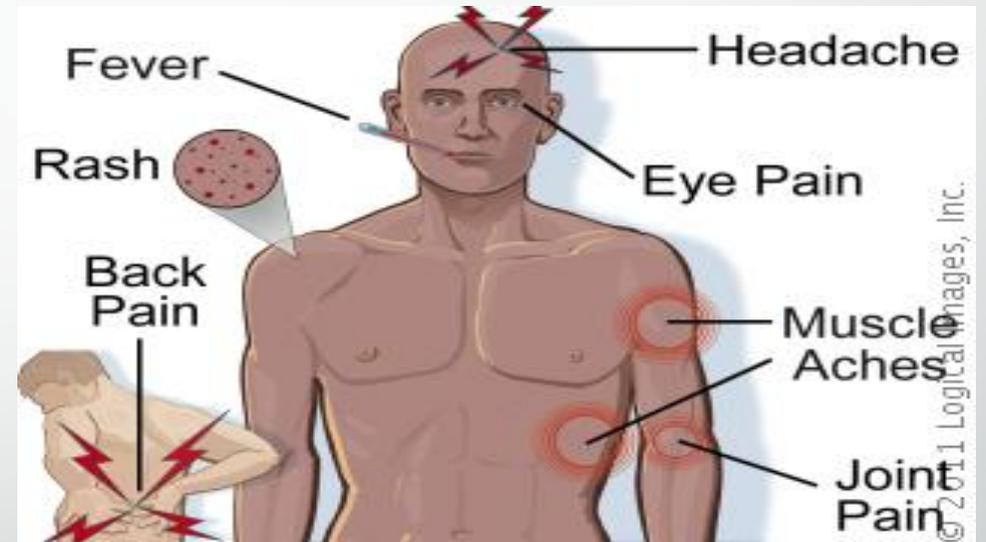
- Up to 15 July 2016, a total of 1,244,583 probable cases of DENV was made in Brazil
- 214,032 laboratory confirmed cases
- Involving all DEN<sub>1,2,3,4</sub>
- 455 classified as severe dengue, with 288 deaths

*Data from WHO*



# Clinical features of acute dengue

- Incubation period **4-7 days** (range 3-14 days)
- Fever
- Anorexia and nausea
- Rash (acute macular erythematous)
- Aches and pains (retro-orbital pain in adults)
- Thrombocytopenia and leucopenia



# Clinical features of severe dengue

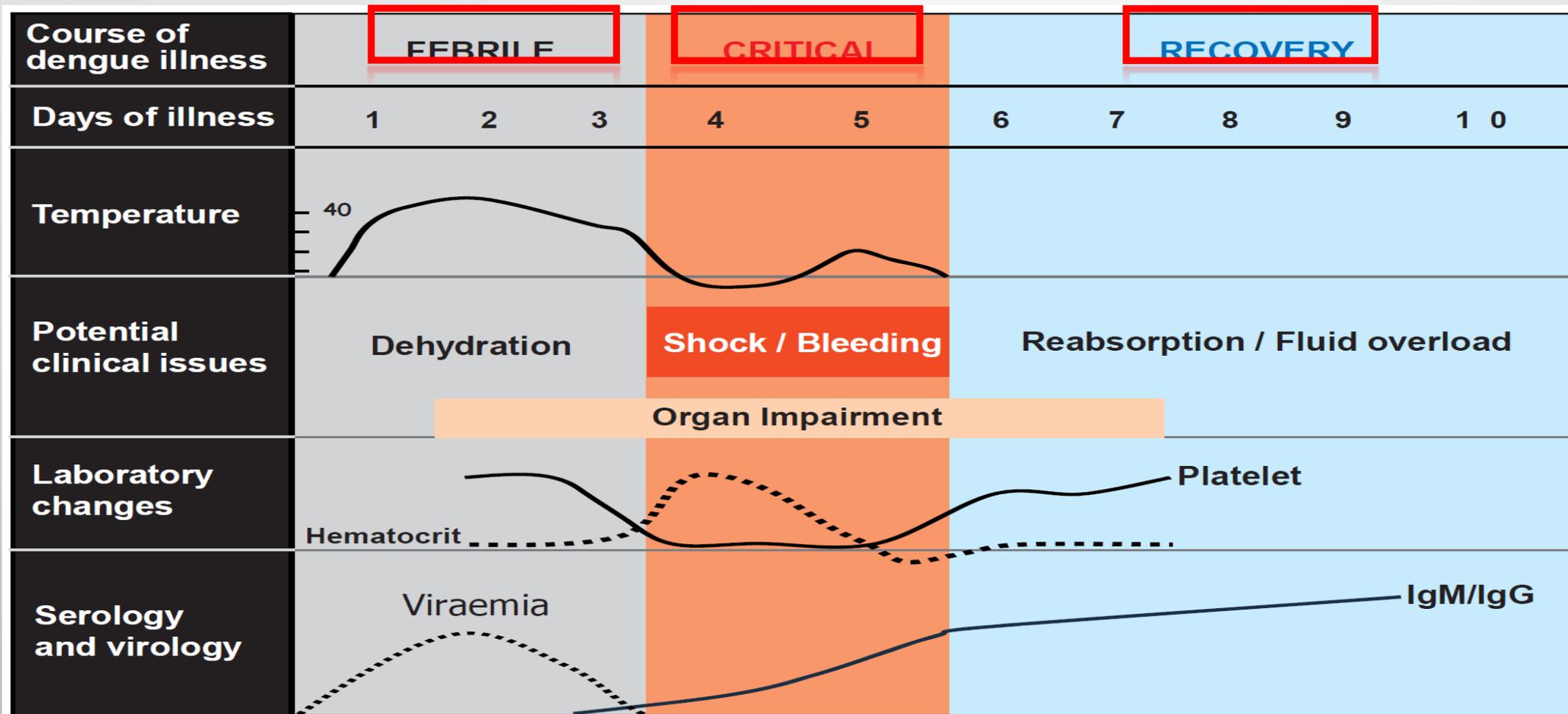
- **Intravascular volume depletion secondary to increased systemic vascular permeability**
  - Low albumin, rise in hemotocrit >20%
  - Pleural effusion, ascites
  - Shock
- **A variety of haemorrhagic manifestations due to the combined effects of**
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Deranged haemostasis
- **Severe organ impairment**
  - Secondary or idiosyncratic



# Clinical photos from Dengue fever patients



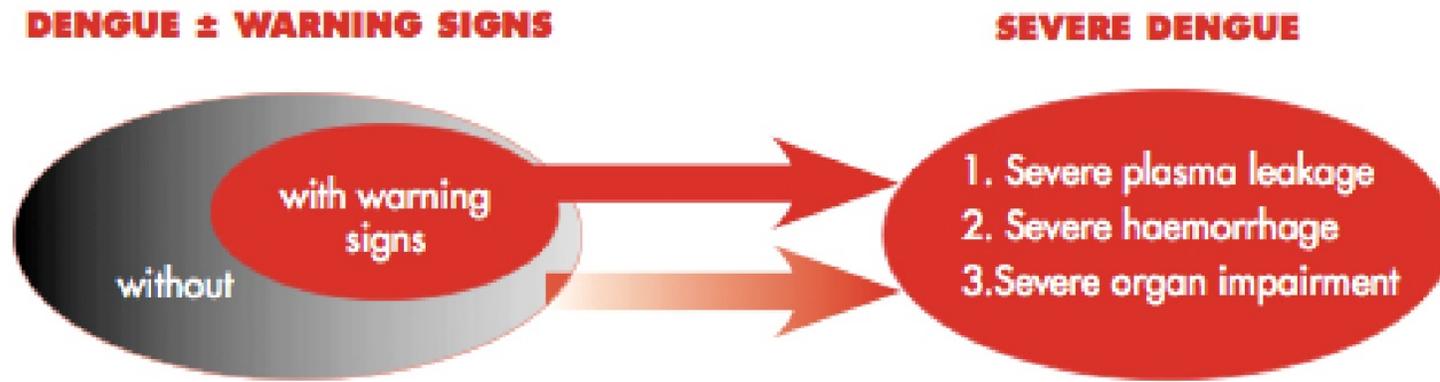
# Clinical course



# Clinical Pearls

- **Leucopenia** followed by progressive **thrombocytopenia** is suggestive of dengue infection in endemic areas
- **Atypical lymphocyte** is common in dengue infection
- A **rising HCT** accompanying **progressive thrombocytopenia** is **critical phase**
- Evidence of **increased vascular permeability**: pleural effusions, ascites

Figure 1.4 Suggested dengue case classification and levels of severity



#### 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 enlargement >2 cm
- Laboratory: increase in HCT concurrent with rapid decrease in platelet count

\*(requiring strict observation and medical intervention)

#### CRITERIA FOR 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  $\geq 1000$
- CNS: Impaired consciousness
- Heart and other organs

# Diagnosis and treatment

- Acute phase serum specimen for Dengue PCR (within 5 days after fever onset)
- **Dengue IgM** by ELISA ( $\geq 4$  days after fever onset)
- Treatment
  - No specific antiviral agents
  - Avoid anticoagulant agents
  - Symptomatic Rx
  - Supportive Rx for severe dengue infection

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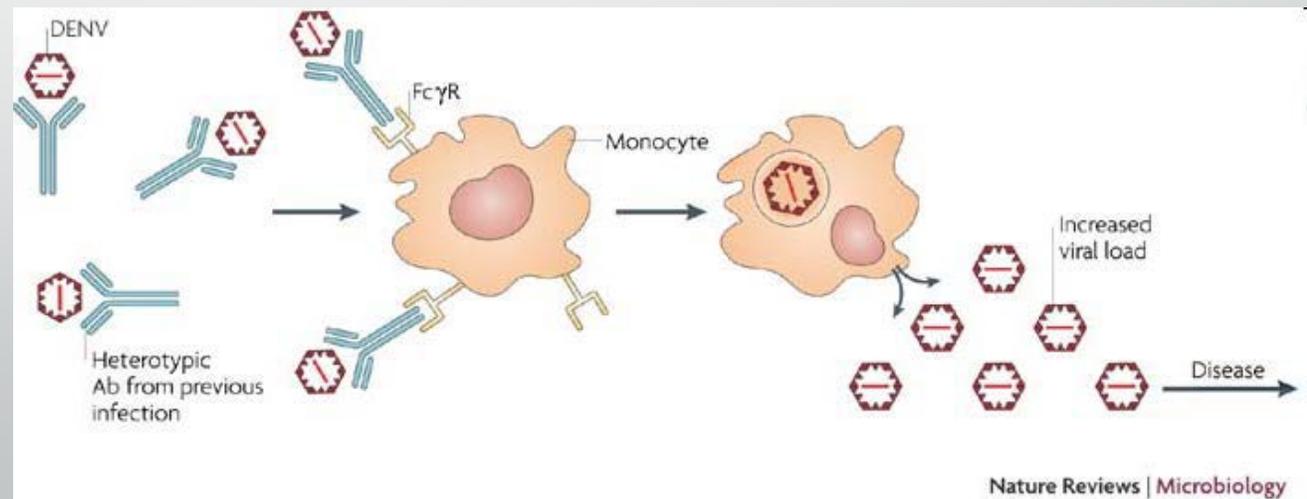
Why do some patients develop severe dengue  
and others do not?

# Secondary infection with a heterologous serotype

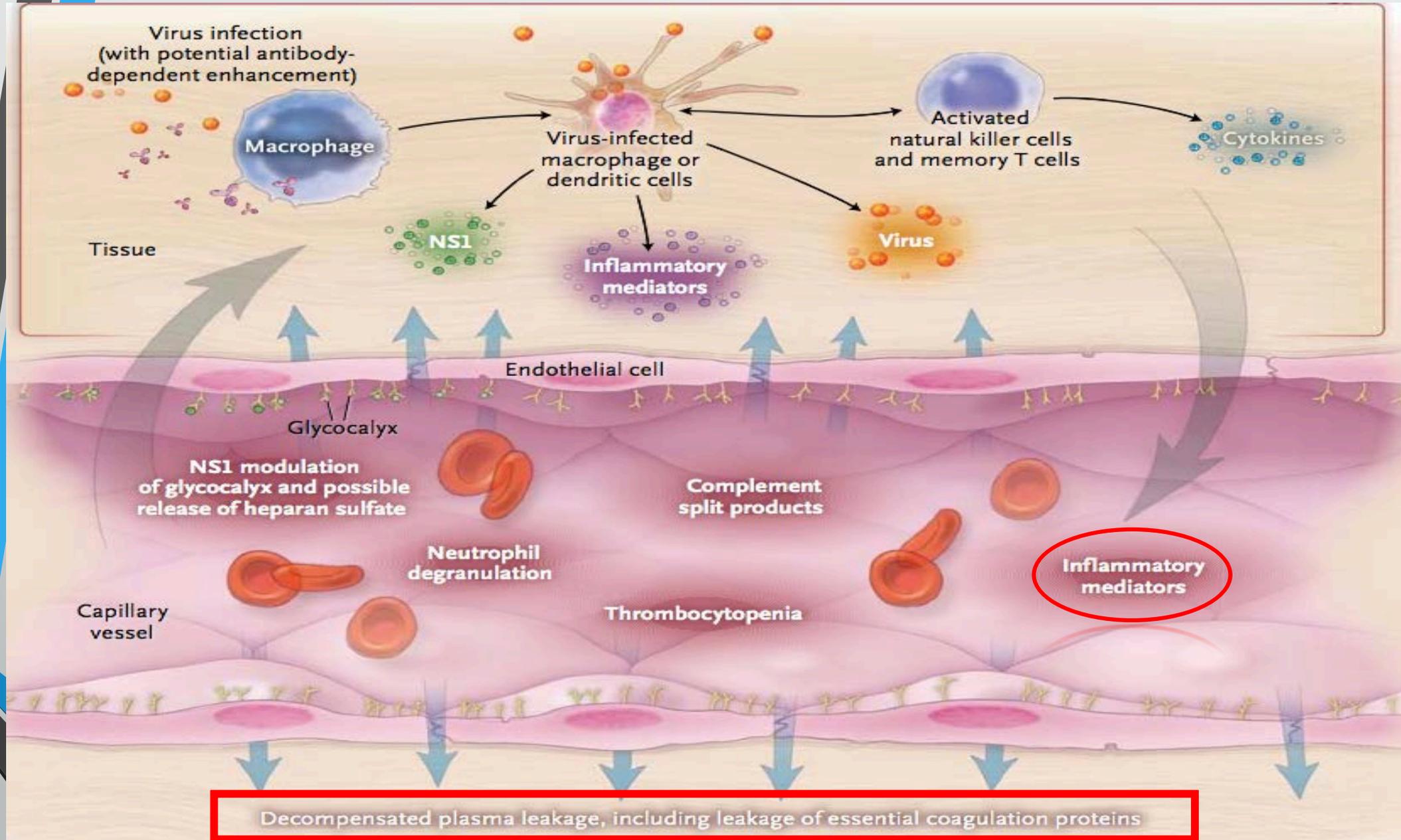
- Studies in Thailand, Cuba have shown that individuals with pre-existing antibody to a different DENV serotype are at higher risk of developing severe dengue than those with first infection
- Proposed mechanism: *ANTIBODY-DEPENDENT ENHANCEMENT*

# 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



# DHF pathogenesis



# Vaccines for Dengue virus

## Dengue

Acambis and Sanofi Pasteur

Live, attenuated chimeric dengue–yellow fever

WRAIR and GlaxoSmithKline

Live, attenuated

NIH, Biologicals E (India), Panacea (India)

Live, attenuated chimeric dengue–dengue

Mahidol University (Bangkok)

Live, attenuated

CDC, Inviragen, Shantha (India)

Live, attenuated chimeric dengue–dengue

Hawaii Biotech

Recombinant, subunit

U.S. Navy

DNA



# Efficacy of Recombinant live-attenuated tetravalent Dengue vaccines

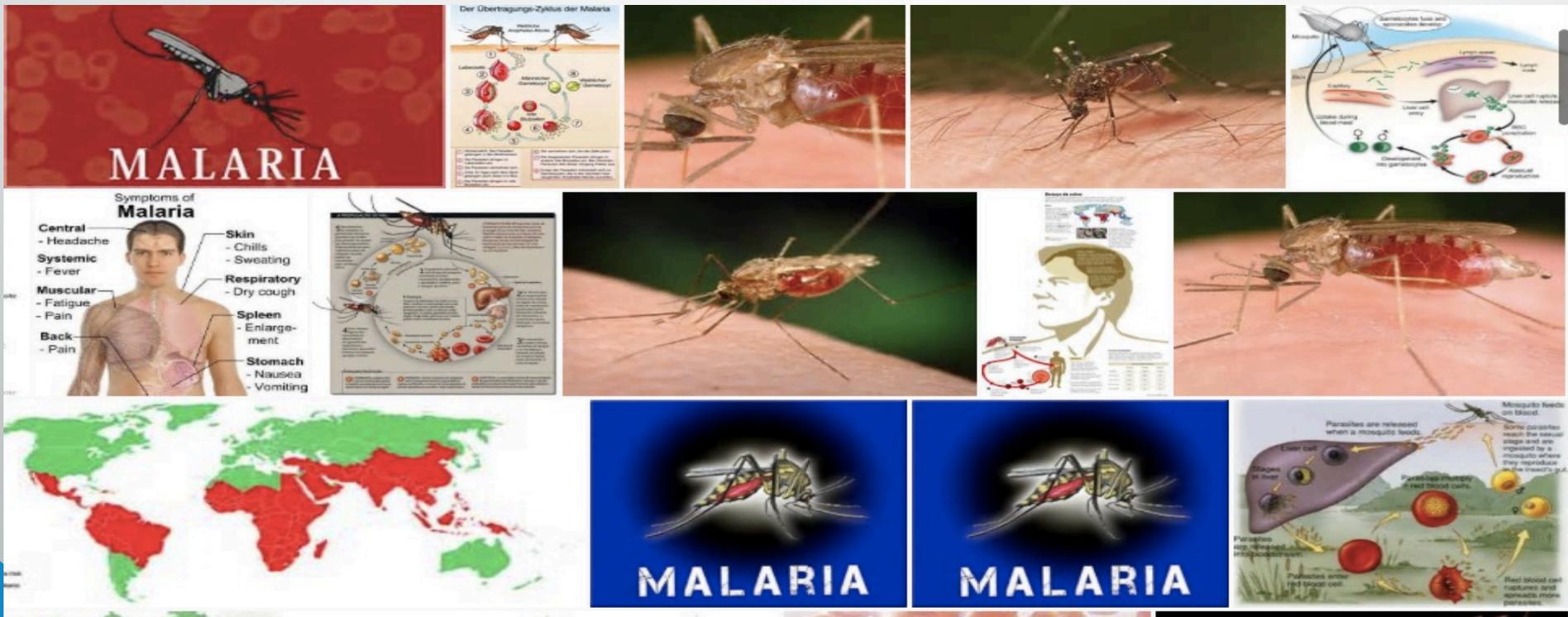
Year	Phase	Setting	Cases	Dose	FU	Efficacy
2012	2b	Thailand	4002 cases, 4-11 yo	Injection at 0, 6 & 12 m	25m	<b>Overall: 30.2%</b> DEN-1: 55.6% DEN-2: 9.2% DEN-3: 75.3% DEN-4: 100%
2014	3 (CYD14)	5 Asian countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam)	10275 cases, 2-14 yo	Injection at 0, 6 & 12 m	25m	<b>Overall: 56.5%</b> DEN-1: 50.2% <b>DEN-2: 34.7%</b> DEN-3: 65.2% DEN-4: 72.4% <b>Vs DHF: 80%</b> <b>Vs severe disease: 70%</b>
2014	3 (CYD15)	5 Latin American countries (Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Puerto Rico)	20869 cases, 9-16 yo	Injection at 0, 6 & 12 m	25m	<b>Overall: 60.8%</b> DEN-1: 50.3% <b>DEN-2: 42.3%</b> DEN-3: 74% DEN-4: 77.7% <b>Vs severe disease: 95.5%</b> <b>Vs admission: 80.3%</b>

# Licensure and Introduction of CYD-TDV vaccine, *Dengvaxia*<sup>™</sup>

(as of 4 April 2016)

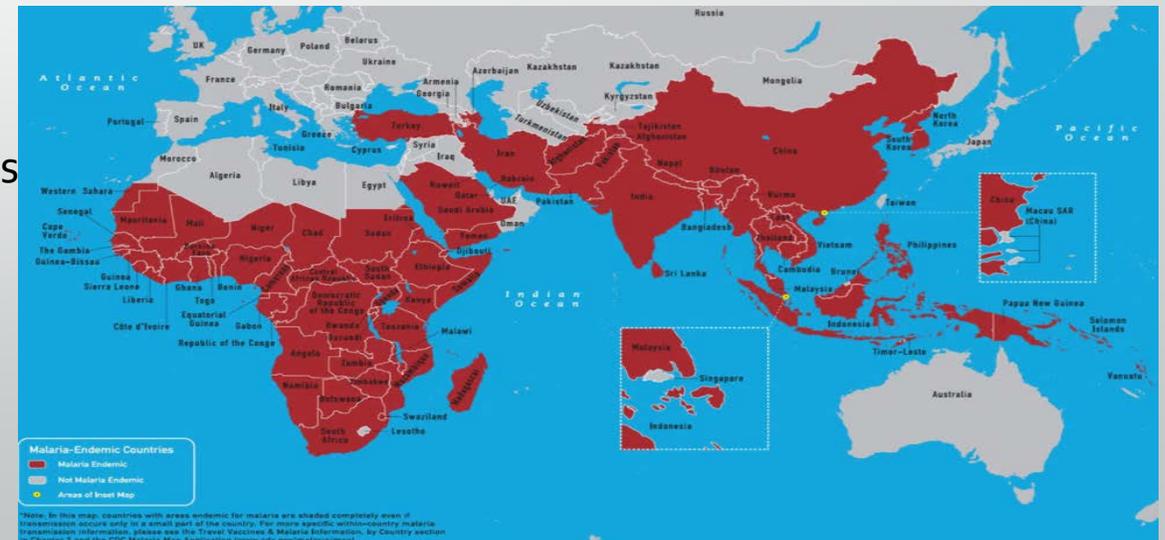
- **Licensed** by 5 countries
  - 4 in Latin America (Mexico, Brazil, El Salvador, Paraguay)
  - 1 in Asia (Philippines)
- **Schedule** 3-doses – 0/6/12 month intervals
- **Indication** varies
  - 9-45 years in 4 countries
  - 9-60 years in 1 country (Paraguay)
- **Vaccine introduction** in one country (Philippines)
  - Routine, school-based program targeting 4<sup>th</sup> grade children (9-10 year olds) in highly endemic regions (~1,000,000 children)

# Malaria infection

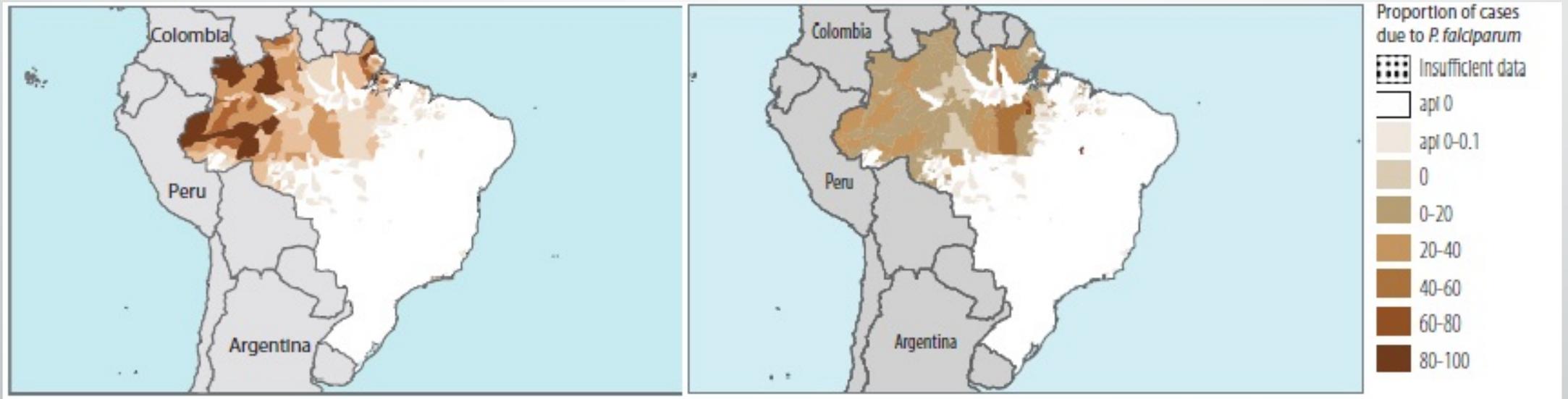


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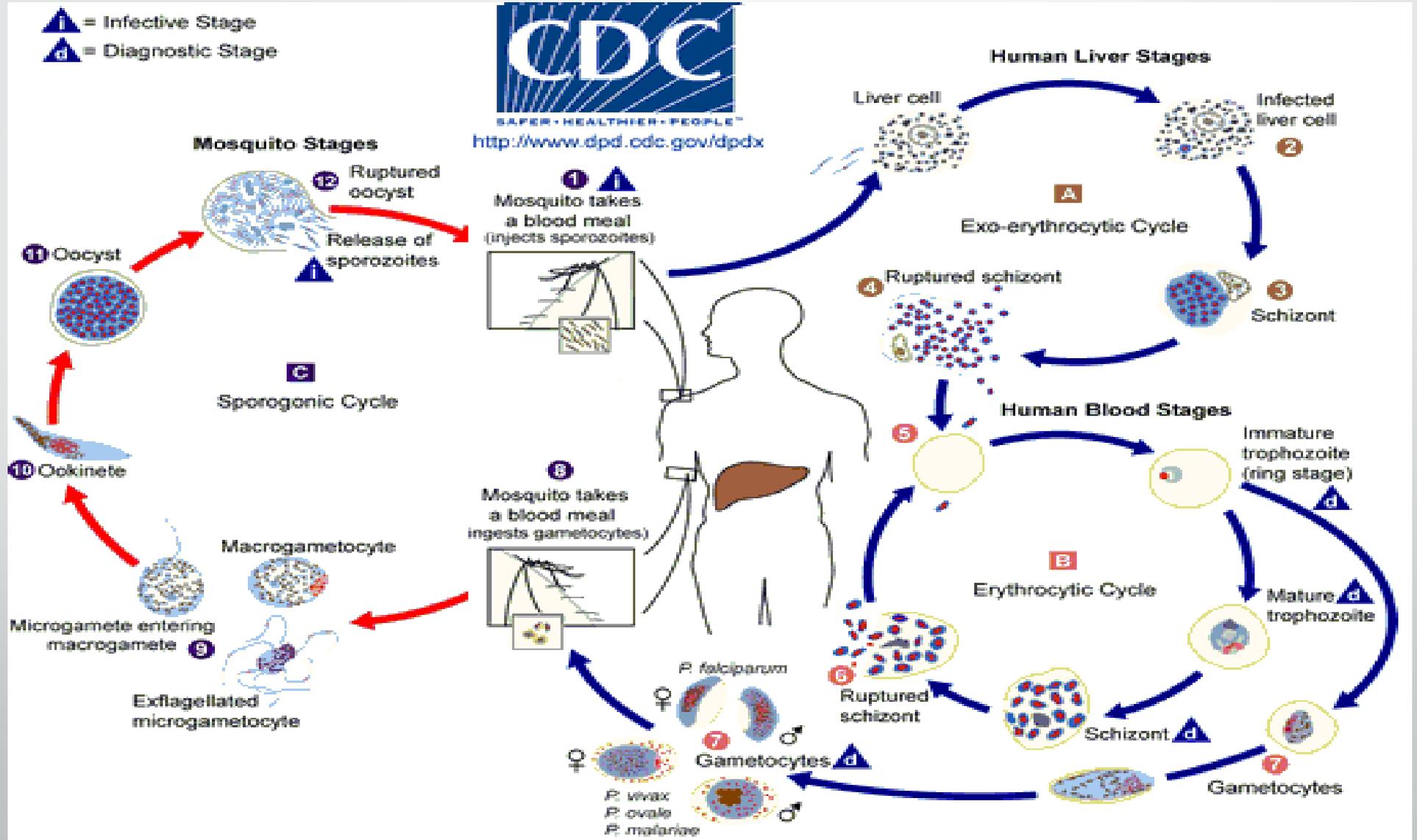
- Estimated 215 million infections worldwide and 655000 deaths annually
- Large areas of Africa, Central and South America, parts of Caribbean, Asia, South Pacific
- Transmitted by bite of Anopheles mosquitoes usually between dusk and dawn



# Malaria in Brazil



# Life cycle



# Clinical Presentations fever

- Classic malaria paroxysms:
  - Chills and rigors -> Fever spike (40C)
  - > Profuse sweating -> extreme fatigue
  - > sleep
- Lasts several hours
- Can occur with a regular periodicity coinciding with the synchronous rupture of blood schizonts
- Can be in tertian (48-hr) or quartan (72-hr) cycles

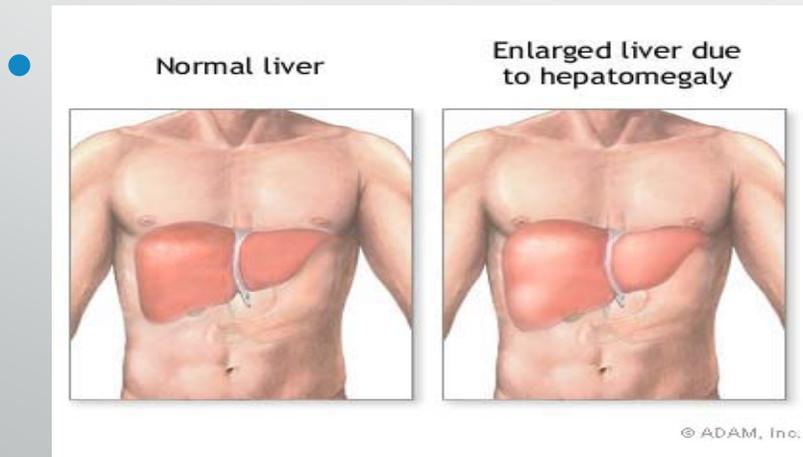
# Diagnosis

- Clinical
- Parasitological
  - Plasmodium falciparum
  - Plasmodium vivax
  - Plasmodium ovale
  - Plasmodium malariae
  - *Plasmodium knowlesi*\*

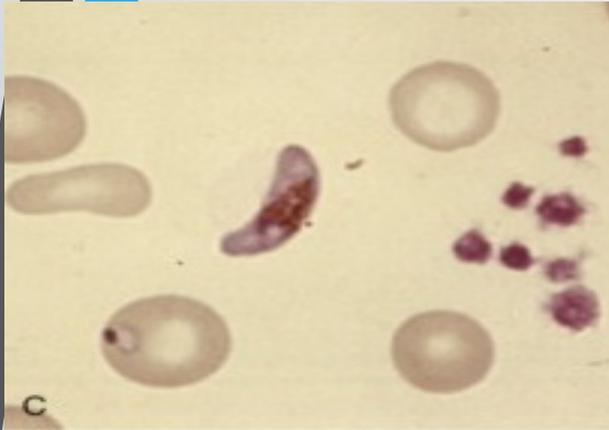
# Presentations



- Headache
- Malaise
- Joint pain
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain



# Severe malaria



**P falciparum !!**



**Cerebral malaria**  
[www.WHO.int](http://www.WHO.int)



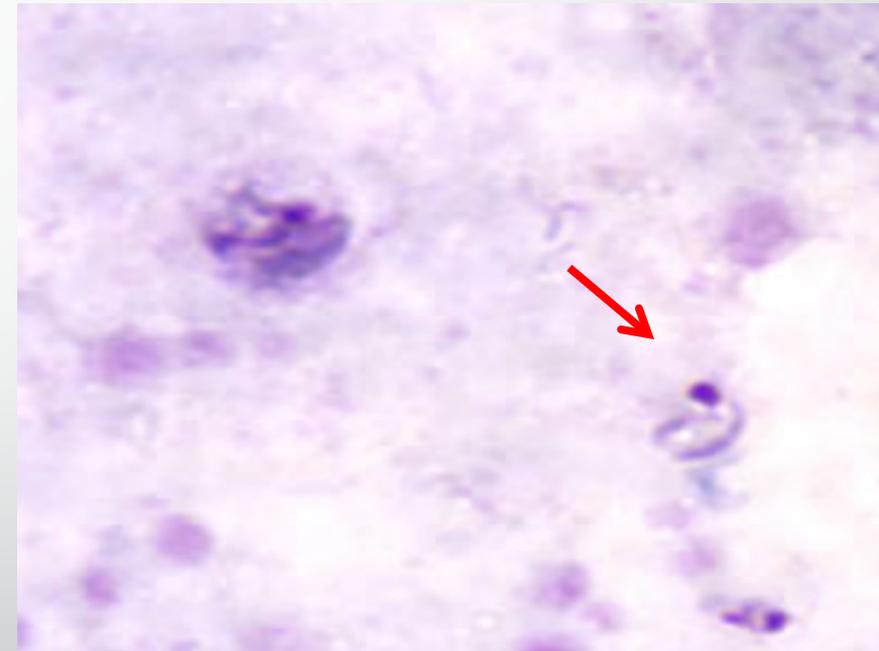
**Pulmonary edema**



# Laboratory Diagnosis

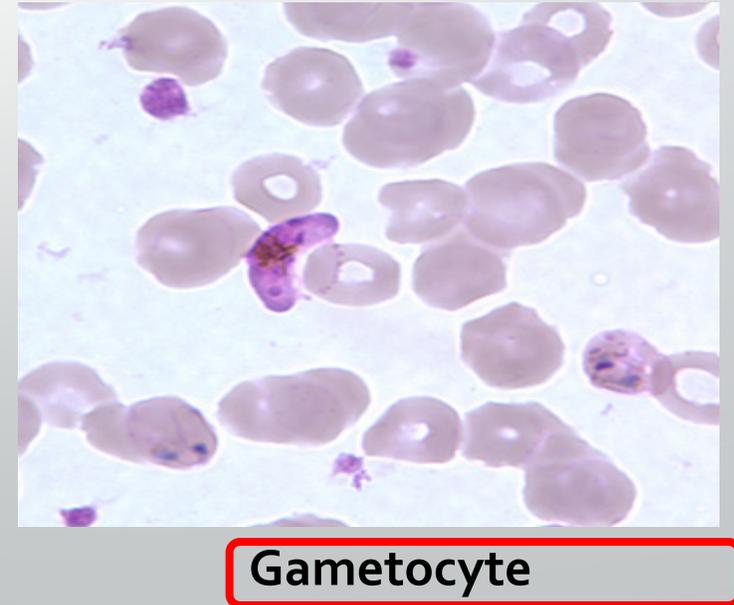
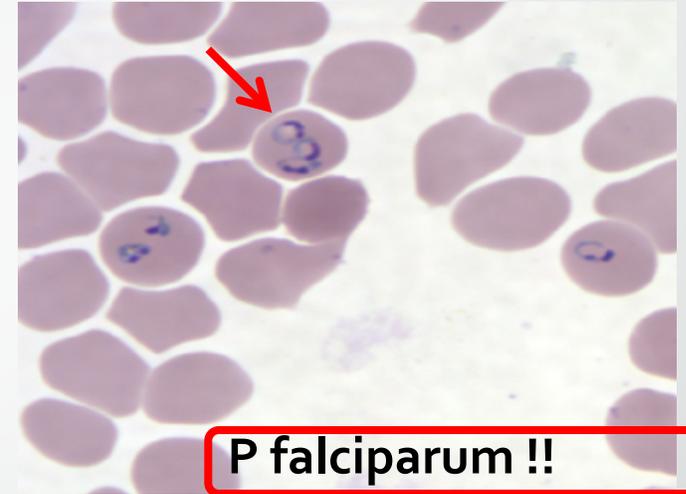
# Blood smears

- Giemsa stain
- Erythrocyte – stained pink
- **Thick smear** – concentrate red cell layers 40-fold, as screening relatively large amount of blood



# Blood smears

- **Thin smear**
  - Smaller amount of blood
  - Determine the plasmodium species



# Rapid diagnostic test kit



- FDA approved
- Use in endemic areas
- Antigens HRP-2 and aldolase
- P falciparum
  - Sensitivity 95%
  - Specificity 94%
- P vivax
  - Sensitivity 69%
  - Specificity 100%

# Malaria chemoprophylaxis

- To know different plasmodium species in different areas
- Drug resistance in certain areas
  - All falciparum cases are chloroquine resistant, except the Caribbean, Central America of the Panama Canal, and some countries in Middle East
  - Mefloquine resistance in borders of Thailand/ Myanmar/ Cambodia
  - Chloroquine resistant vivax in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia
- Potential side effects

# Malarone (Atovaquone-proguanil)

## Pros and cons

- Once per day
- Start 1-2 days before travel, continue during travel, 7 days after travel
- Well tolerated, side effects uncommon
- Pediatric tablets available



# Mefloquine

- Once per week dose
- 250 mg 1 tab once per week
- Pregnant friendly
- Beware of drug resistant areas (Thailand/ Myamar/ Cambodia border)
- Pre-existing psychiatric conditions, epilepsy
- Prolong QT interval
- Start 2-3 weeks before, during and 4 weeks after travel

# Doxycycline

- Daily dose, 100mg daily
- Start 1-2 days before travel
- Least expensive drug
- Additional preventions
  - Rickettial infection
  - Leptospirosis
- C/I in pregnant and children <8 yo
- Continue **4 weeks after travel**
- Increased risk of photosensitivity
- GI upset, erosive esophagitis (esp take at bedtime)



# Management of malaria infection

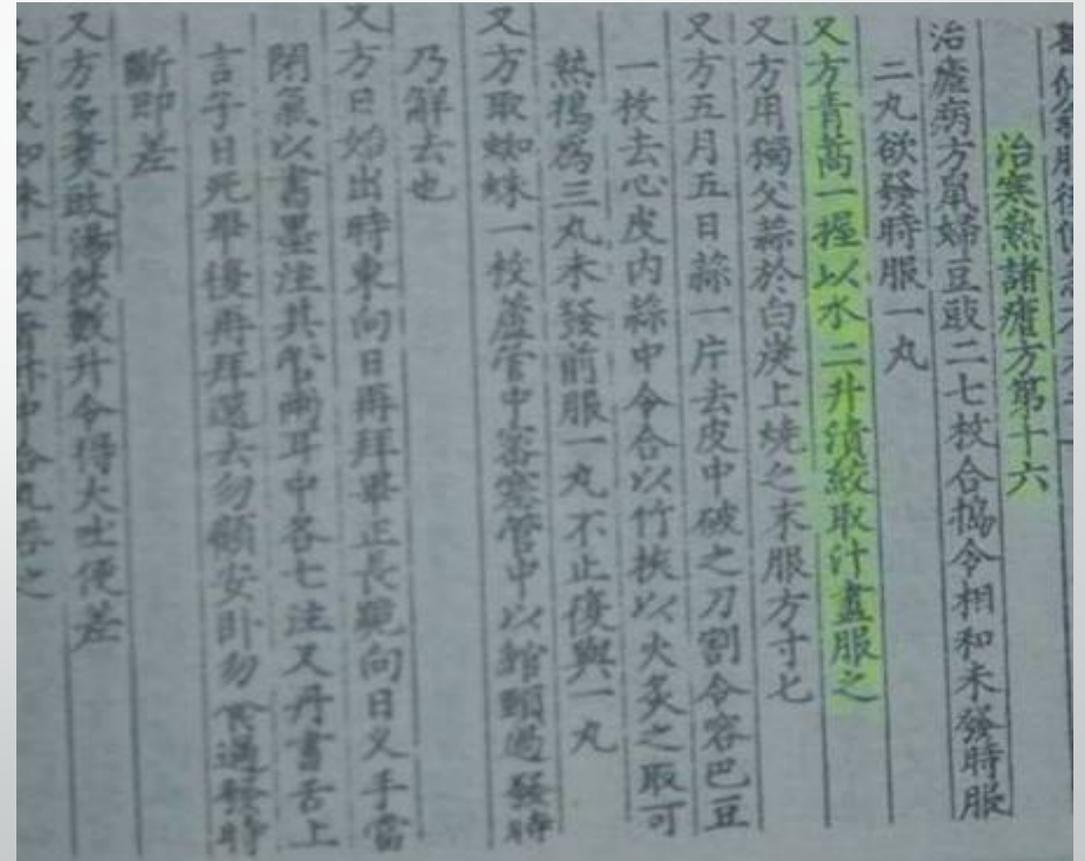
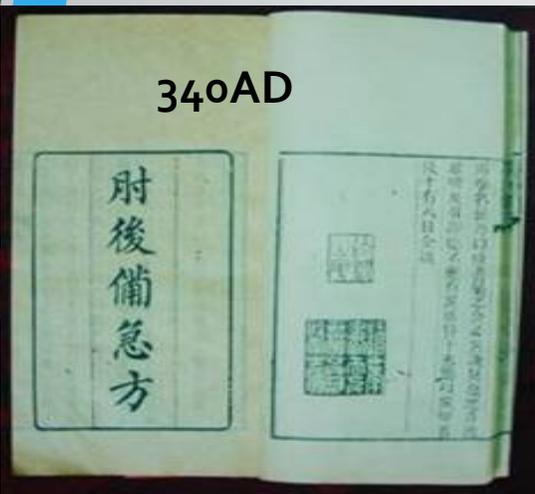
# Management

- Monitor vital signs
  - GCS, blood pressure, pulse, oxygenation, Hstix
- Report the case to CHP
- Prompt use of anti-malarial drugs

# 青蒿素

Great discovery of Chinese  
'Artemisinin'

Derived from *Artemisia annua* (Qinghao)

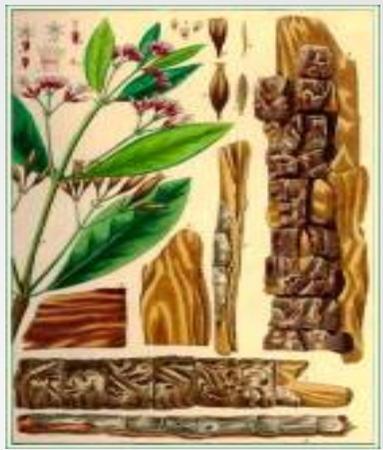


# Timeline

340 AD: Qinghao



1630: Cinchona bark



1820: Quinine isolated from Cinchona bark

1844: Sporadic resistance to Quinine reported

1934: Chloroquine



1944: Proguanil

1952: Pyrimethamine

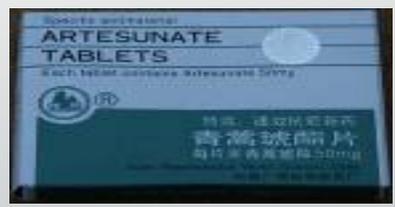
1945: Amodiaquin, Primaquine

1974 - 75: Mefloquine

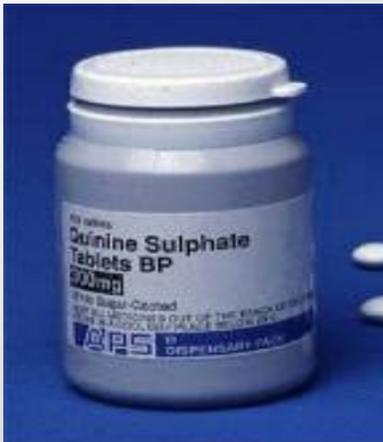


1971: Artemisinin isolated in China

1998: Malarone (Atovaquone + Proguanil)



1992: Atovaquone



# Combination therapy

- **Definition:**
  - $\geq 2$  schizontocidal drugs with independent modes of action
- **Rationale:**
  - Often more effective
  - Mutant parasites arise de novo can be killed by the other drug
- **Choices:**
  - Artemisinin-based (recommended)
  - Non-artemisinin-based



Yellow fever

# Yellow fever

- Flavivirus, a single-stranded RNA virus
- Transmitted by bite of mosquito, primarily *Aedes* spp, esp *Aedes aegypti*
- Risk for infection in South America is highest during the rainy season (Jan-May)
- Risk of infection in rural West Africa is seasonal, during the end of rainy season and the beginning of dry season (July-Oct)

# Clinical presentation

- Asymptomatic or clinically inapparent infection in most people
- Incubation period 3-6 days
- Non specific flu-like symptoms, fever, chills, headache, myalgia, nausea, vomiting
- Small percentage of patients progress to a more severe or toxic form, characterized by jaundice, hemorrhagic symptoms, shock and multi-organ failure
- Mortality for severe cases with hepatorenal dysfunction is 20-50%

# Diagnosis and treatment

- Diagnosis:
  - by serological assay to detect Yellow fever virus IgM/ IgG
  - RT-PCR
- Treatment:
  - NO specific antivirals
  - Symptomatic relief
  - Supportive treatment

# Prevention

## Yellow fever vaccine

\*\*The certificate only valid 10 days after vaccination\*\*

- Live attenuated viral vaccine
- Single injection given subcutaneously





# International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP)

**Table 3-25. Countries that require proof of yellow fever vaccination from all arriving travelers<sup>1</sup>**

Angola	Ghana
Benin	Guinea-Bissau
Burkina Faso	Liberia
Burundi	Mali
Cameroon	Niger
Central African Republic	Rwanda
Congo, Republic of the	São Tomé and Príncipe
Côte d'Ivoire	Sierra Leone
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Togo
French Guiana	
Gabon	

<sup>1</sup> Country requirements for yellow fever vaccination are subject to change at any time; therefore, CDC encourages travelers to check with the destination country's embassy or consulate before departure.



Chikungunya



# Chikungunya

- Aedes mosquitoes
- Alphavirus
- Incubation 2-4 days (range 1-14)
- Fever, polyarthralgia (2-5 days after fever onset, hands, wrist, ankles)
- Headache, myalgia, rash (macular/maculopapular)
- 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

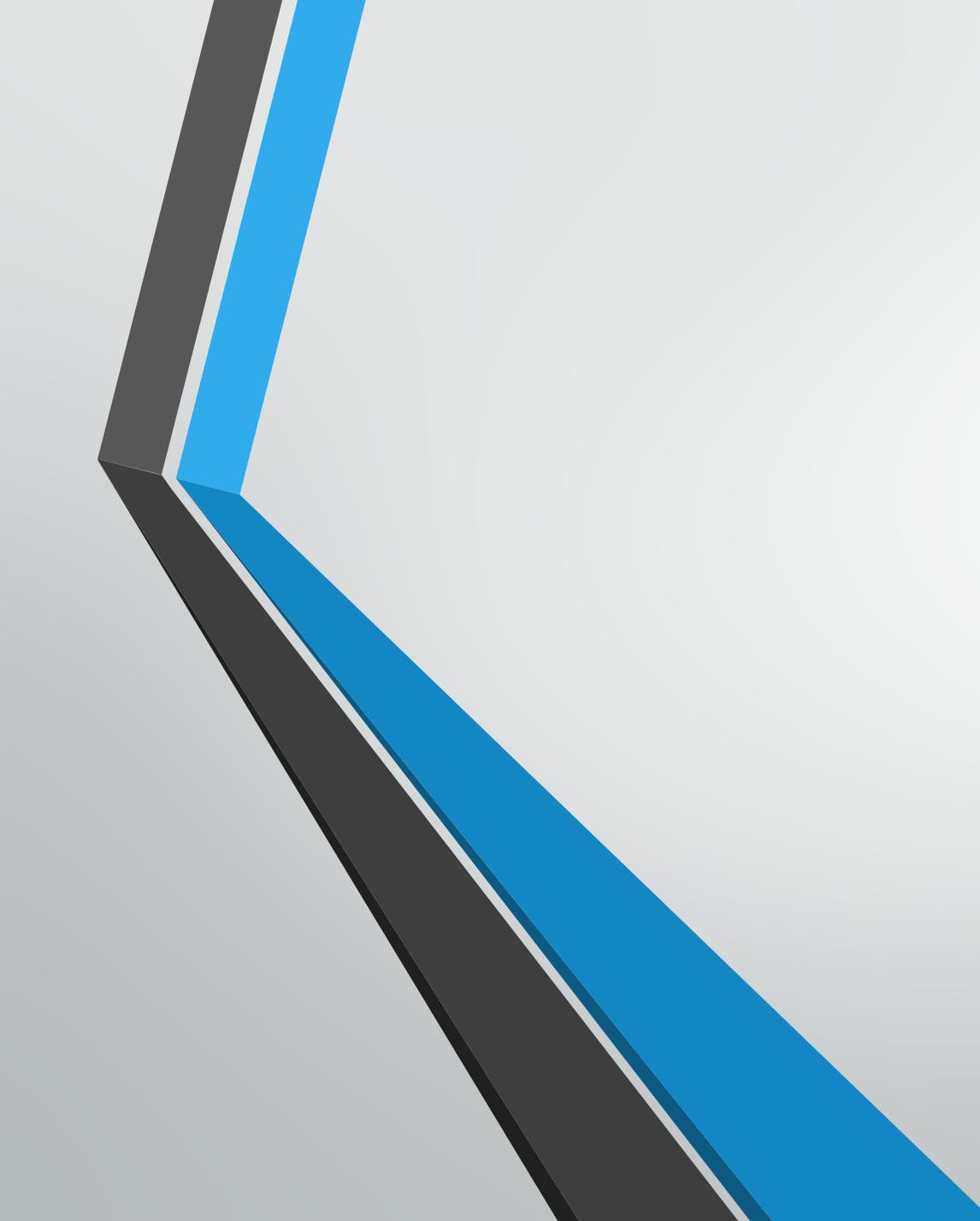
- Diagnostic tests: virus isolation (RT-PCR) during the first 5 days
- Serology IgM (after 5 days)
- No vaccination or specific treatment
- Supportive care

# Case

- M/32 Triathlon athlete, returned to HK 2 weeks
- Fever, malaise, headache, jaundice
- Recalled history of skin abrasion over lower limbs during competition event

# Investigations

- Hb 13.4 WCC 9.5 Neu 8.4 Plt 232 ESR 39 CRP 137
- Na 134 K 4.3 Urea 8.0 Cr 101 Bil 55 ALT 201
- Ddx?



# Leptospirosis

# Outbreak of leptospirosis at Ecochallenge Expedition

## Leptospirosis in "Eco-Challenge" Athletes, Malaysian Borneo, 2000

James Sejar\*<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth Bancroft\*\*<sup>2</sup>, Kevin Winthrop\*\*<sup>2</sup>, Julie Bettinger\*, Mary Bajani\*, Sandra Bragg\*, Kathleen Shutt\*, Robyn Kaiser\*, Nina Marano\*, Tanja Popovic\*, Jordan Tappero\*, David Ashford\*, Laurene Mascola<sup>3</sup>, Duc Vugia\*, Bradley Perkins\*, Nancy Rosenstein\*, and the Eco-Challenge Investigation Team

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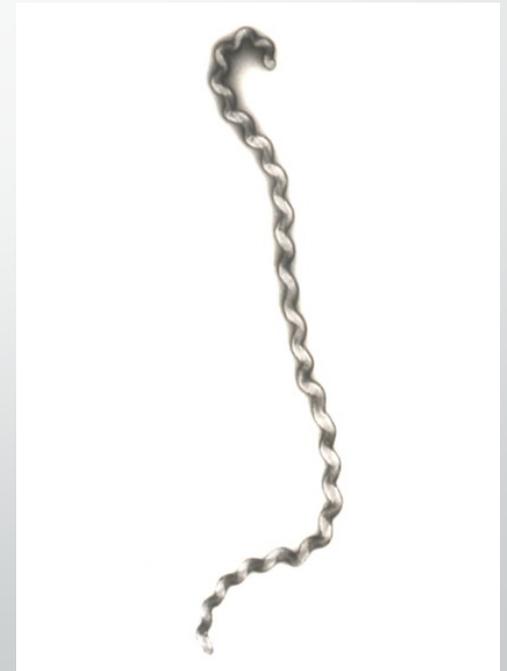
- Sabah, Borneo
- 20<sup>th</sup> August- 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2000
- 312 athletes from 26 countries
- Each team race 300 miles non-stop, using Kayaks, mountain bikes, white water rafts, horses, swum through rivers and climbing ropes..

# Leptospirosis

- Obligate aerobic spirochete bacteria, *leptospira interrogans*
- Survives for weeks in water
- Transmitted through **abrasions in the skin** or through conjunctiva and mucous membranes
- Direct contact with urine or reproductive fluids from infected animals, or with water or soil contaminated with those fluids
- Travellers participating in recreational water activities are at increased risk, particularly after heavy rainfall or flooding

# Leptospirosis

- *Leptospira interrogans*
  - Over 200 serovars
  - Over 160 mammalian species, birds and reptiles
- *L. icterohaemorrhagiae* (rats)
- *L. hardjo* (cattle)
- *L. canicola* (dogs)



# Clinical manifestations

## Acute phase

- Incubation 2- 21 days
- Mild infection (>90%)
  - Fever, headache, myalgia, self-limiting
- Moderate (~9%)
  - Sudden prostration, muscle tenderness, pretibial macular rash, jaundice, pneumonitis

## Icteric or severe form (<1%)

- Weil's disease
- Almost always *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*
- Acute hepatic and renal failure
- Extensive haemorrhage
- Myocarditis
- 10% mortality

# Diagnosis and management

- Diagnosis:
  - Albuminuria, deranged LFT, thrombocytopenia
  - Serology: serum IgM, microscopic agglutination test, ELISA
  - PCR
- Treatment
  - Mild: doxycycline 100mg BD x 5-7 days
  - Severe disease: Pen G 1.5 mu iv q6H, rocephin 1g daily iv
  - Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction may occur after penicillin therapy

# Prevention

- No vaccine available
- Wear protective clothing, especially foot wear
- Covering cuts and abrasions with occlusive dressings
- Chemoprophylaxis: doxycycline 200mg weekly, 1-2 days before and continue through the period for high risk people



# General assessment and management in travelers returning from brazil

- Detailed history of the route of travel, particular events, exposure, sexual behavior, chemoprophylaxis and vaccination
- Look for hydration state, rash, bleeding tendency, warning signs
- Routine blood counts including blood smears, liver and renal functions
- +/- Specific diagnostic tests (PCR/ serology/malaria blood smear)
- Contraception and pregnancy issue in view of recent Zika virus threat



Thank you