



# La Importancia del Diagnóstico de Laboratorio en la Aproximación de Una Sola Salud:

## El Modelo de las Zoonosis

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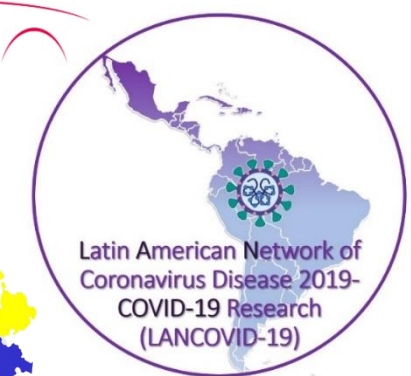
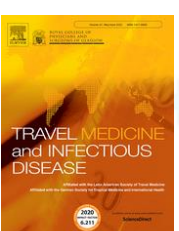
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# Let's think on arboviral diseases: Most of them, zoonotic



**Figure 1.** Conditions prone for arboviral *Aedes* vectors proliferation. Area endemic for Zika and other arboviral cocirculation and coinfections, La Virginia Risaralda, Colombia.

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**EMERGING INFECTIONS** (Syn: emerging pathogens) Infectious diseases that have recently been identified and taxonomically classified. Many of them are capable of causing dangerous epidemics. They include human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, Ebola virus disease, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome and other viral hemorrhagic fevers, *Campylobacter* infection, transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, Legionnaires' disease, and Lyme disease. Some appear to be new diseases of humans (e.g., HIV infection). Others, such as the viral hemorrhagic fevers, may have existed for many centuries and have been recognized only recently, because ecological or other environmental and demographic changes have increased the risk of human infection. *Reemerging infections* are certain "old" diseases, such as tuberculosis and syphilis, that have experienced a resurgence because of changed host-agent-environment conditions.<sup>56,69,217-219,367,368</sup>



**ZOONOSIS** A DISEASE, INFECTION, OR INFESTATION transmitted under natural conditions from vertebrate animals to humans. Examples include rabies and plague. May be enzootic or epizootic.<sup>20-22</sup>



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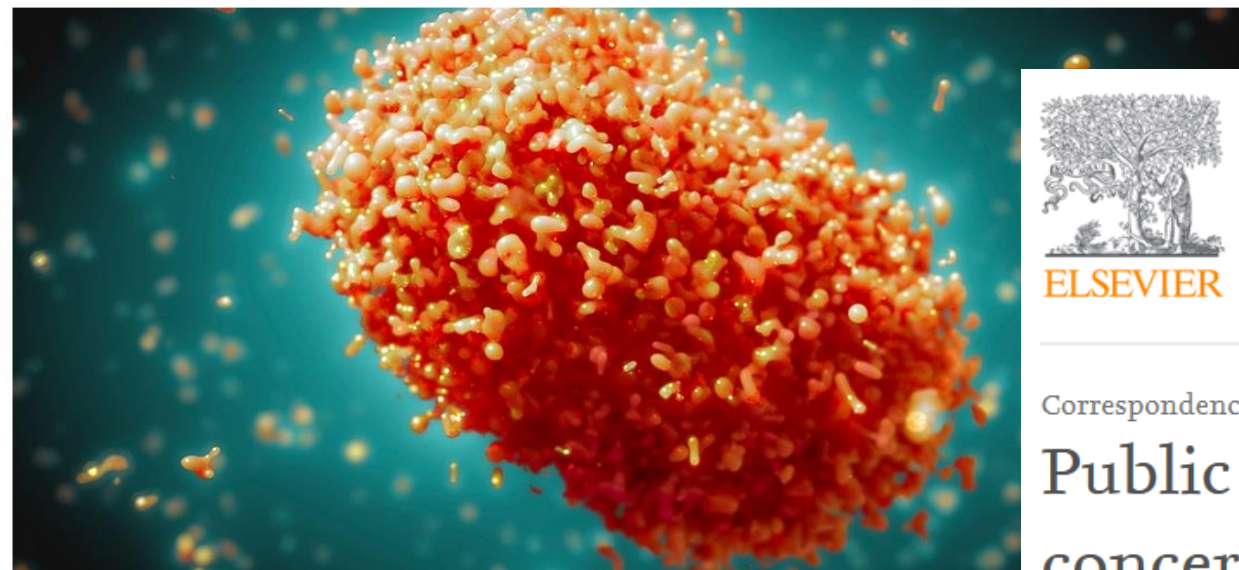
1. **SARS** outbreak of 2002/2003
2. the 2009 **H1N1 (or swine flu)** **pandemic**,
3. the 2014 polio declaration,
4. the 2014 outbreak of **Ebola** in Western Africa,
5. the 2015–16 **Zika** virus epidemic[6] and,
6. as of 17 July 2019, the Kivu **Ebola** epidemic which began in 2018.
7. **SARS-CoV-2** (Mar 2020-May 2023), later becoming **pandemic**.
8. **Monkeypox** (Jul 2022-May 2023)

### *Zoonoses:*

- **Viruses**
- **Bacteria**
- **Parasites**
- **Fungal**
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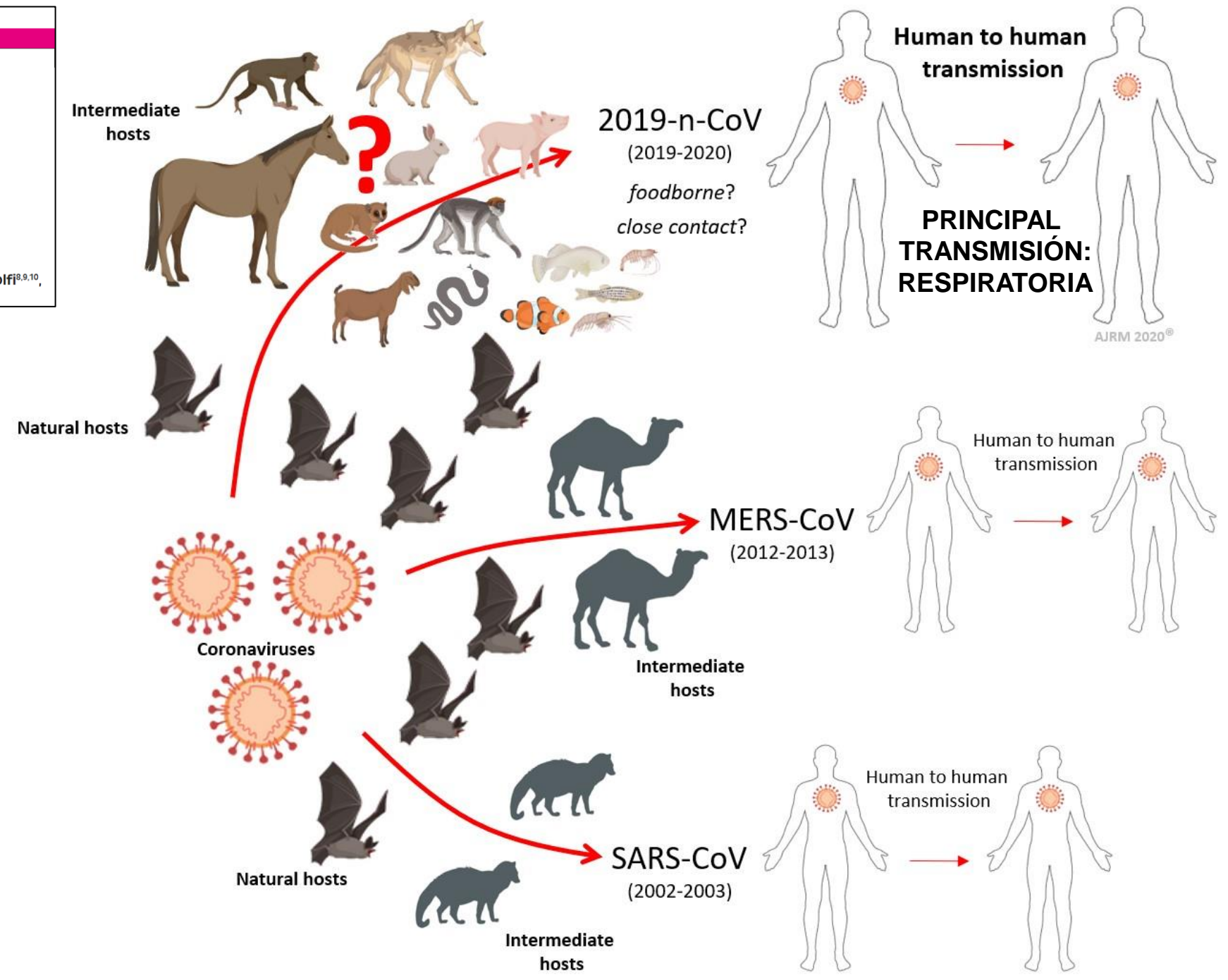
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# History is repeating itself: Probable zoonotic spillover as the cause of the 2019 novel Coronavirus Epidemic

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Figure 1 - Potential animal origins of human coronaviruses.



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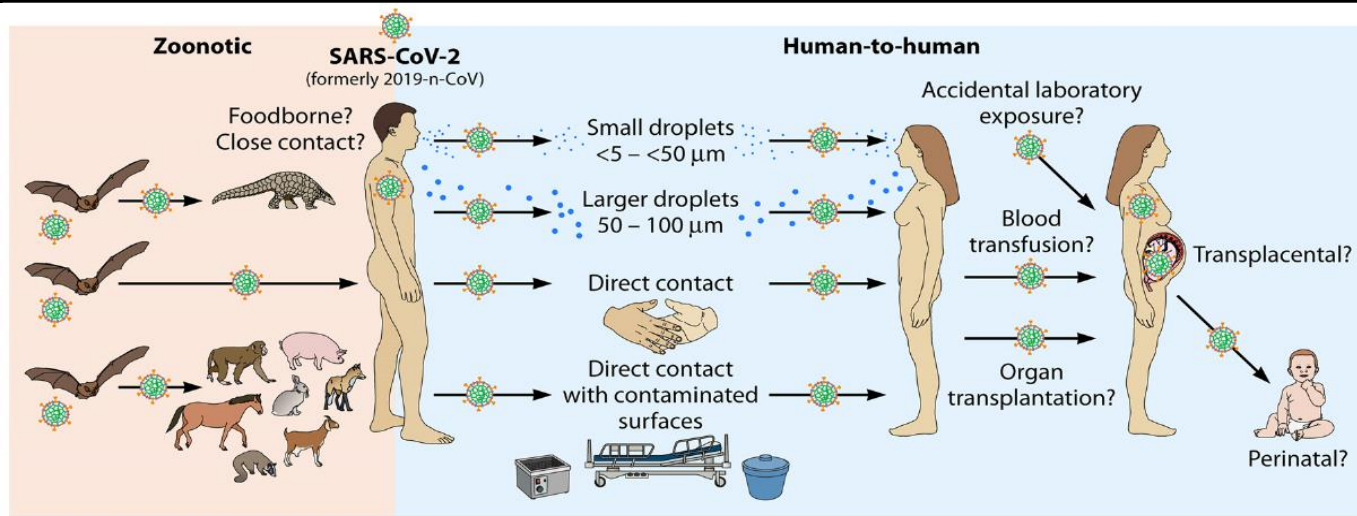


FIG 6 Potential transmission routes for SARS-CoV-2.

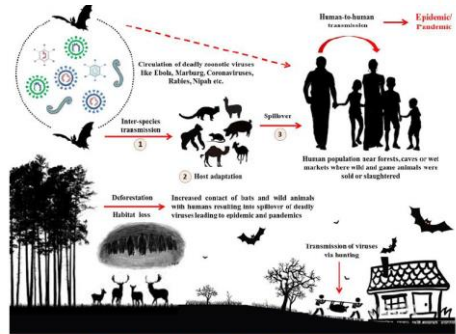
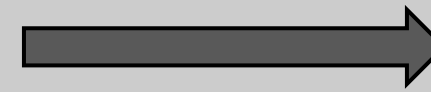


Fig. 1. Bat interactions, selected associated diseases, and the potential spillover to humans in the context of anthropogenic landscape changes and other related environmental and social factors



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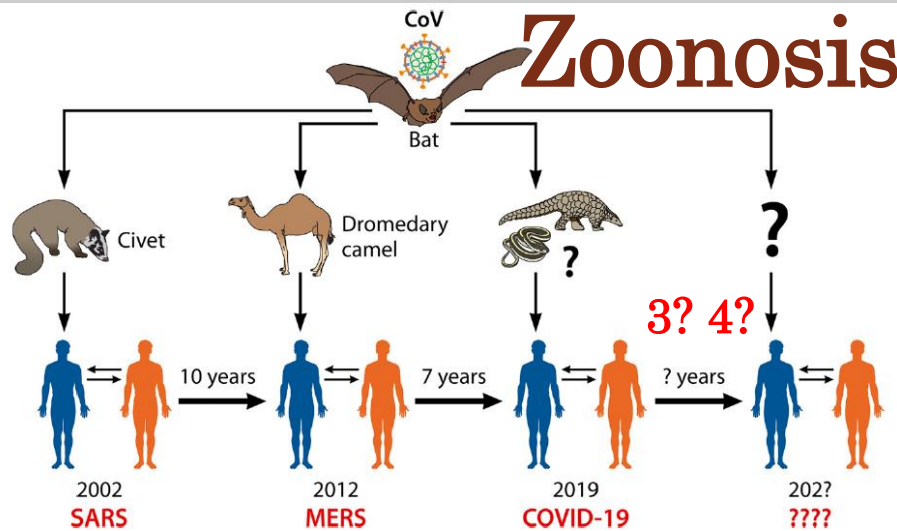


FIG 7 Coronavirus origins. Coronavirus is the most prominent example of an emerging virus that has crossed the species barrier from wild animals to humans, like SARS and MERS. The origin of SARS-CoV-2 is also suspected to be from an intermediate animal host. The possibility of crossing the species barrier again for the fourth time cannot be ruled out.

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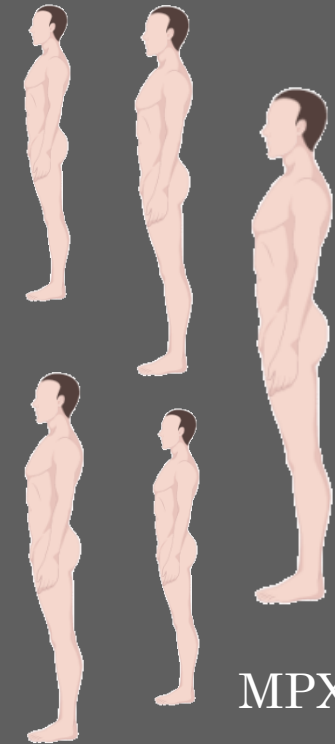
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MERS-CoV



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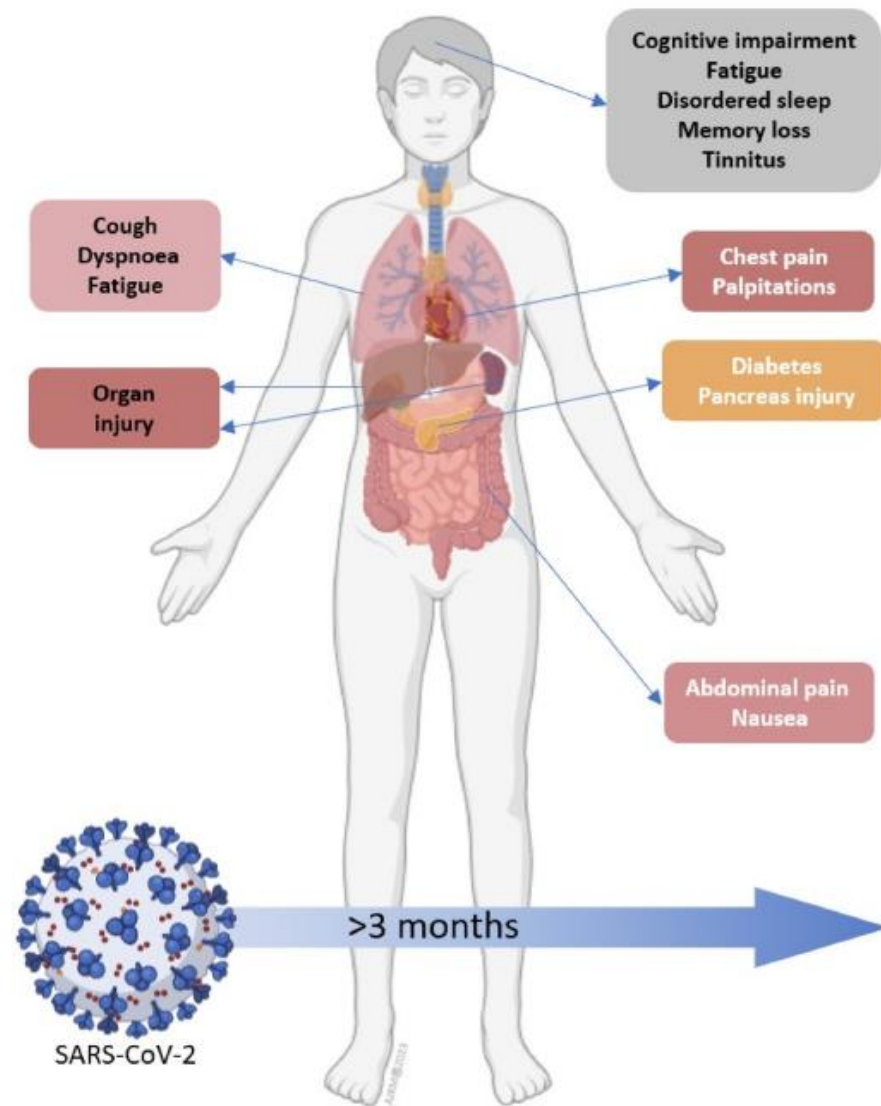


Fig. 1. Some of the clinical findings associated with long COVID-19, modified from Davis et al. [63].

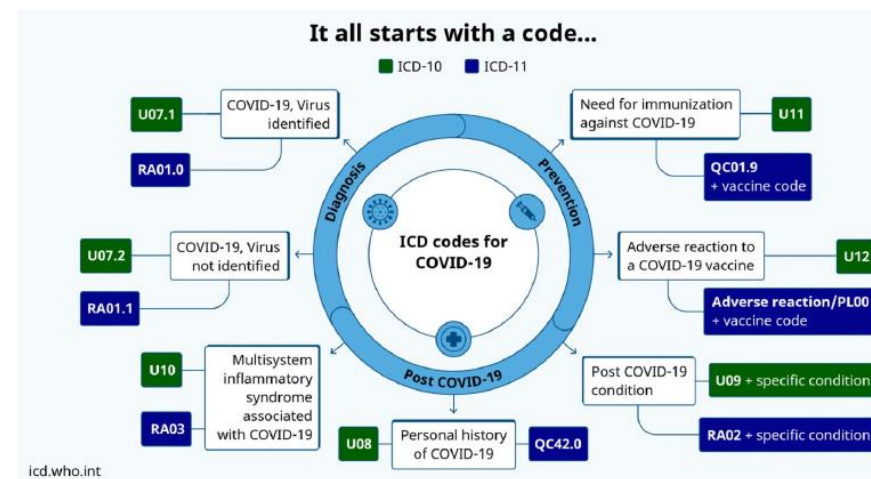


Fig. 2. ICD codes for COVID-19, according the WHO (<https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases/emergency-use-icd-codes-for-covid-19-disease-outbreak>).

# Monkeypox outbreaks during COVID-19 pandemic: are we looking at an independent phenomenon or an overlapping pandemic?

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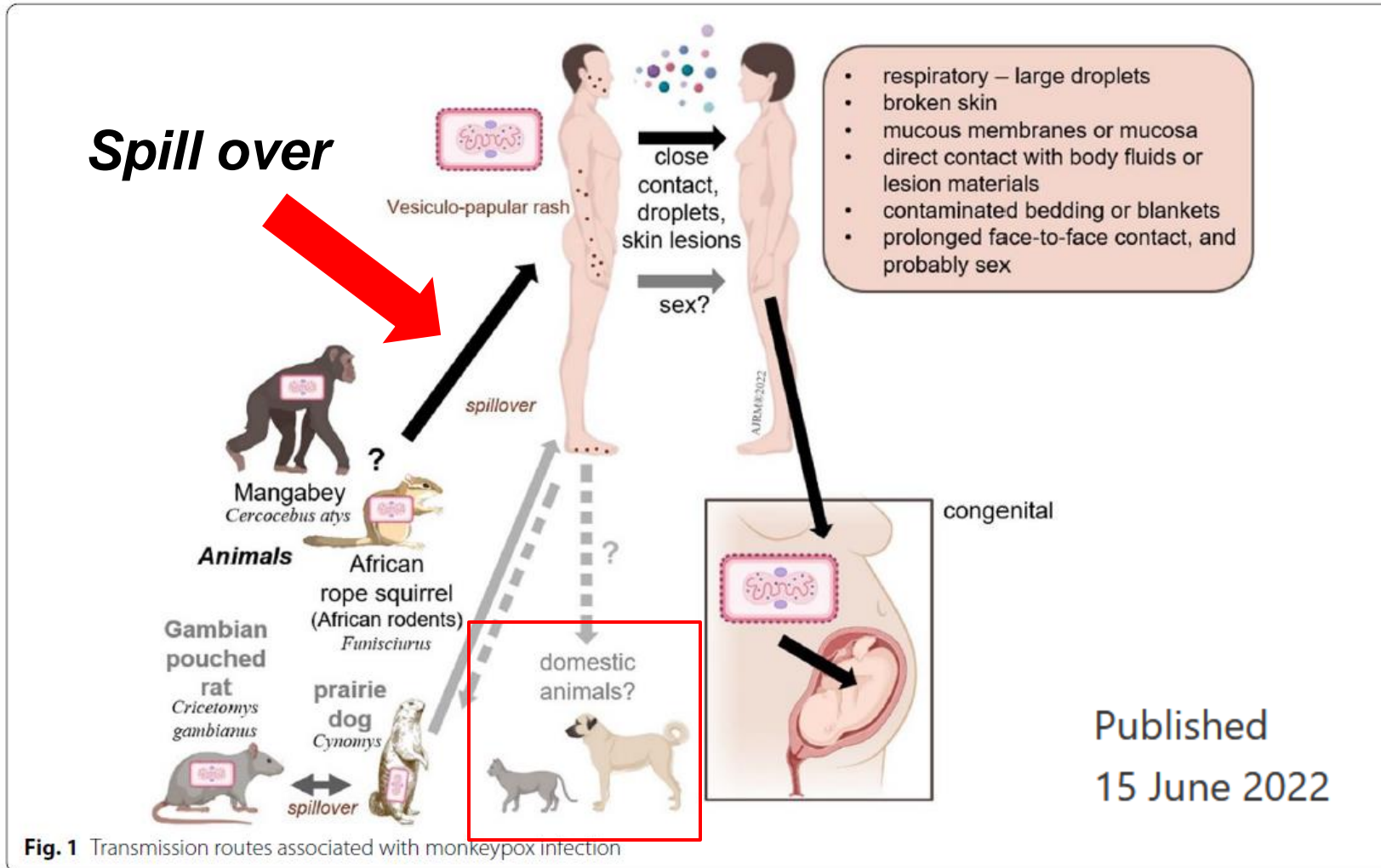


Fig. 1 Transmission routes associated with monkeypox infection

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## Evidence of human-to-dog transmission of monkeypox virus

Human monkeypox virus is spreading in Europe and the USA among individuals who have not travelled to endemic areas.<sup>1</sup> On July 23, 2022, monkeypox was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.<sup>2</sup> Human-to-human transmission of monkeypox virus usually occurs through close contact with the lesions, body fluids, and respiratory droplets of infected people or animals.<sup>3</sup> The possibility of sexual transmission is being investigated, as the current outbreak appears to be concentrated in men who have sex with men and has been associated with unexpected anal and genital lesions.<sup>3,4</sup> Whether

domesticated cats and dogs could be a vector for monkeypox virus is unknown. Here we describe the first case of a dog with confirmed monkeypox virus infection that might have been acquired through human transmission.

Two men who have sex with men attended Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital, Paris, France, on June 10, 2022 (appendix). One man (referred to as patient 1 going forward) is Latino, aged 44 years, and lives with HIV with undetectable viral loads on antiretrovirals; the second man (patient 2) is White, aged 27 years, and HIV-negative. The men are non-exclusive partners living in the same household. They each signed a consent form for the use of their clinical and biological data, and for the publication of anonymised photographs. The men had presented with anal ulceration 6 days after sex with other partners. In

patient 1, anal ulceration was followed by a vesiculopustular rash on the face, ears, and legs; in patient 2, on the legs and back. In both cases, rash was associated with asthenia, headaches, and fever 4 days later (figure A, B).

Monkeypox virus was assayed by real-time PCR (LightCycler 480 System; Roche Diagnostics, Meylan, France). In patient 1, virus was detected in skin and oropharynx samples; whereas in patient 2, virus was detected in anal and oropharynx samples.

12 days after symptom onset, their male Italian greyhound, aged 4 years and with no previous medical disorders, presented with mucocutaneous lesions, including abdomen pustules and a thin anal ulceration (figure C, D; appendix). The dog tested positive for monkeypox virus by use of a PCR protocol adapted from Li and colleagues<sup>5</sup> that involved scraping skin lesions and swabbing the anus and oral cavity. Monkeypox virus DNA sequences from the dog and patient 1 were compared by next-generation sequencing (MinION; Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Oxford, UK). Both samples contained virus of the hMPXV-1 clade, lineage B.1, which has been spreading in non-endemic countries since April, 2022, and, as of Aug 4, 2022, has infected more than 1700 people in France, mostly concentrated in Paris, where the dog first developed symptoms. Moreover, the virus that infected patient 1 and the virus that infected the dog showed 100% sequence homology on the 19.5 kilobase pairs sequenced.

The men reported co-sleeping with their dog. They had been careful to prevent their dog from contact with other pets or humans from the onset of their own symptoms (ie, 13 days before the dog started to present cutaneous manifestations).

In endemic countries, only wild animals (rodents and primates) have been found to carry monkeypox virus.<sup>6</sup> However, transmission of monkeypox virus in prairie dogs has been described



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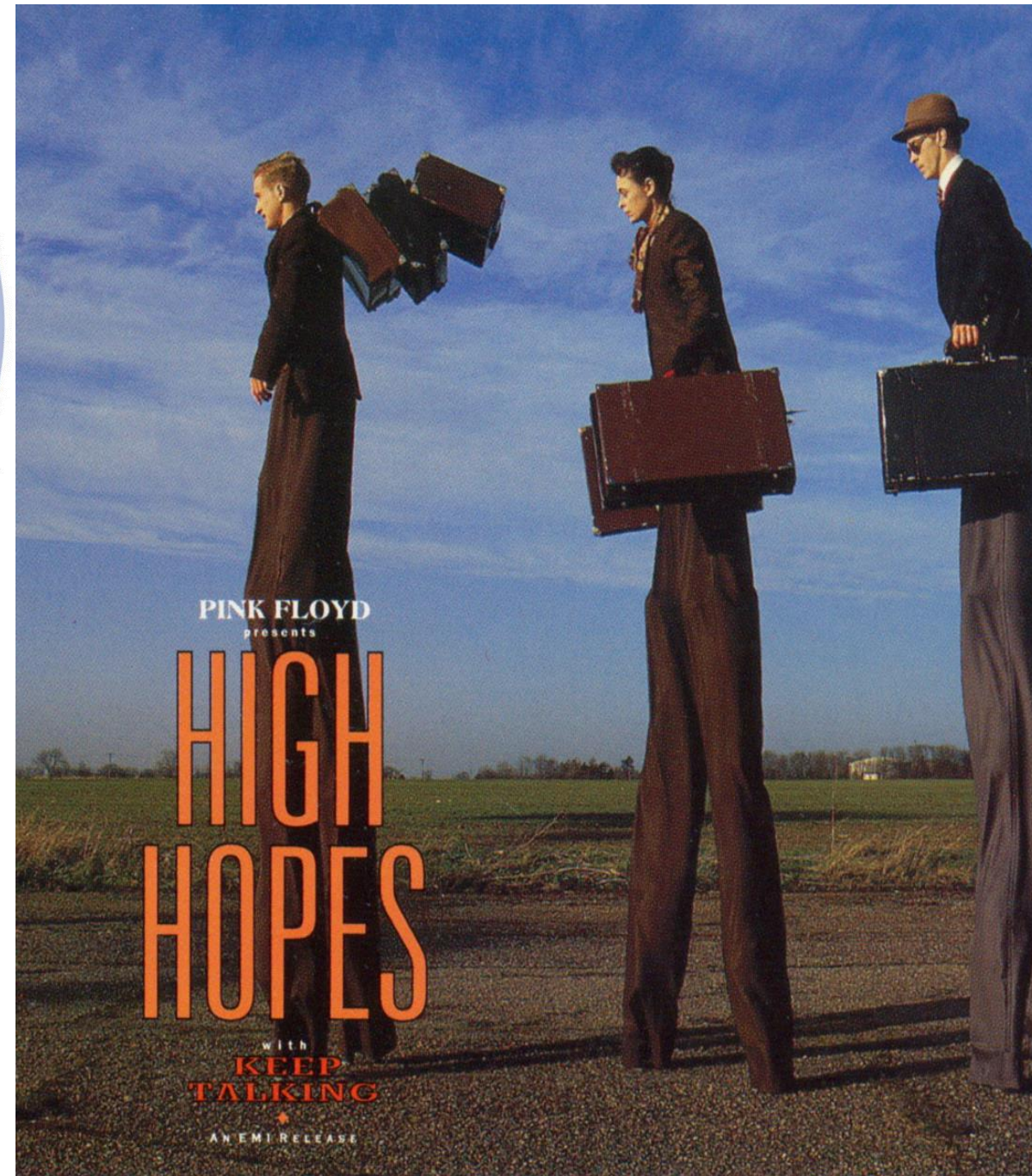
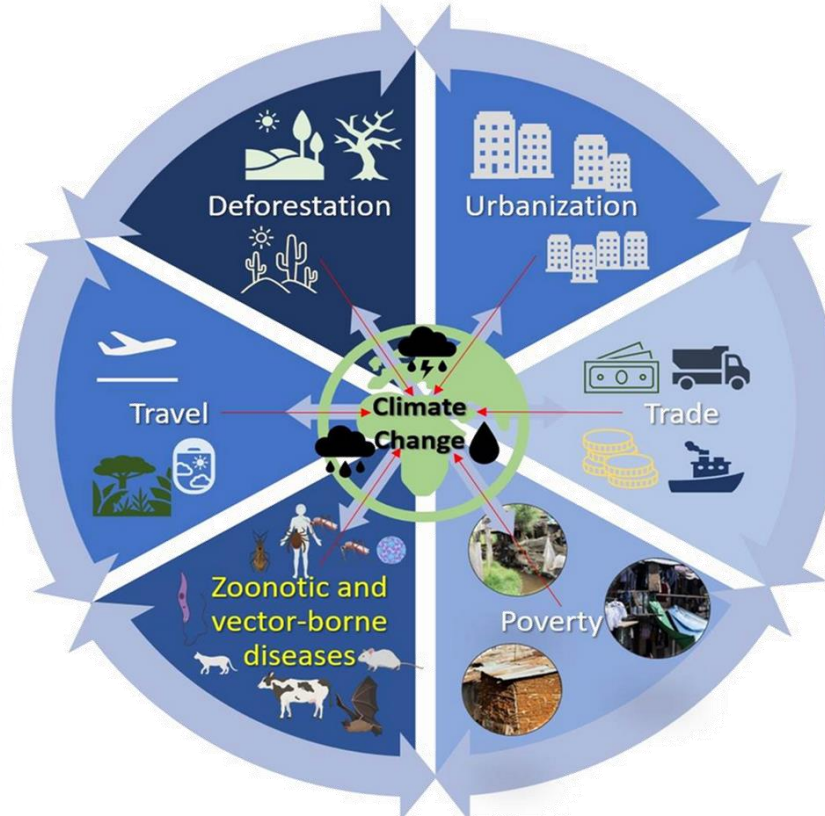


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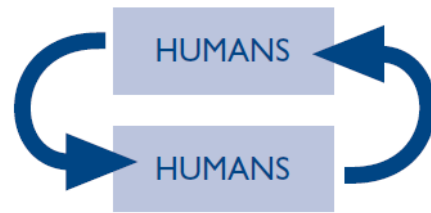
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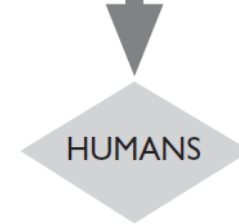
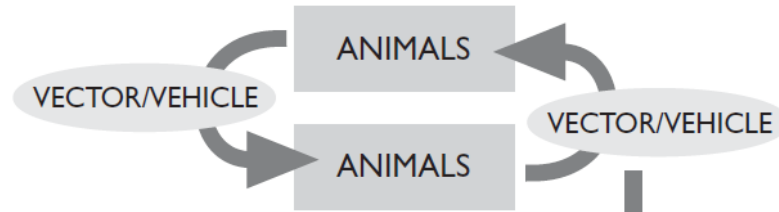
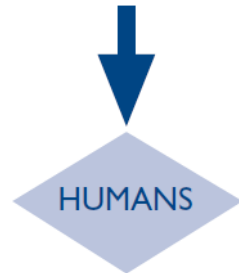
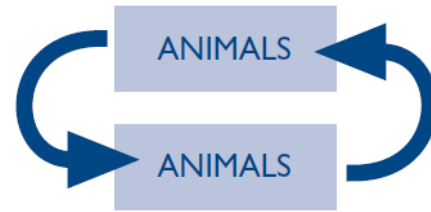
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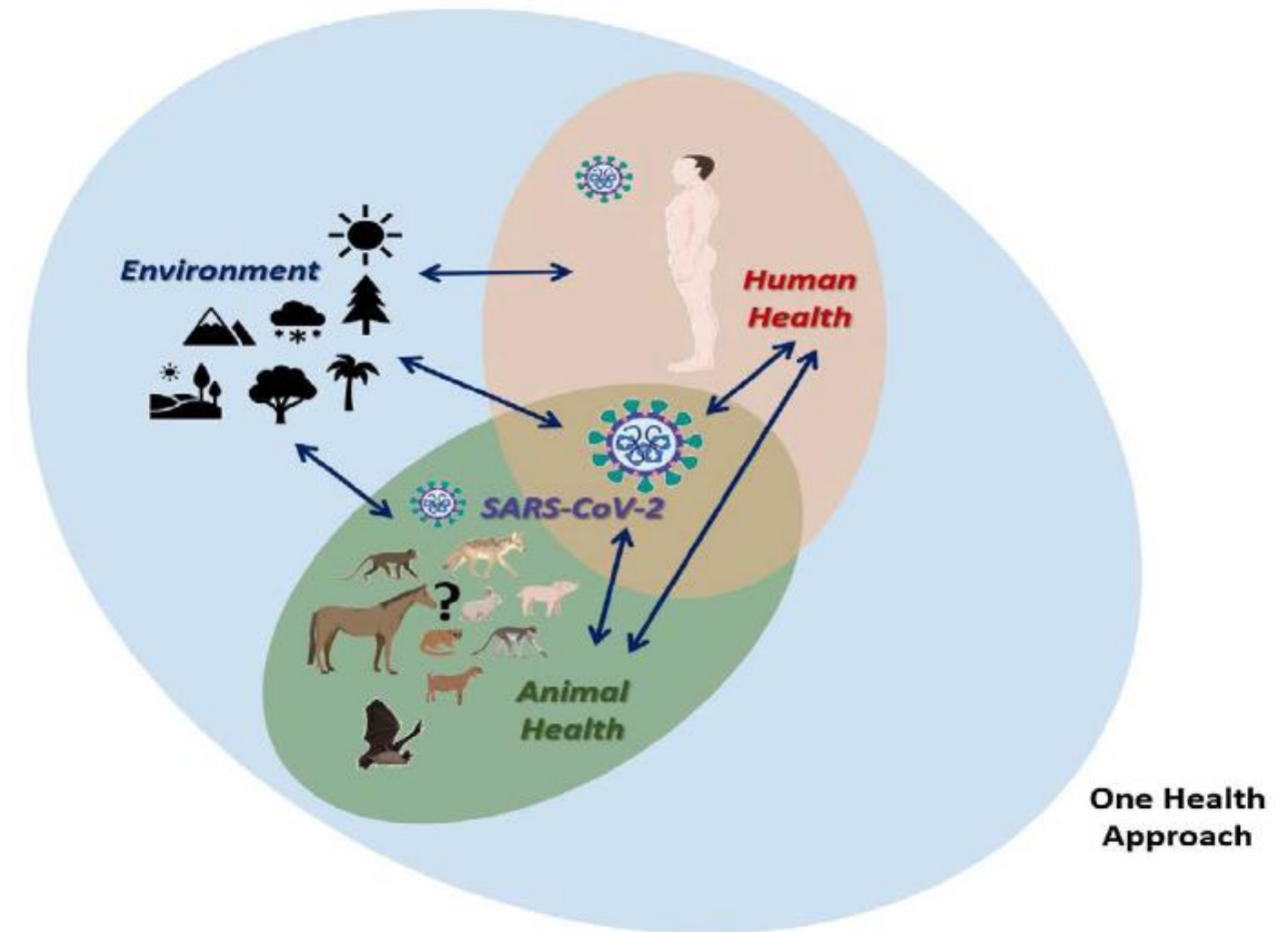
**FIGURE 6.1** Four main types of transmission cycle for infectious diseases.  
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## Revisiting the One Health Approach in the Context of COVID-19: A Look into the Ecology of this Emerging Disease

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**Figure 1:** One health approach in the context of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the SARS-CoV-2.

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*Salud Animal*

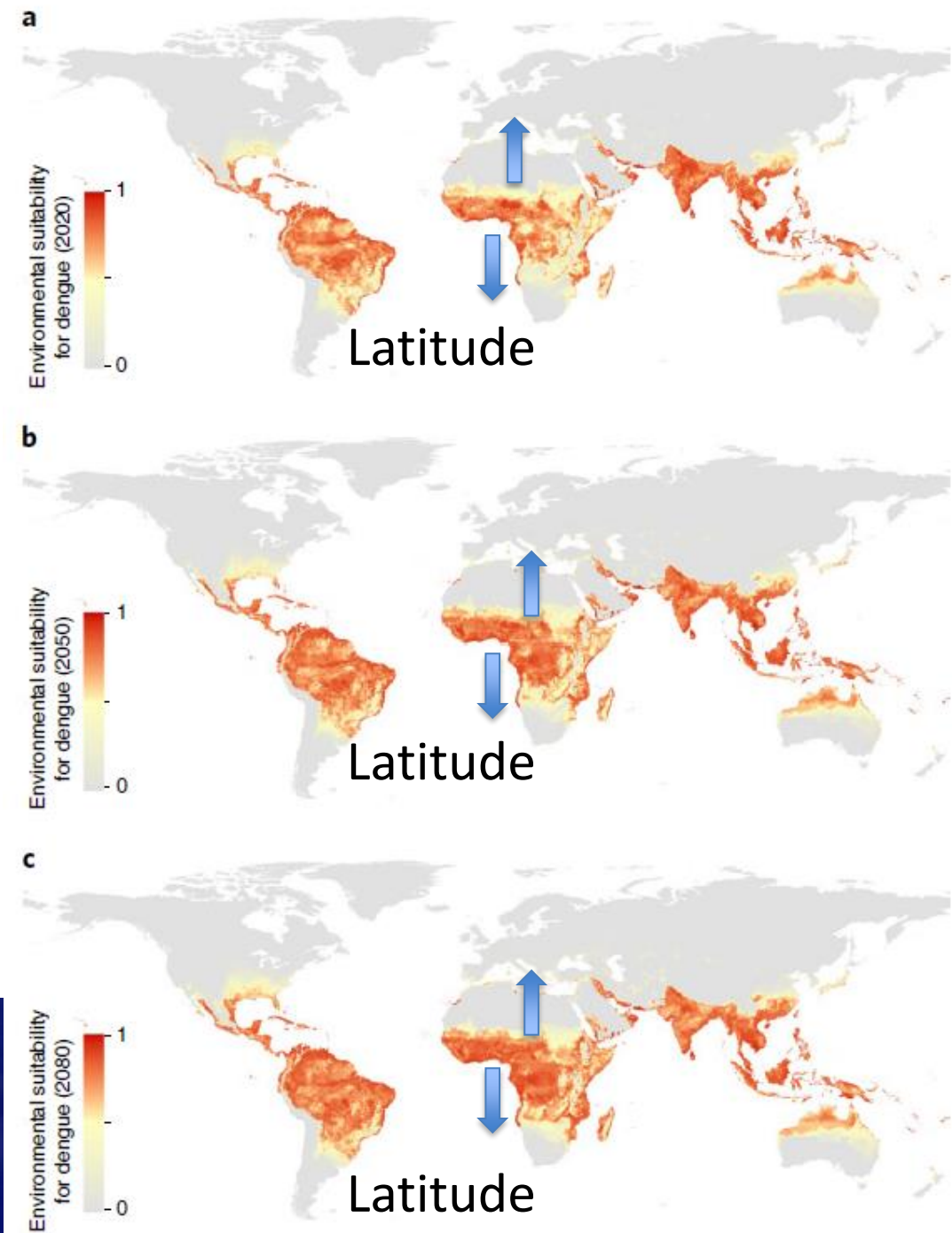
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## Malaria in East African highlands during the past 30 years: impact of environmental changes

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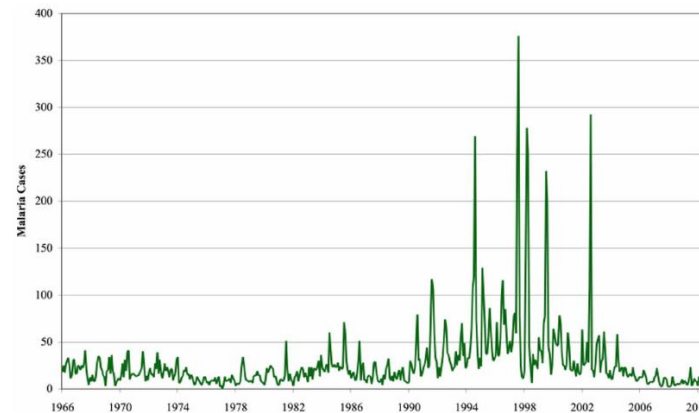
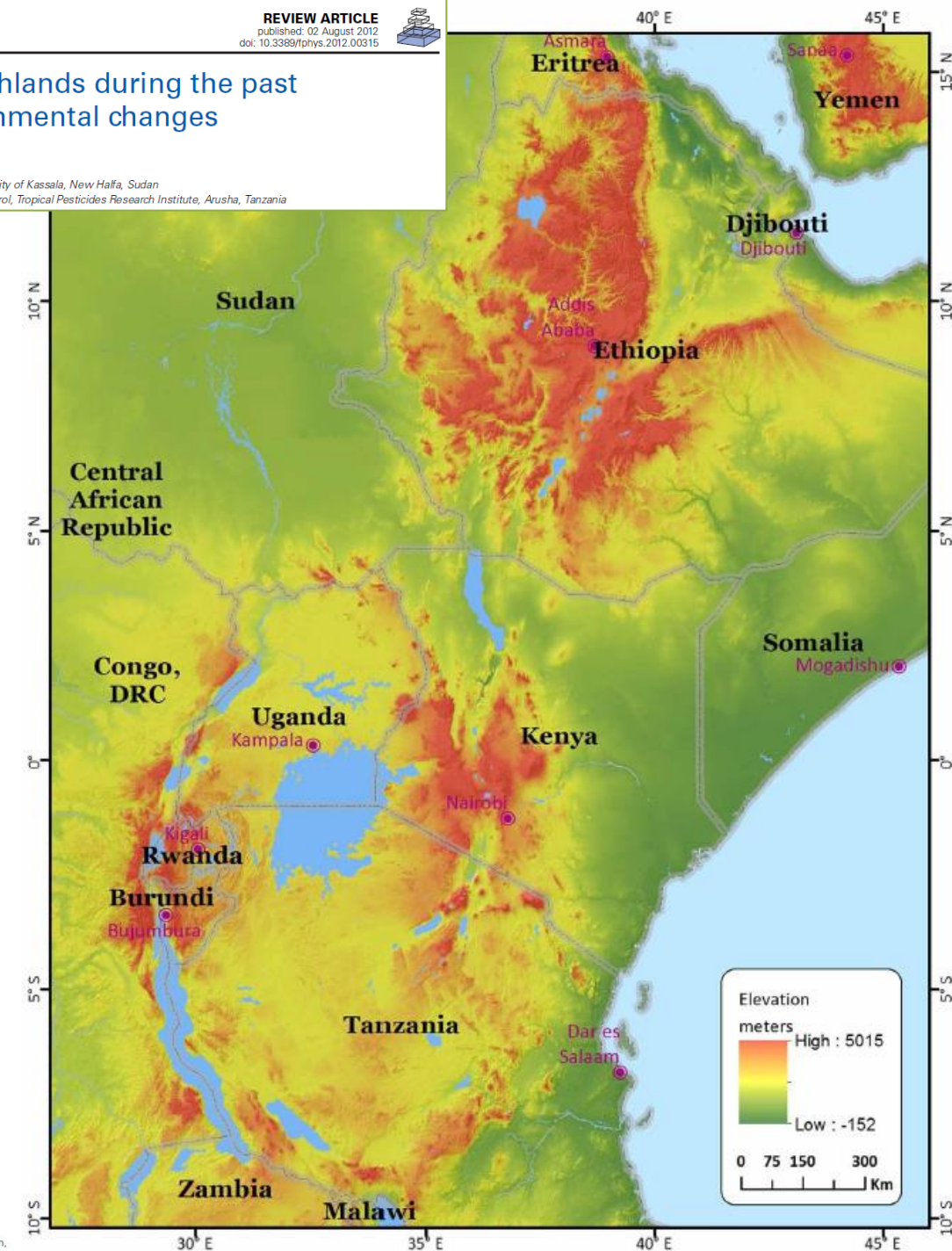
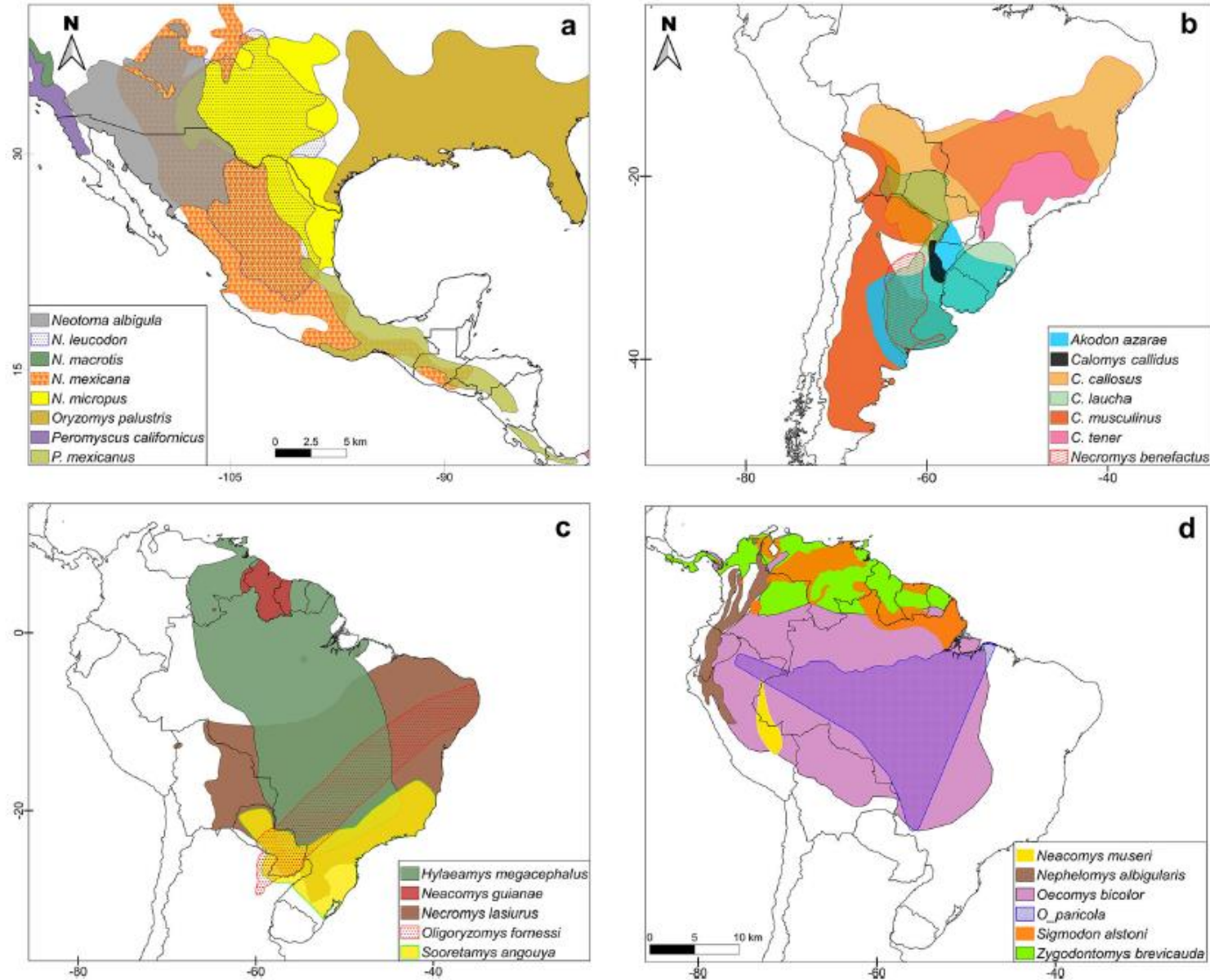


FIGURE 2 | Monthly malaria cases at Kericho Unilever Tea Kenya Ltd. Hospital. Source: Stern et al. (2011), with permission from Dr. David I. Stern, Crawford School of Economics and Government, Australian National University.







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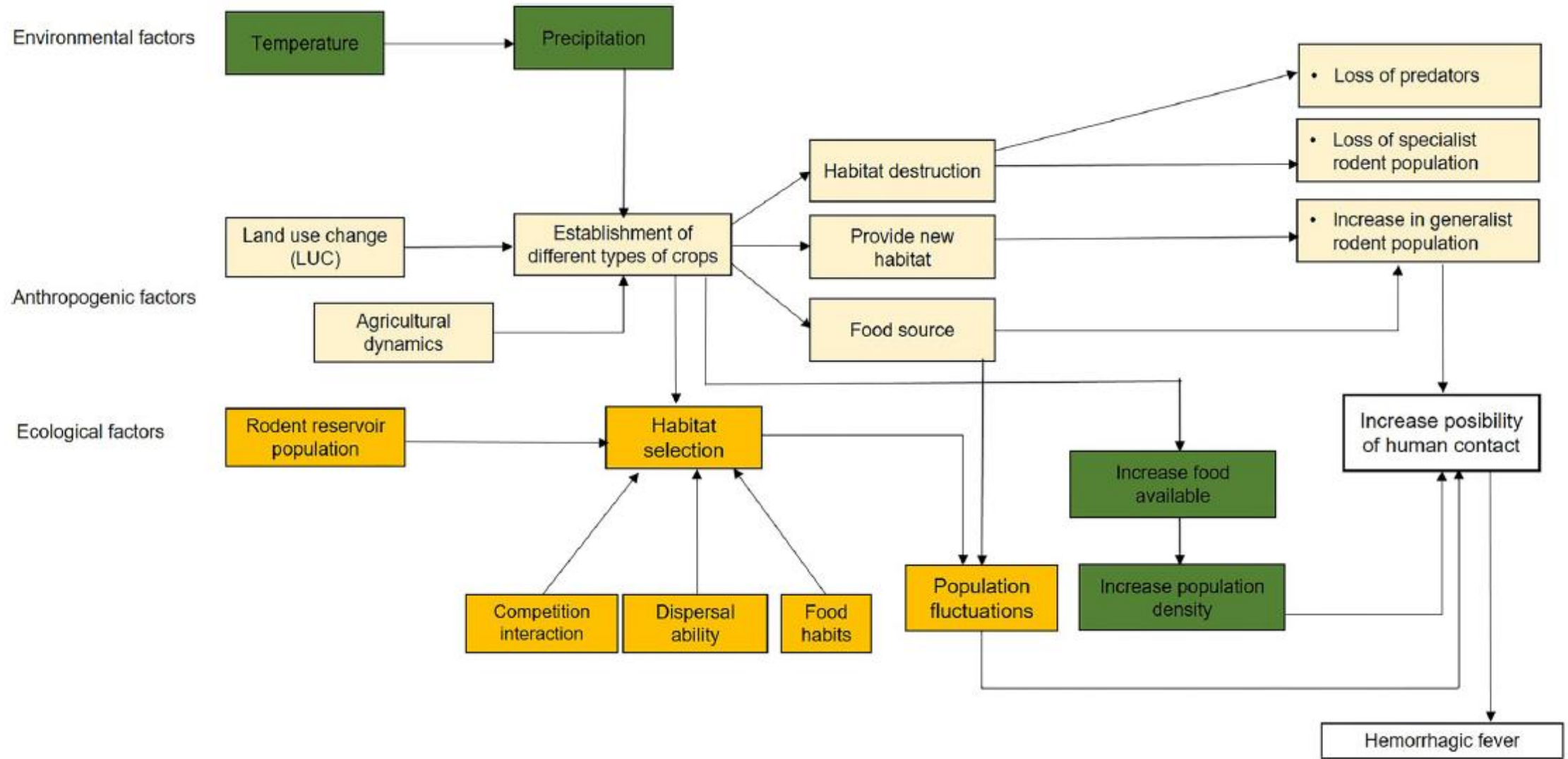


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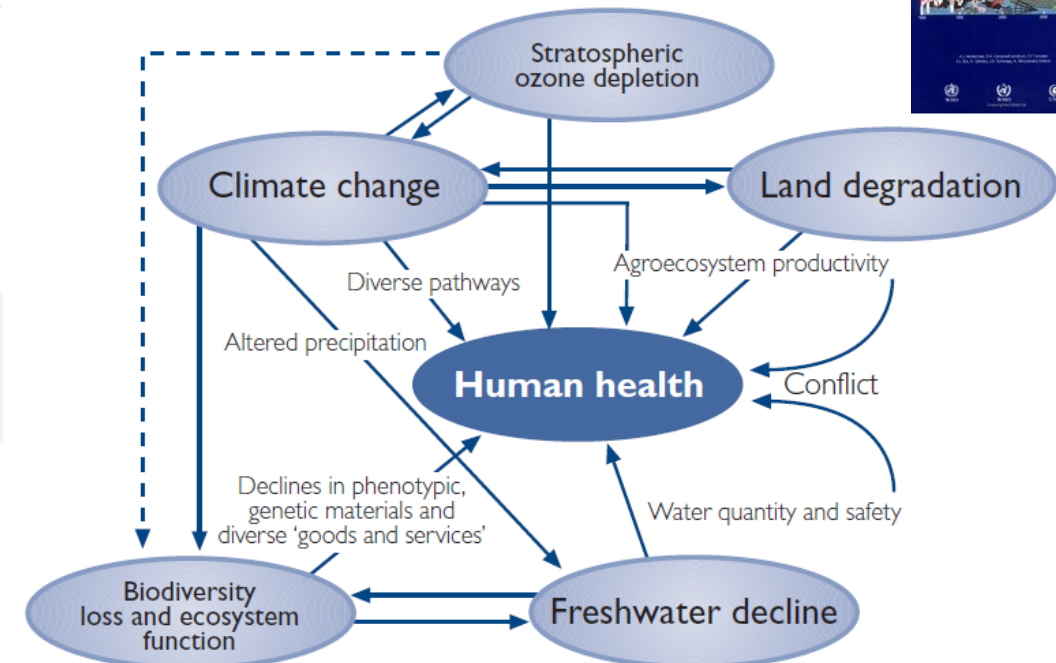
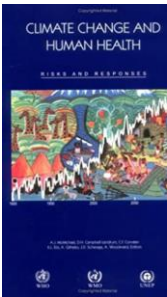
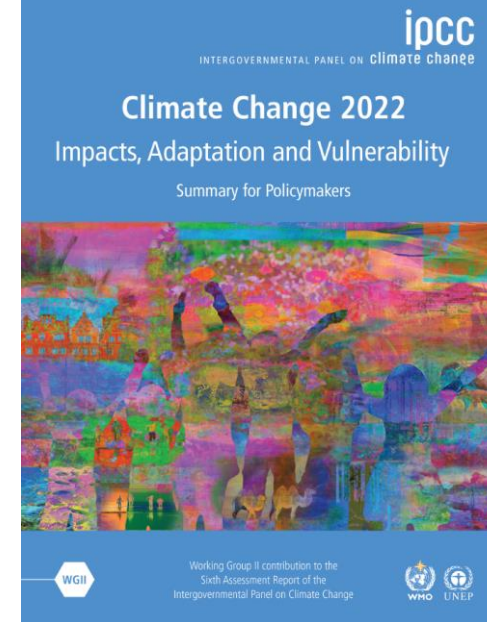
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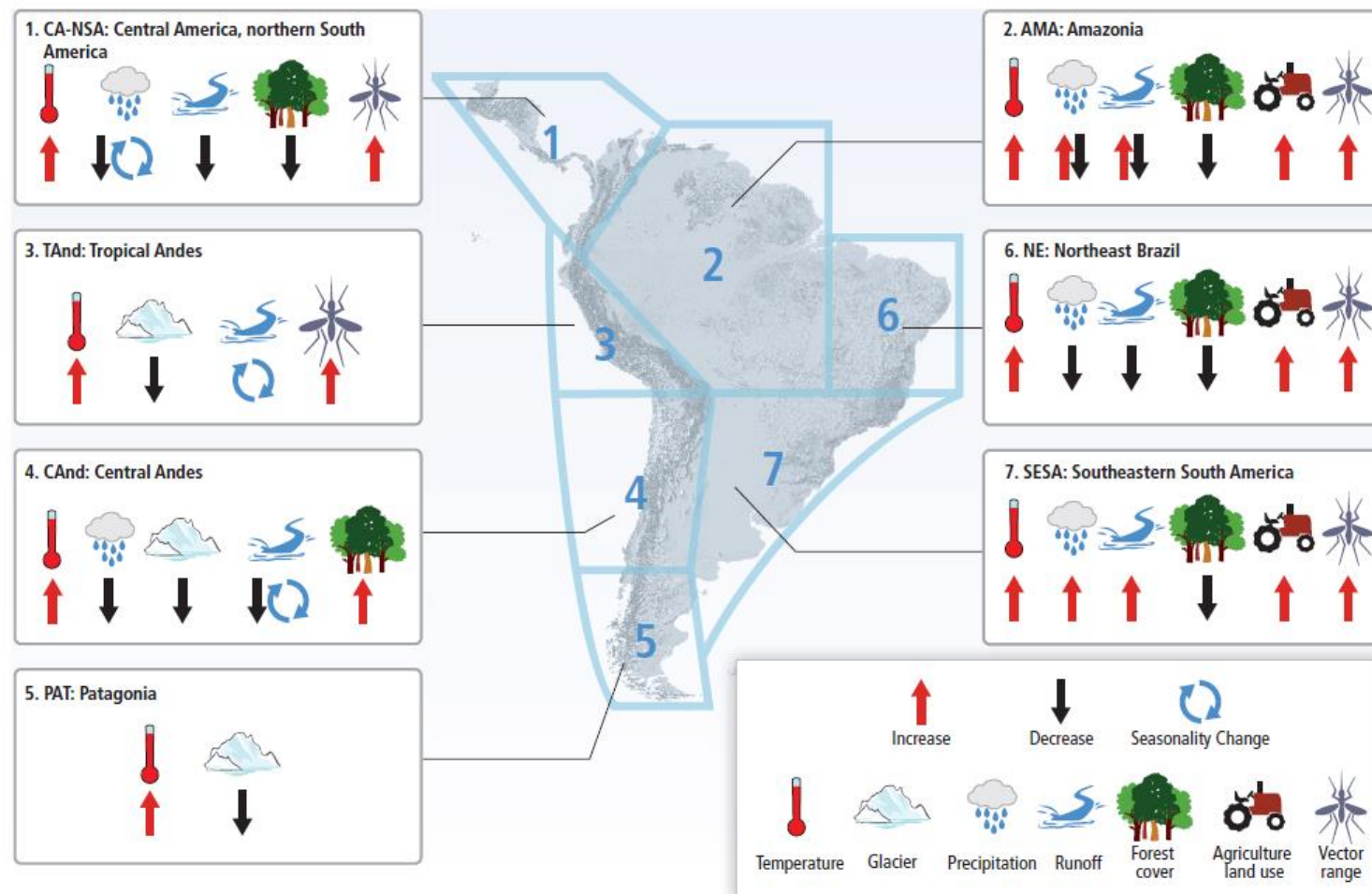
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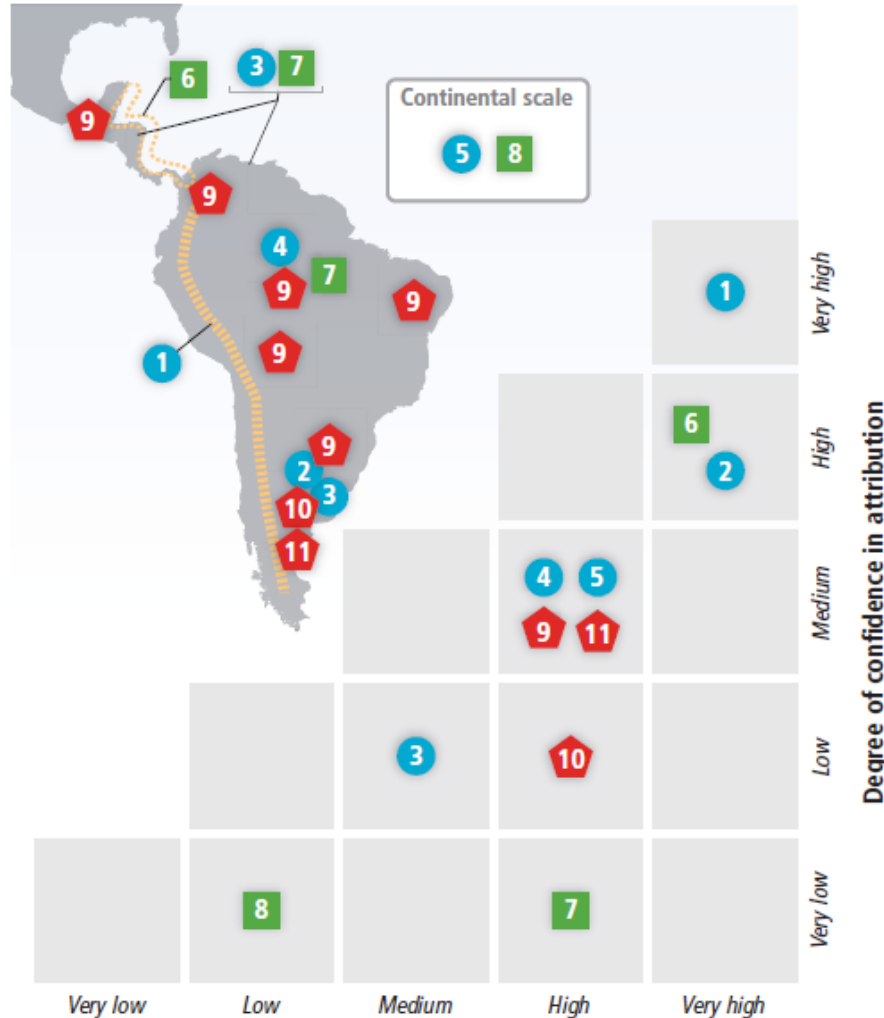
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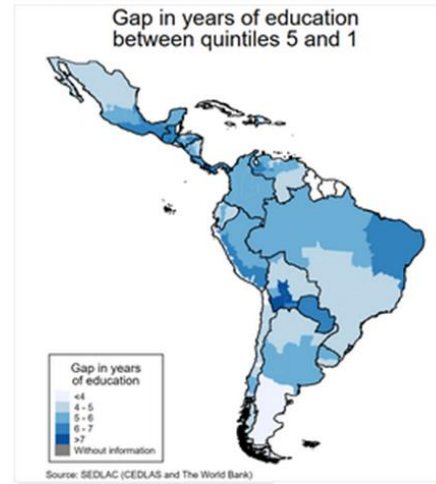
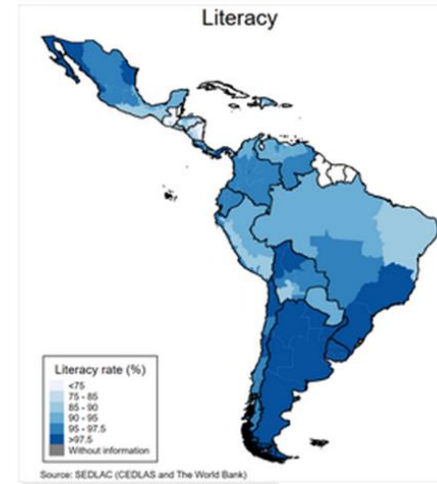
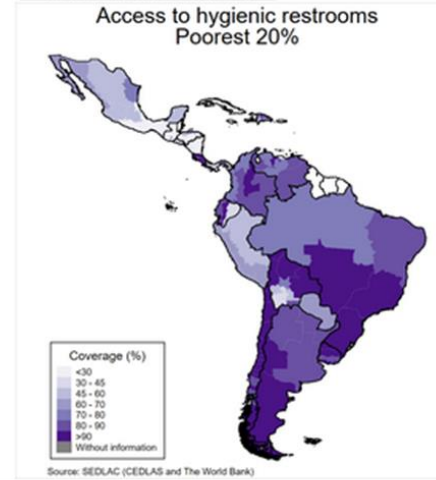
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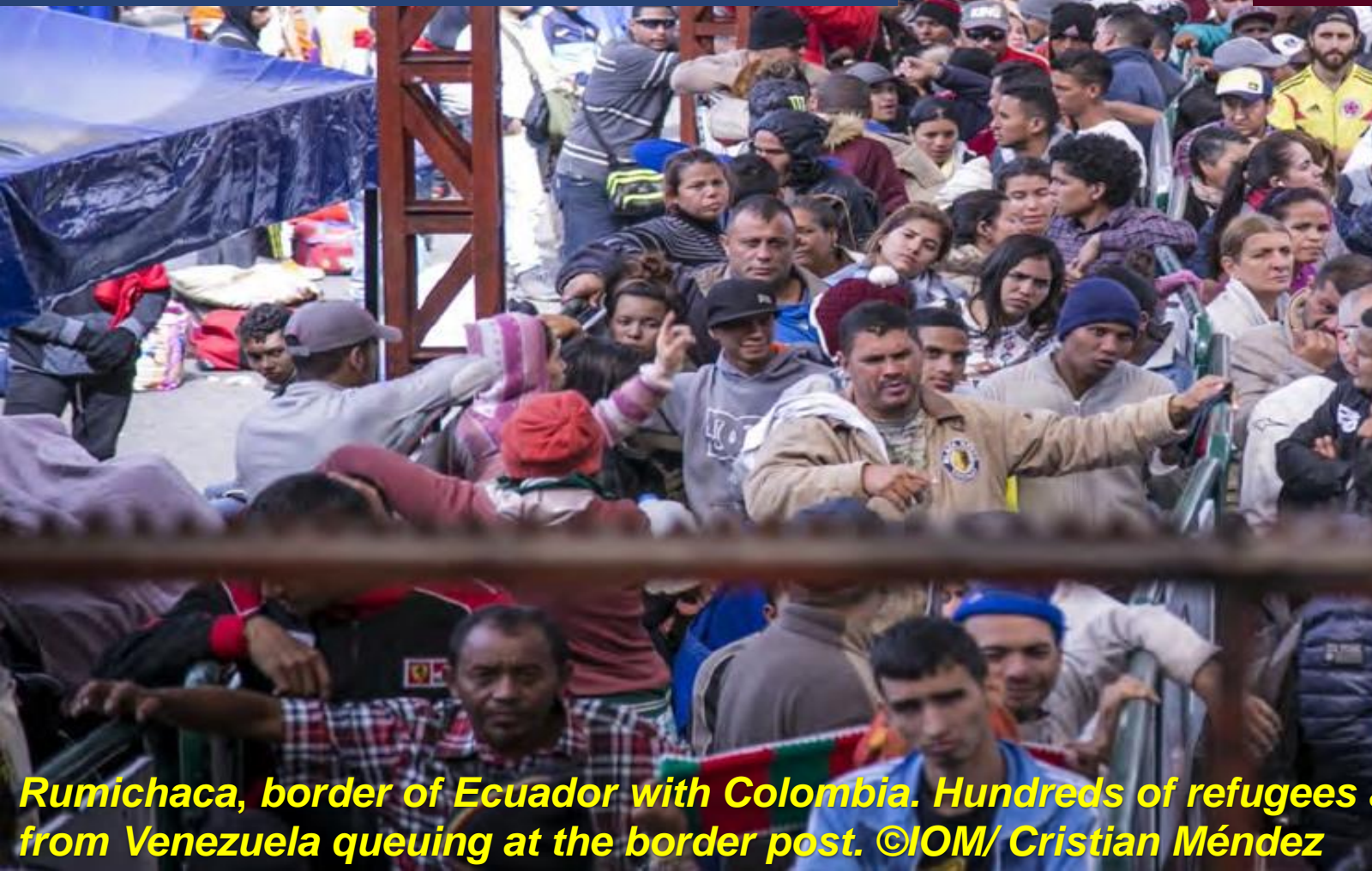
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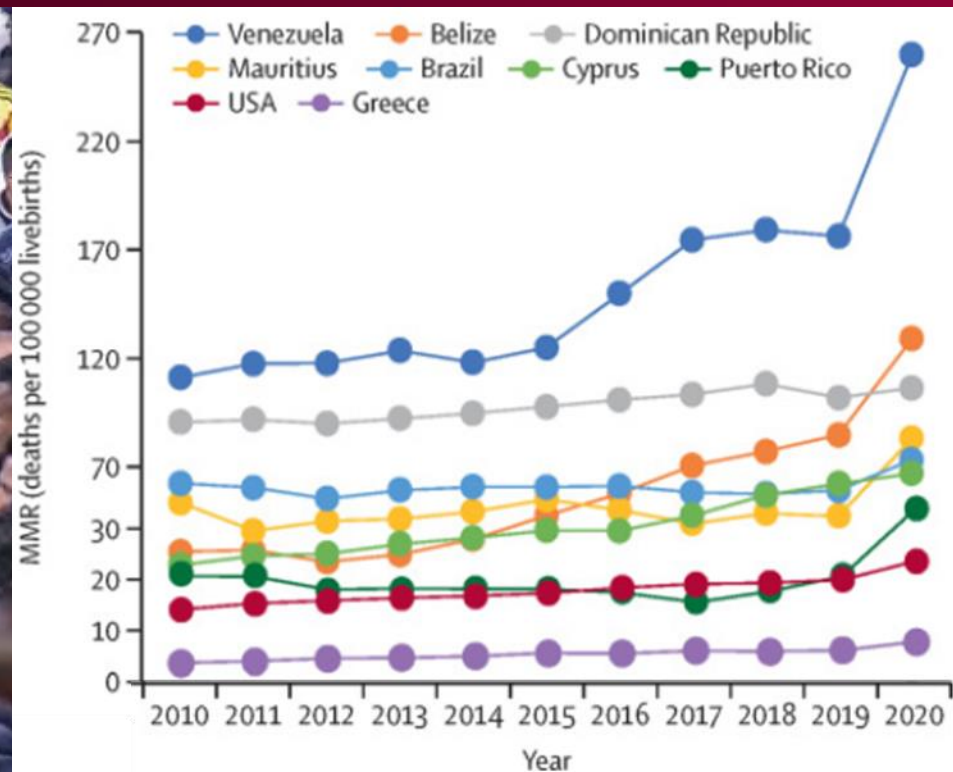
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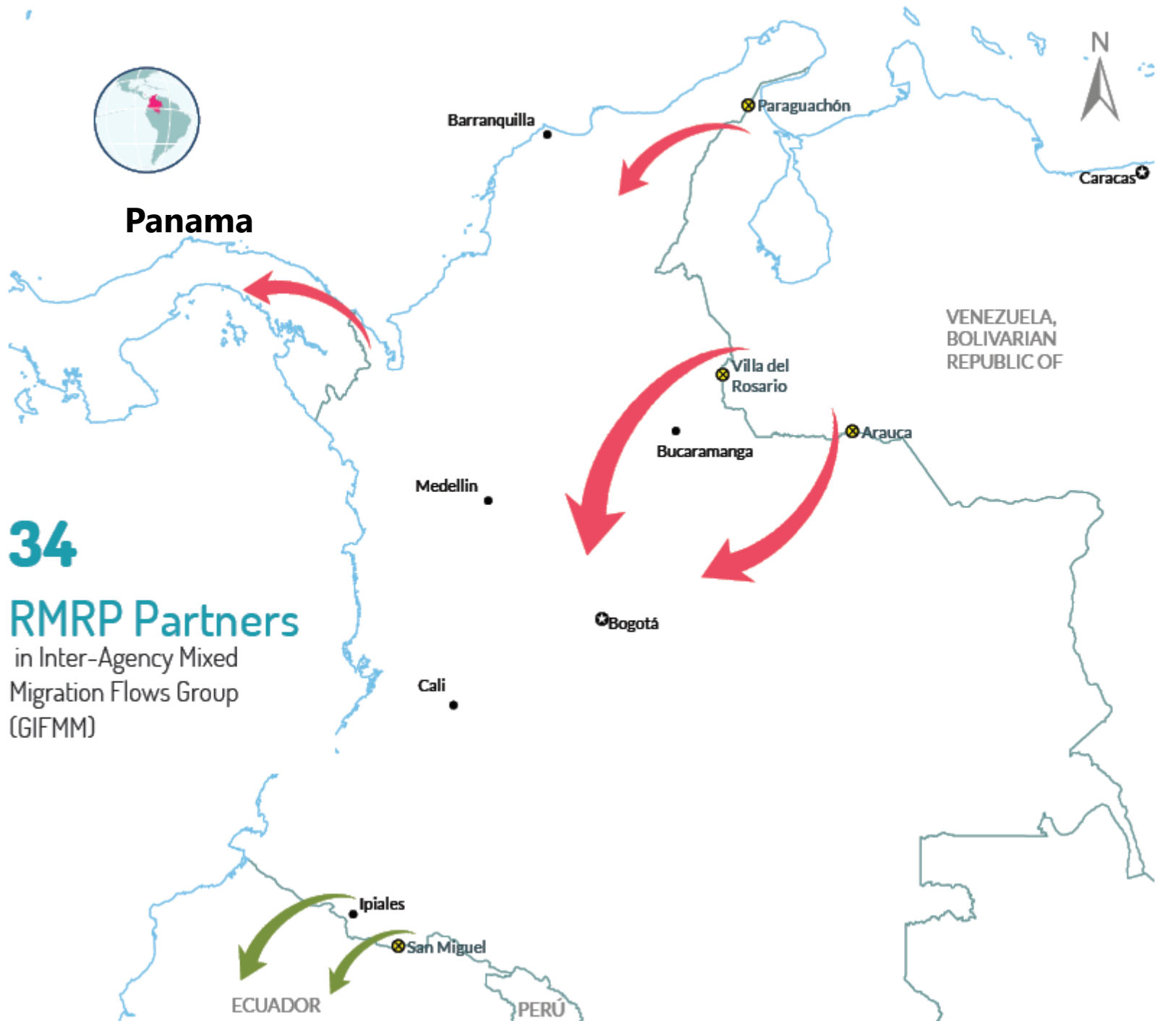
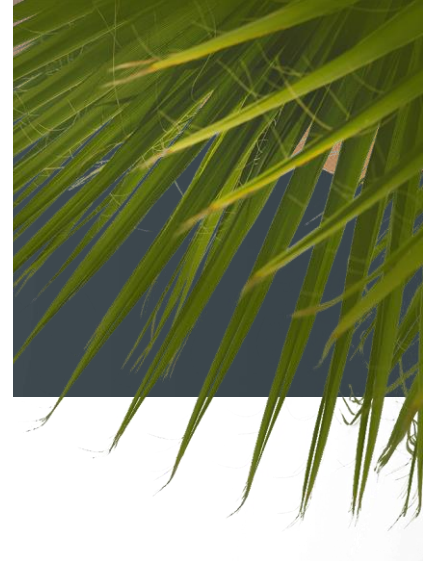
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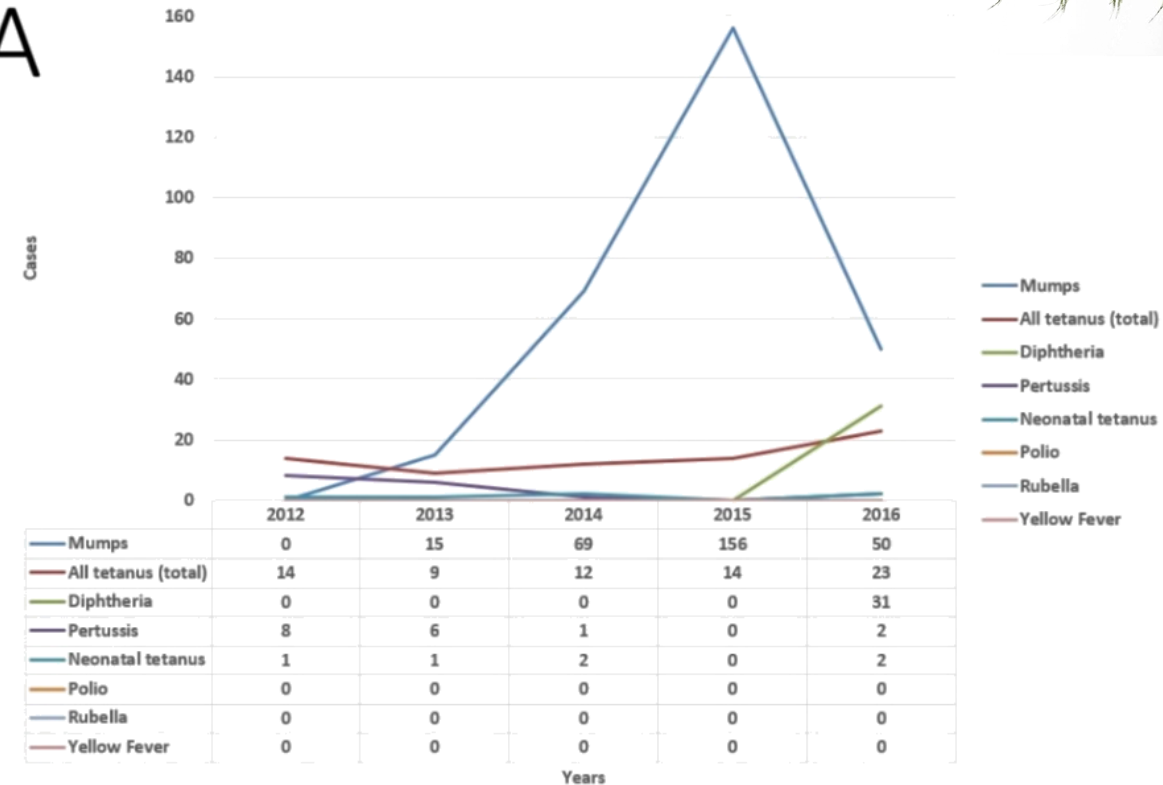
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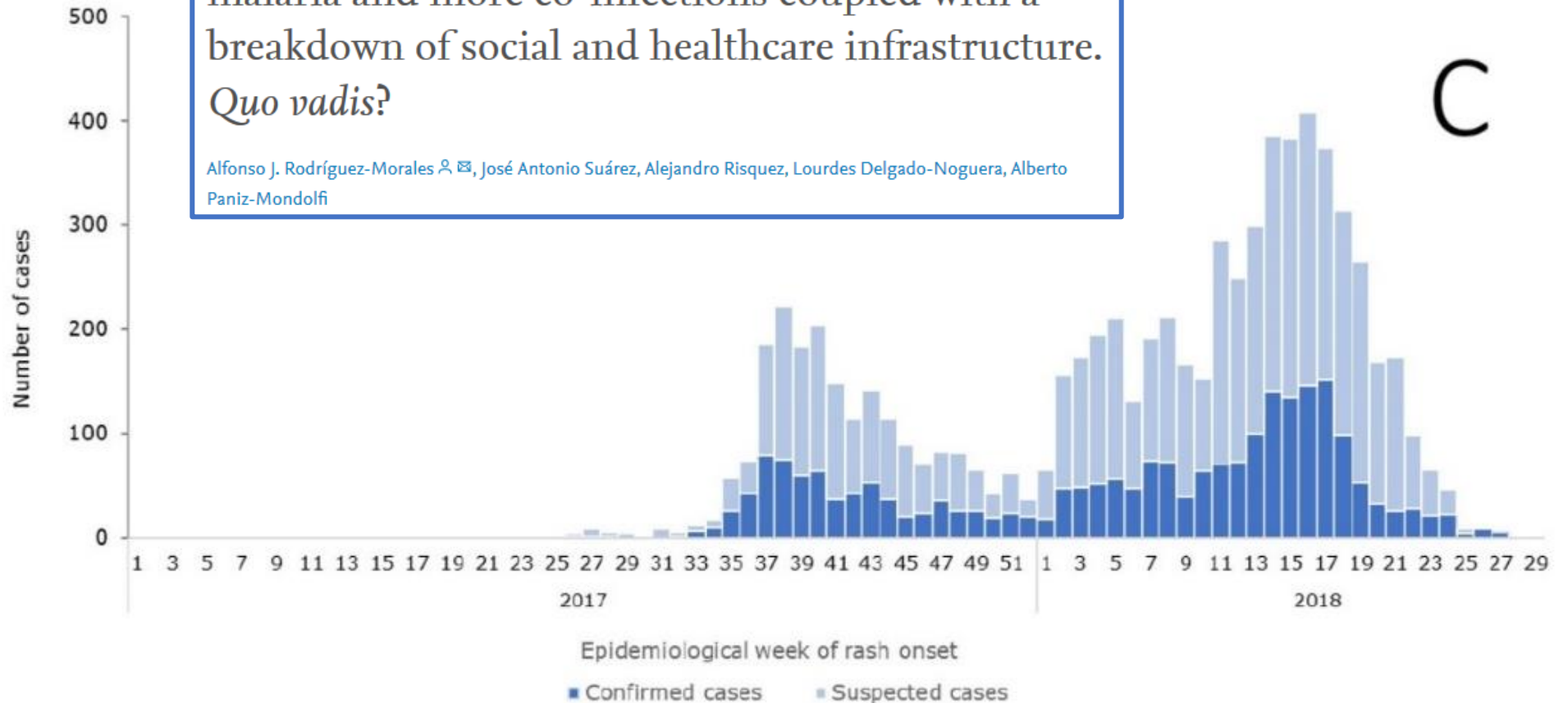


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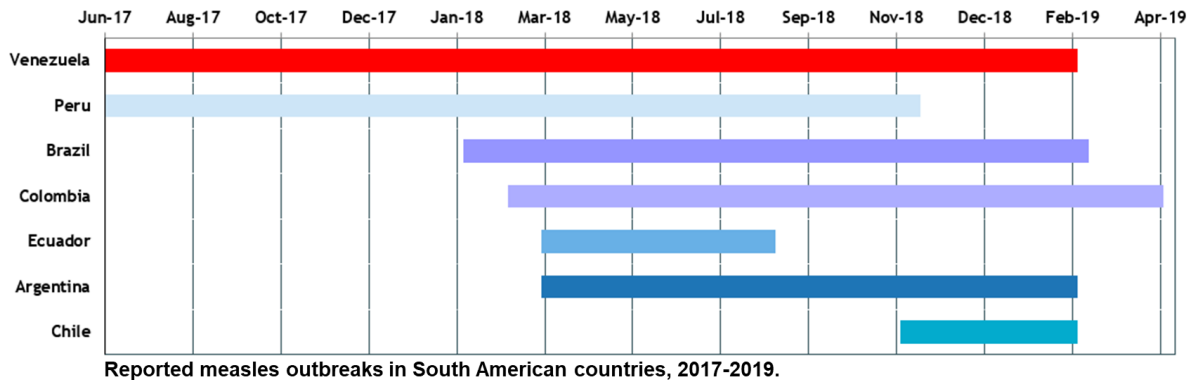
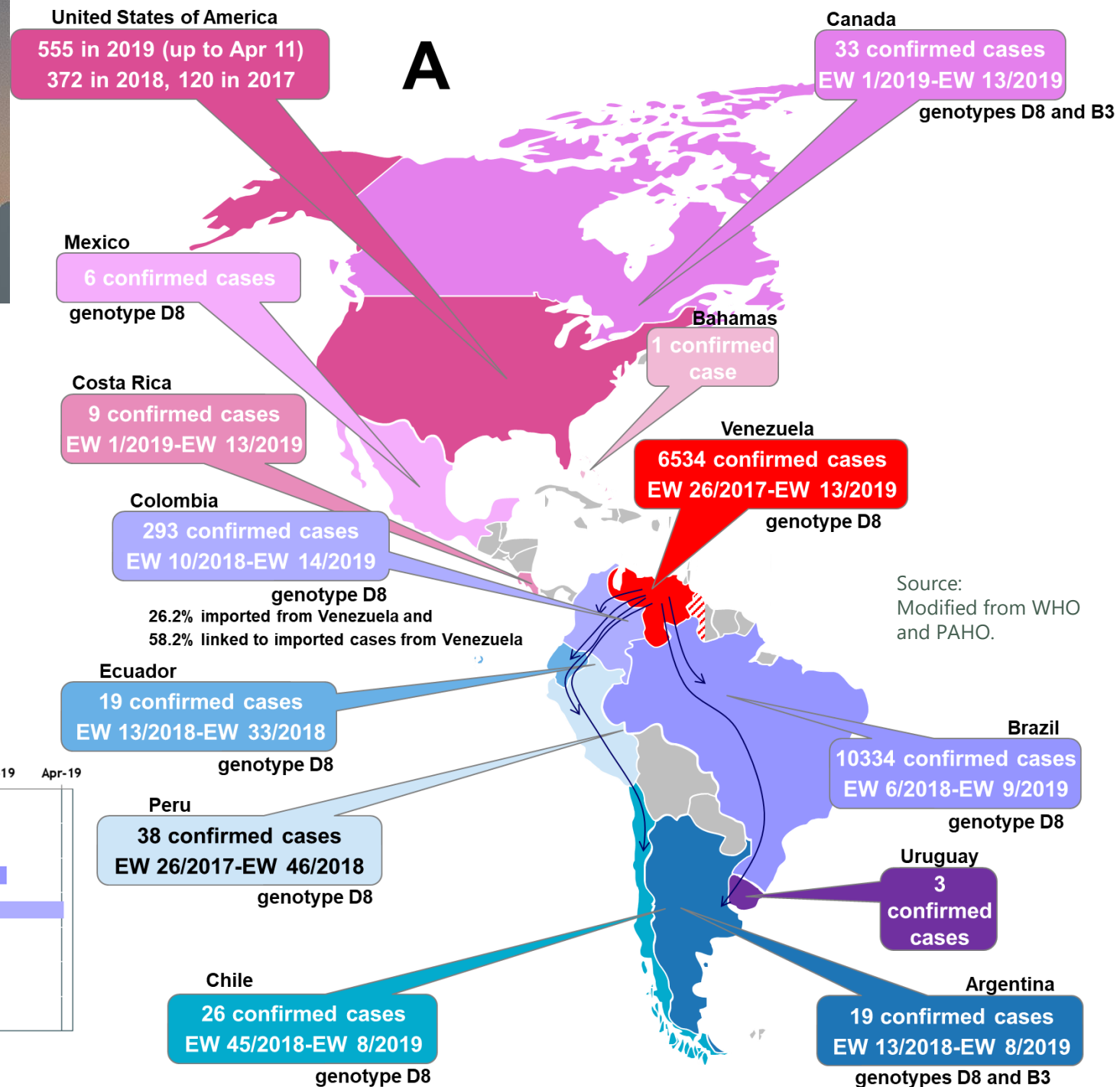
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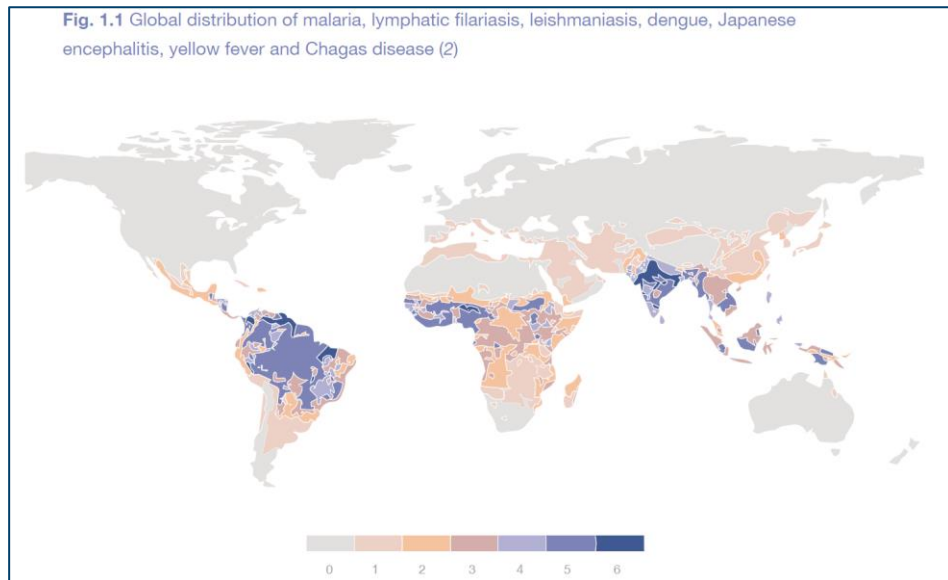
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# Multisectoral Approach to the Prevention and Control of Vector-Borne Diseases

*A conceptual framework*




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	Main mosquito vectors	First description of the virus (year and country)	First disease description (year and country)	Past outbreaks and ongoing circulation
<b>Alphavirus genus</b>				
Mayaro <sup>8,14,39,40</sup>	<i>Haemagogus</i> spp	1954 (Trinidad and Tobago)	1954 (Trinidad and Tobago)	Past outbreaks and ongoing circulation in South America and the Caribbean
Chikungunya <sup>8,10,14</sup>	<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	1952 (Tanzania)	2013 (Saint Martin in the Caribbean)	Possible outbreaks in the 18th and 19th centuries; spread in the Americas from 2013; still circulating in 2017*
Venezuelan equine encephalitis <sup>8,41</sup>	<i>Culex</i> spp (enzootic cycle); <i>Ochlerotatus</i> ; <i>Pseudophora</i> spp (epizootic cycle)	1938 in horses (Venezuela)	1920s (Venezuela) and isolated in human beings in 1967 (Colombia)	Several outbreaks (in humans and horses) since 1938 in South and Central America, Mexico, and southern USA; last outbreak (75 000–100 000 human cases) in 1995 in Venezuela and Colombia
Eastern equine encephalitis <sup>8,42</sup>	<i>Culex pedroi</i> (enzootic cycle); <i>Aedes taeniorhynchus</i> (epizootic cycle)	1938 in humans (USA)	1972 in humans (Trinidad and Tobago)†	Sporadic equine and human encephalitis in North America, a small outbreak in Panama in 2010, and only three reported cases in Latin America (Trinidad and Tobago and Brazil)
Western equine encephalitis <sup>43</sup>	<i>Aedes</i> spp; <i>Culex</i> spp	1930 in horses (USA)	1941 (Canada and USA)	Widespread outbreaks of equine epizootics and encephalitis epidemics in western and North America from the 1930s to the 1950s; epizootic outbreaks in 1972–73 and 1982–83 in Argentina; and sporadic cases in South America (Uruguay in 2009)
<b>Flavivirus genus</b>				
Zika <sup>16,17,44</sup>	<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	1947 in a sentinel rhesus monkey (Uganda)	2015 (Brazil)‡	Spread in the Americas from 2015; circulation decreasing in 2017†
Yellow fever <sup>8,45–47</sup>	<i>Haemagogus</i> spp; <i>Sabethes Aedes aegypti</i>	1927 (Ghana)	1648 (Mexico)	13 American countries are considered endemic by WHO; ongoing circulation in Brazil in 2016–17
Dengue <sup>5,48</sup>	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> ; <i>Aedes albopictus</i>	1944 (Japan)	1635 (Caribbean)	Most common arbovirus in Latin America (0.9–2.4 million cases annually in the past decade)*
Rocio <sup>8,49,50</sup>	<i>Psorophora ferox</i>	1975 (Brazil)	1975 (Brazil)	Only one outbreak in Brazil in 1973–80 (about 1000 cases)
Saint Louis encephalitis <sup>8,49,50</sup>	<i>Culex declarator</i> ; <i>Culex coronator</i>	1933 (USA)	1960 in mosquitoes (Brazil)	Ongoing circulation in the Americas from Canada to Argentina
<b>Orthobunyavirus genus</b>				
Oropuche <sup>8,51</sup>	<i>Aedes serratus</i> ; <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i> ; <i>Culicoides paraensis</i>	1955 in humans (Trinidad and Tobago)	1955 in humans (Trinidad and Tobago)	30 major outbreaks since the first isolation of the virus in tropical America; subsequent outbreaks in Latin America (≤100 000 cases); the Oropuche virus is the second most common arbovirus in Brazil

\*Pan American Health Organization website.<sup>52</sup> †Epizootic outbreak reported in 1973 in Latin America. ‡Outbreak of exanthematous illness reported in late 2014. §WHO website.<sup>53</sup>

Table 2: Principal endemic arboviruses in tropical America.

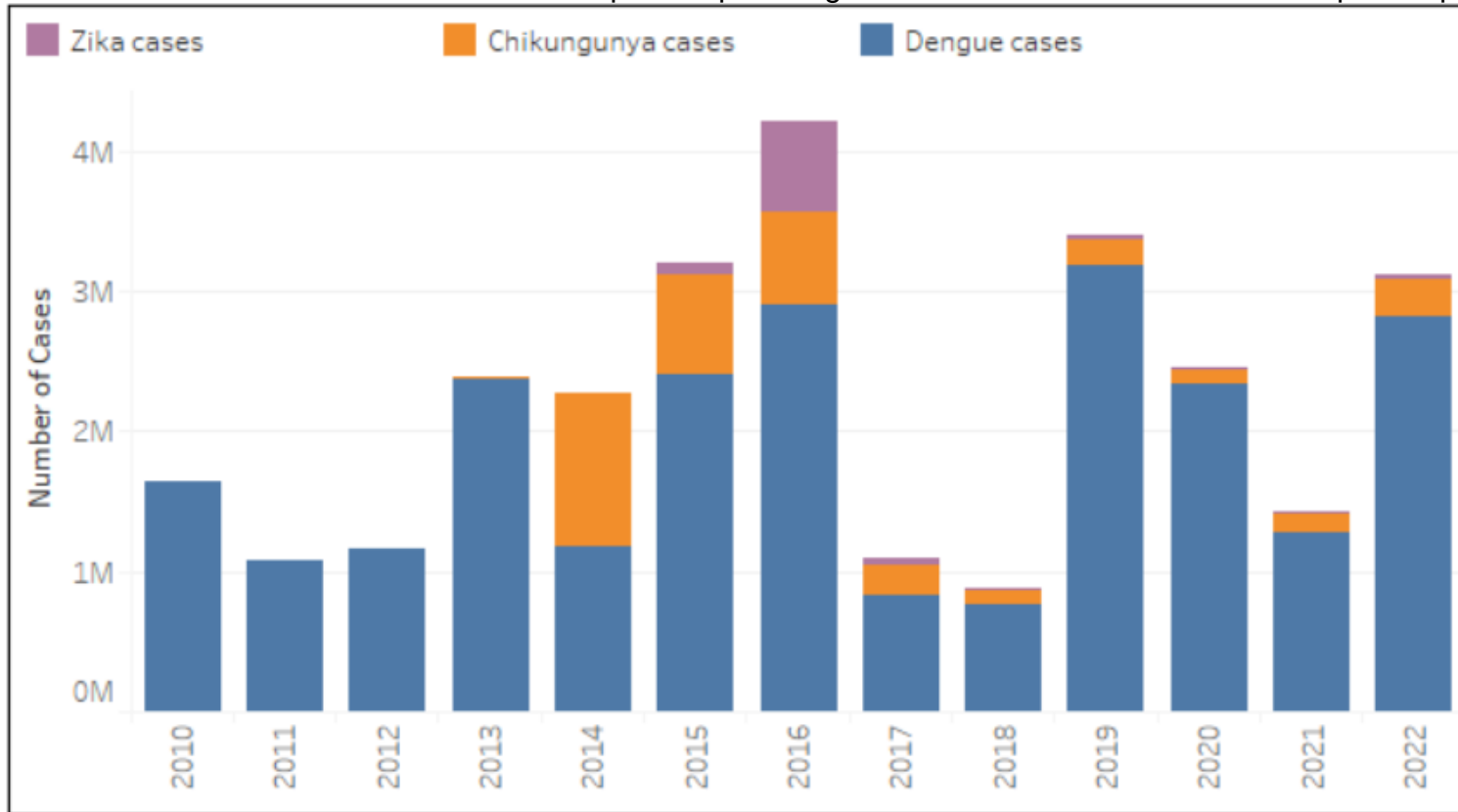
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Updated data as of epidemiological week 52 for Dengue, 52 for chikungunya and 52 for Zika of 2022

### DENGUE

2,811,433 cases  
 283.39 cases x 100,000 Pop.  
 4,607 severe dengue (0.2%)  
 1,290 deaths  
 0.046% case fatality rate (CFR)  
 Nicaragua is the country with the highest cumulative incidence

### CHIKUNGUNYA

273,685 cases  
 27.55 cases x 100,000 Pop.  
 87 deaths  
 0.032 % case fatality rate (CFR)  
 Belize is the country with the highest cumulative incidence

### ZIKA

40,249 cases  
 4.05 cases x 100,000 Pop.  
 2 death  
 0.005 % case fatality rate (CFR)  
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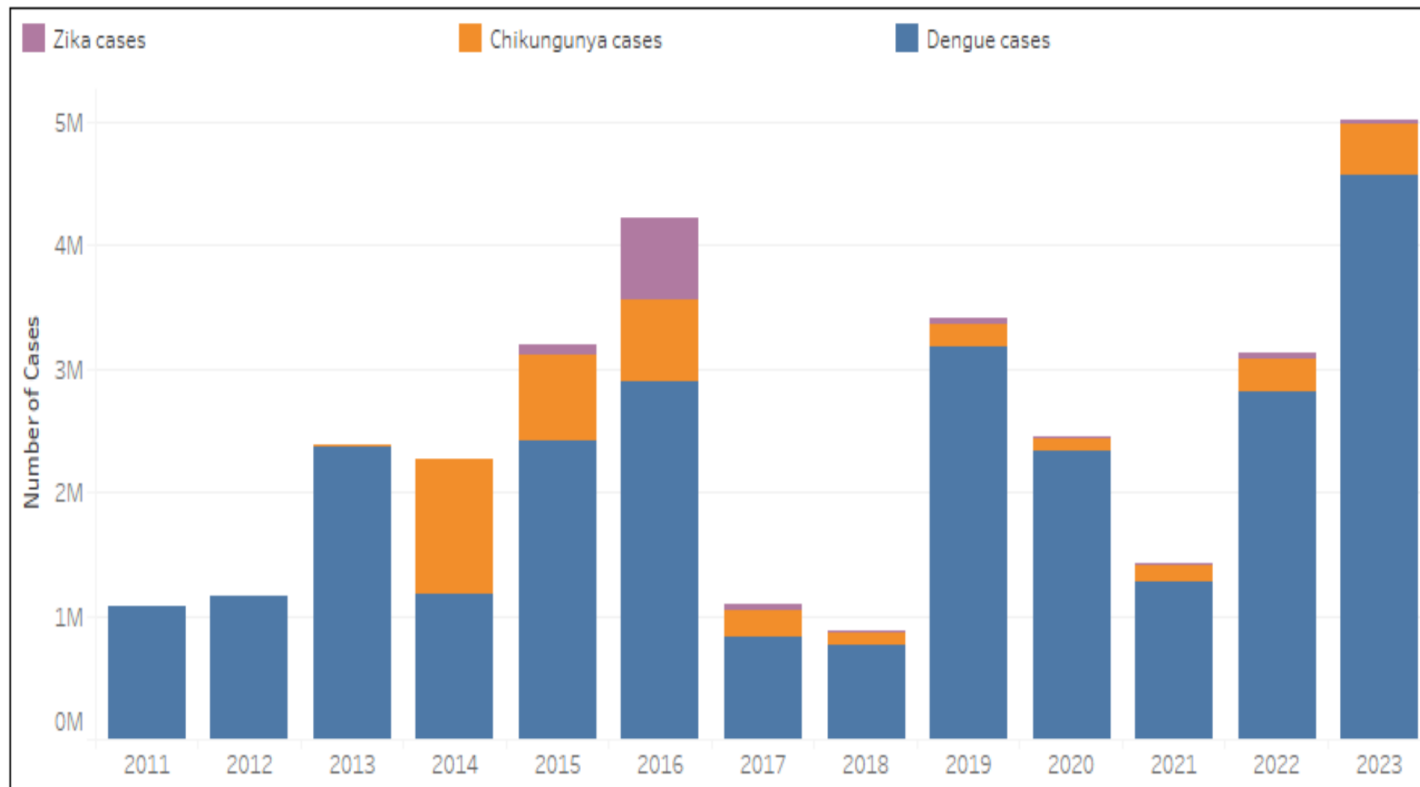


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## DENGUE

4,566,906 cases

470.25 cases x 100,000 Pop.

7,656 severe dengue (0.2%)

2,341 deaths

0.051% case fatality rate (CFR)

Saint Bartolome is he country with the highest cumulative incidence

## CHIKUNGUNYA

410,017 cases

40.56 cases x 100,000 Pop.

411 deaths

0.100 % case fatality rate (CFR)

Paraguay is he country with the highest cumulative incidence

## ZIKA

36,738 cases

3.70 cases x 100,000 Pop.

2 deaths

0.005 % case fatality rate (CFR)

Belize is he country with the highest cumulative incidence

# Unraveling the unparalleled 2024 epidemic of Dengue in the Americas

## Desentrañando la incomparable epidemia de dengue de 2024 en Las Américas

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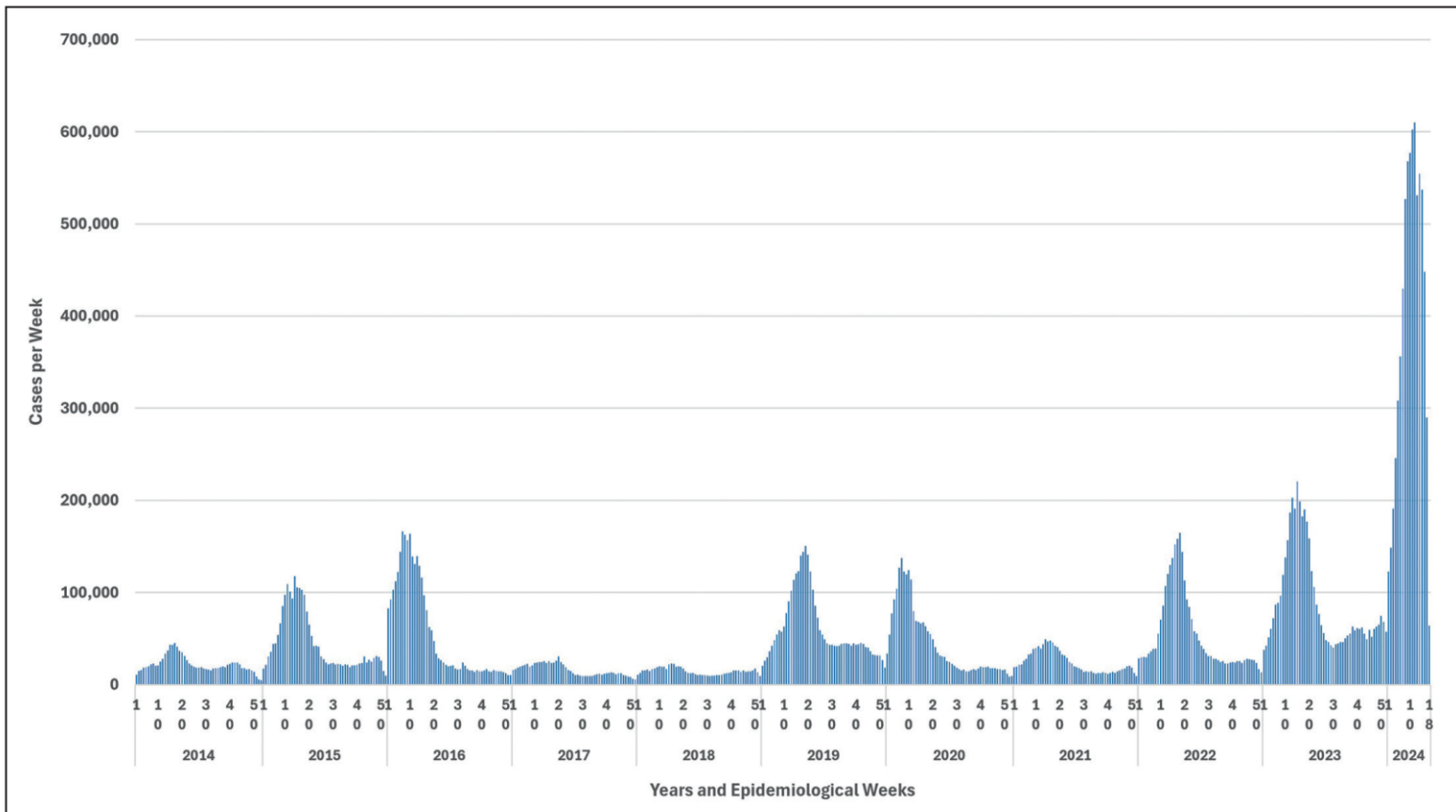


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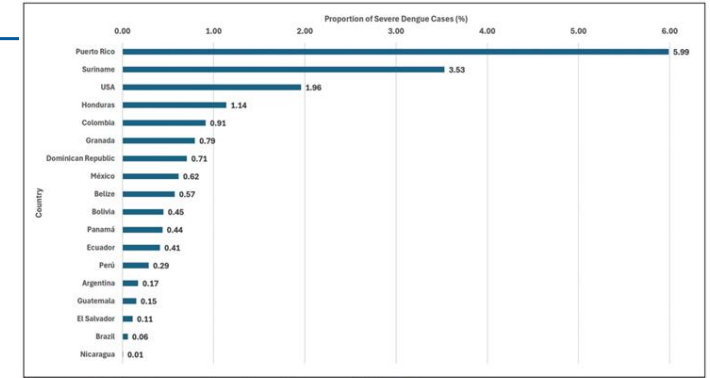


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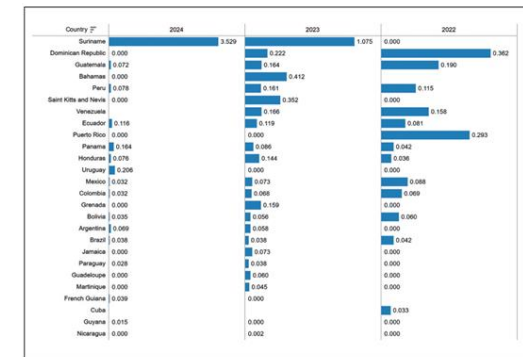


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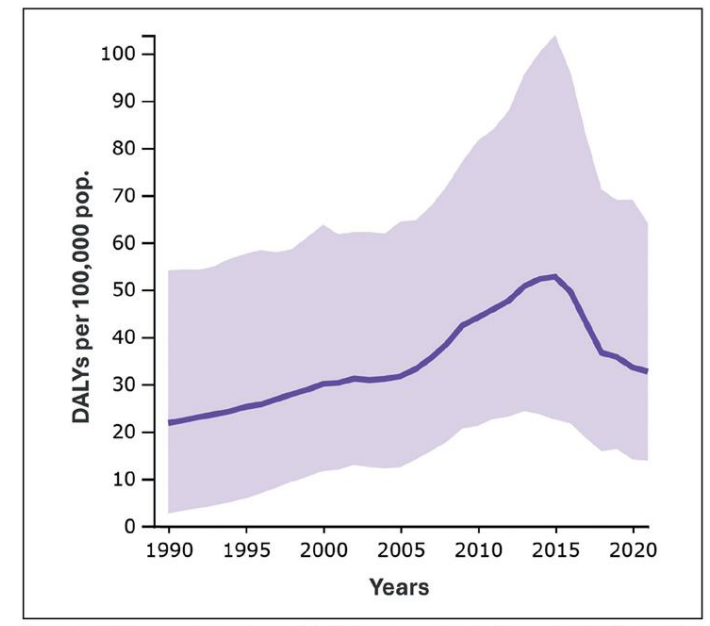


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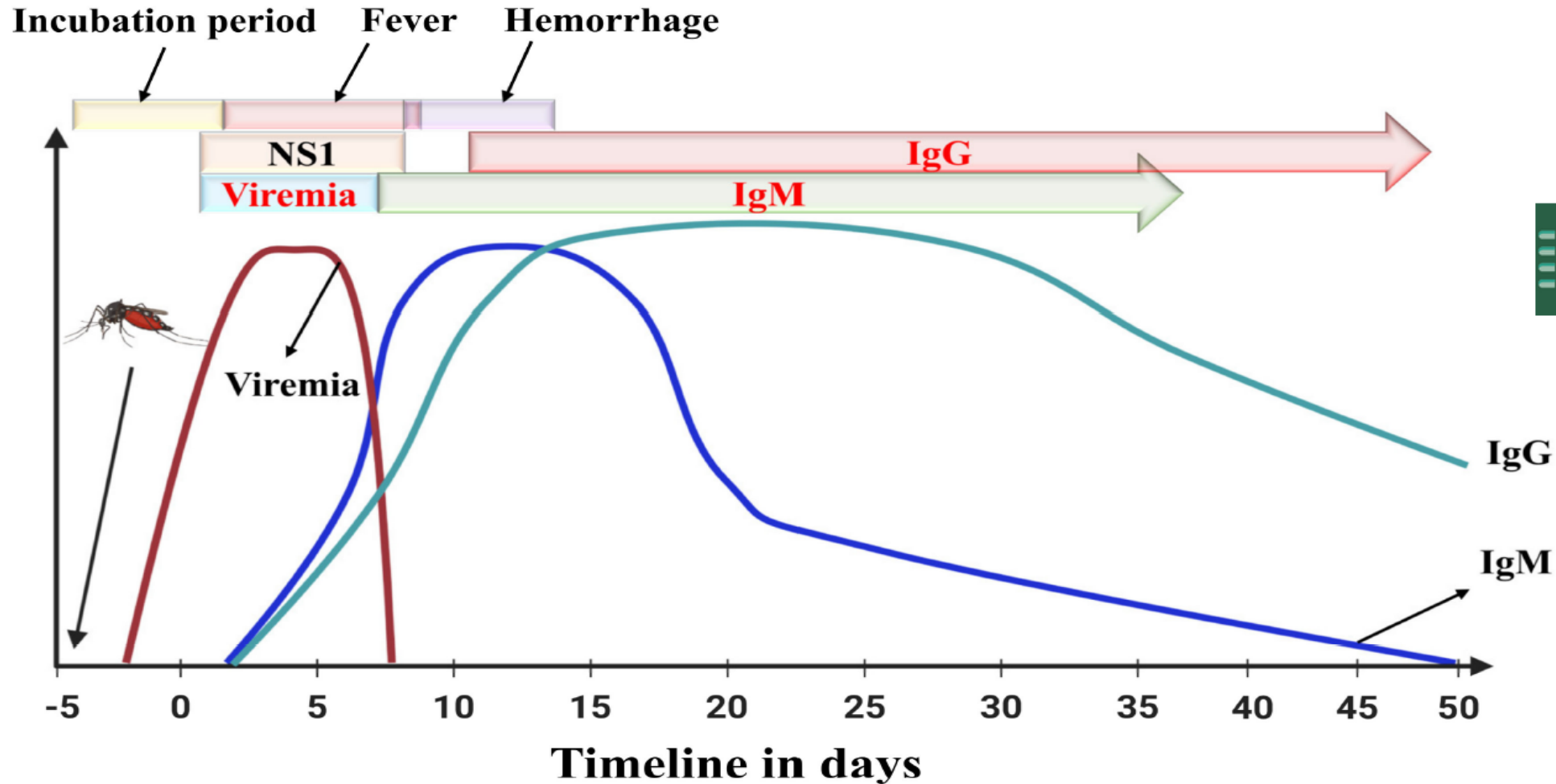
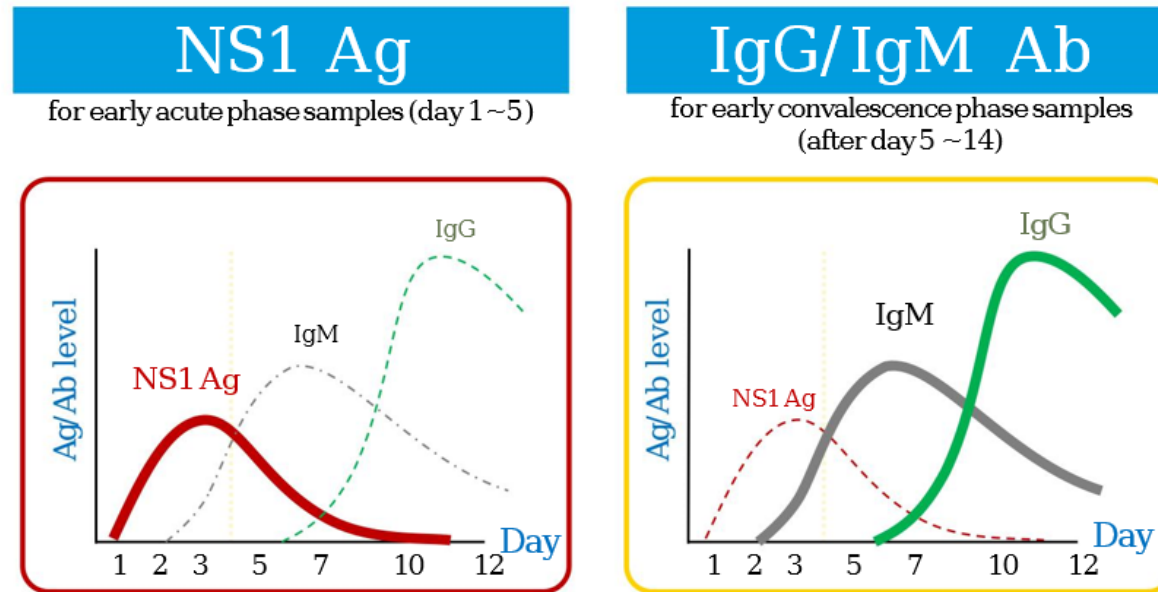


Figure 3. Immune response by the human body against the first invasion of the Dengue virus.

# Detección dual de Ag y Ac - Dengue Duo

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Ejemplo: Día 3 desde el inicio de la fiebre

- Infección primaria: NS1 Ag y/o IgM POSITIVO
- Infección secundaria: IgG POSITIVA

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Table 1. Summary of conventional and POC detection methods with their advantages and limitations.

Detection Method	Advantages	Limitations	Target
Serological	Comparatively fast, easier to execute, less expensive	Expensive device required shows cross-reactivity	NS1, IgA, IgG and IgM
PCR	Accurate, early stage detection, multiplexibility, highly sensitive and specific, selective	Only suitable for high resource available settings, skilled personnel needed, prone to contamination, laborious and time consuming	RNA
Isothermal	Fast, no need of thermocycler, simpler than PCR, early stage detection	Less multiplexibility than PCR, prone to primer dimer due to high no of primers.	RNA
SPR	Real time detection, label free, low sample consumption, early detection capability.	Lower sensitivity, susceptible to nonspecific binding	NS1, IgG and IgM
EIS	Inexpensive, label free, high throughput, sensitive, requires a low volume of samples.	Cumbersome sample preprocessing, requires cleanroom access (sometimes),	RNA, NS1
SERS	Highly specific, simple sample preparation, high throughput	Lacks robustness and reproducibility, highly expensive Raman reader	NS1, DENV Gene
LOC	Disposable, automation potential, cheaper, POC applicable, low reagent consumption, sample-in and answer-out	Manual sample loading, requires an expensive device fabrication process (sometimes),	IgM/IgG, NS1, E, and RNA
LFA	Easy, fast, no sample processing, cheaper than conventional methods.	Mishandling can be occurred, cross-reactivity, qualitative/semi-qualitative result	NS1, IgG, IgM, IgA,
LODc	Disposable, automation potential, cheaper, POC applicable, low reagent consumption	Labor intensive, requires 3D printing access, expensive equipment for device fabrication	RNA
$\mu$ PAD	Disposable, automation potential, cheaper, POC applicable, low reagent consumption, smartphone integration	Manual sample loading, lower sensitivity, qualitative/semi-qualitative result	NS1, IgM
Microarray	Multiplexity, higher sensitivity, high throughput	Expensive, skilled personnel needed, lengthy time of execution, not POC applicable	Gene expression of DENV
Threads	Disposable, biocompatible, reproducible, cheaper, portable, readily available	Early stage of development, flow manipulation	Anti-DENV antibody
CRISPR	Rapid, highly sensitive, cheaper, simple	non-specific binding,	RNA



# Contribución de la prueba rápida NS1 e IgM al diagnóstico de dengue en Colombia en el periodo pre-zika

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Tabla 1. Definiciones de uso solo y combinado de diagnóstico clínico y pruebas rápidas de dengue

Método diagnóstico	Uso	Resultado diagnóstico clínico	Resultado prueba NS1	Resultado prueba IgM	Interpretación
NS1	Solo NS1		Positivo Negativo		Positivo Negativo
IgM	Solo IgM			Positivo Negativo	Positivo Negativo
NS1/IgM	Simultáneo NS1/IgM		Positivo Positivo Negativo Negativo	Positivo Negativo Positivo Negativo	Positivo Positivo Positivo Negativo
Clinico	Solo médico	Positivo Negativo			Positivo Negativo
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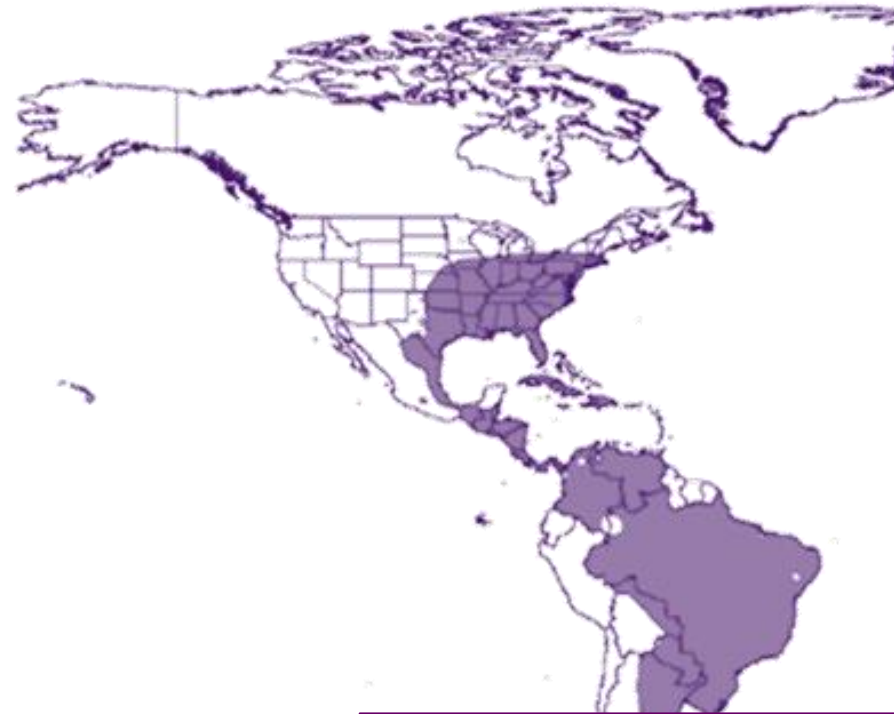
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Figura 4. Distribución del *Ae. aegypti* en las Américas.\*



\* Adaptado de Arias, 2002.<sup>60</sup>

Figura 5. Distribución aproximada del *Ae. albopictus* en las Américas.\*



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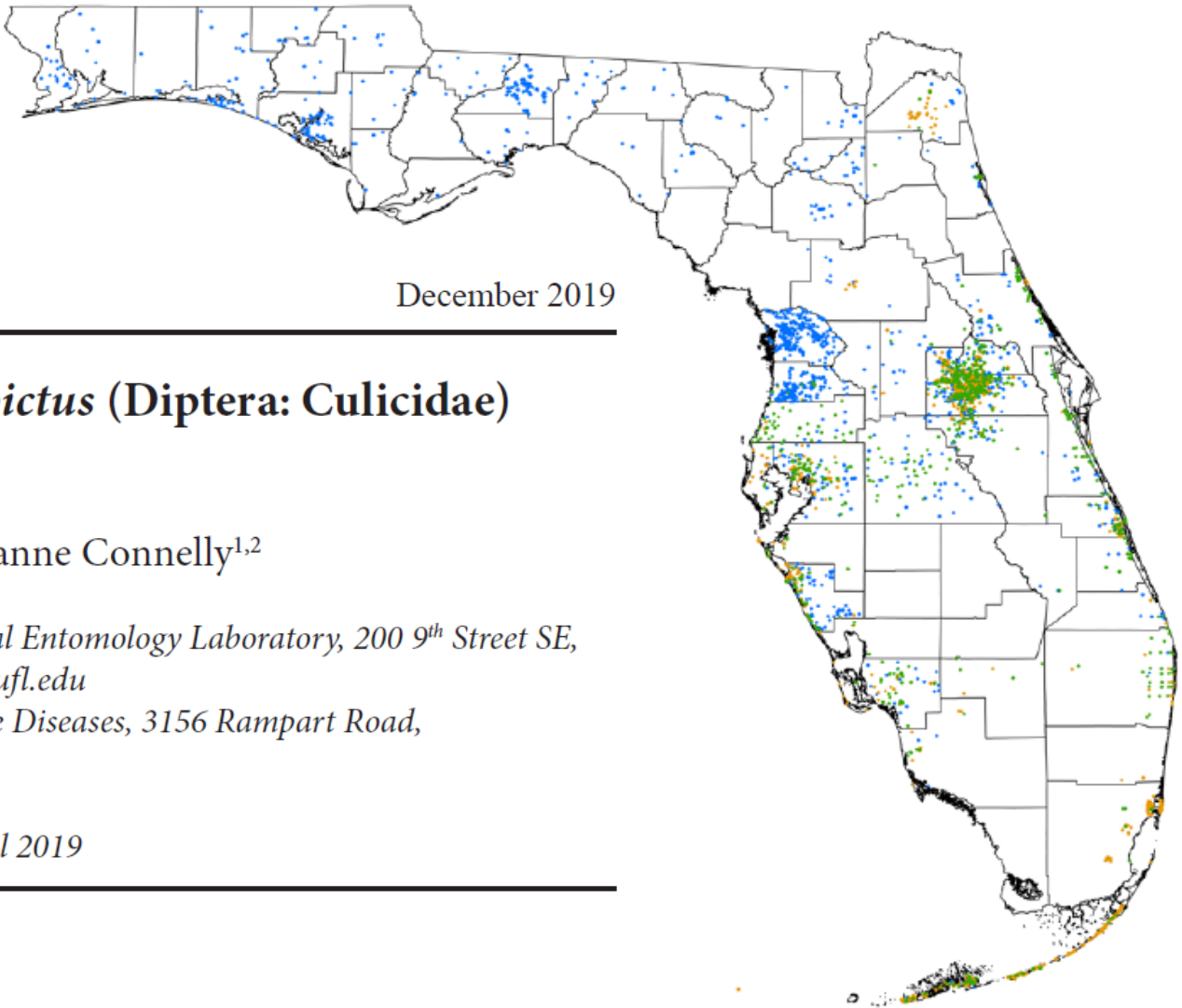
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**State-wide survey of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* (Diptera: Culicidae) in Florida**

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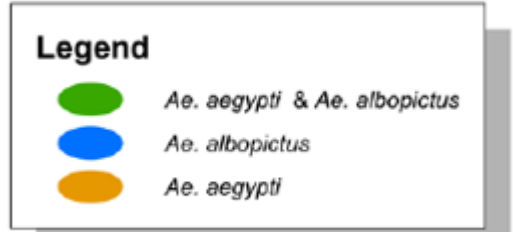




Figure 2. Estimated distribution of *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* in Florida based on positive collections and identifications made from 2011-2018 overlaid on the 1995 *Aedes aegypti* distribution published by Bargielowski and Lounibos (2016).





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## DISPATCHES

# Autochthonous Dengue Outbreak, Paris Region, France, September–October 2023

Marta Zatta,<sup>1</sup> Ségolène Brichler, William Vindrios, Giovanna Melica, Sébastien Gallien<sup>1</sup>**Table.** Clinical and laboratory findings in an outbreak of autochthonous dengue, Paris Region, France, September–October 2023\*

Clinical, epidemiologic and laboratory parameters	Case-patient 1			Case-patient 2	Case-patient 3
Date of symptom onset	Sep 13			Sep 11	Sep 14
Symptoms	Fever, malaise, frontal headache, nausea and vomiting			Fever, malaise, frontal headache, and maculopapular rash	Fever, chills, frontal headache, myalgia, papular rash, and trunk and upper limbs itching
Date of symptom resolution	Sep 21			Sep 14	Sep 21
Epidemiologic link	Index case			Household contact of index case	Household contact of index case
Sample collection dates	Sep 19	Sep 22	Oct 7	Oct 13	Oct 13
Delay between sample collection and symptom onset, d	7	10	25	33	30
DENV RNA in blood	DENV-2†	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
DENV NS1 antigen	Positive‡	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested	Not tested
DENV IgM	Not tested	Positive.§ r = 72	Positive.§ r = 70	Positive,¶ r = 30	Positive,¶ r = 28
DENV IgG	Not tested	Negative.§ r < 5	Positive.§ r = 12	Positive,¶ r = 15	Positive,¶ r = 17

\*DENV, dengue virus; NS1, nonstructural protein 1; r, ratio; RT-PCR, reverse transcription PCR.

†DENV RNA was amplified, after purifying total nucleic acids from plasma, by real-time RT-PCR by using Realstar Dengue RT-PCR kit 3.0 and RealStar Dengue Type RT-PCR Kit 1.0 (Altona Diagnostics, <https://www.altona-diagnostics.com>).‡DENV NS1 antigen was detected in plasma by using Dengue NS1 Ag Strips (Biosynex SA, <https://www.biosynex.com>) immunochromatographic assay.  
§DENV IgM and IgG were detected by using Virclia Dengue IgM/IgG (Orgentec, <https://www.orgentec.com/en>) chemiluminescence immunoassay; results are positive if r > 11.

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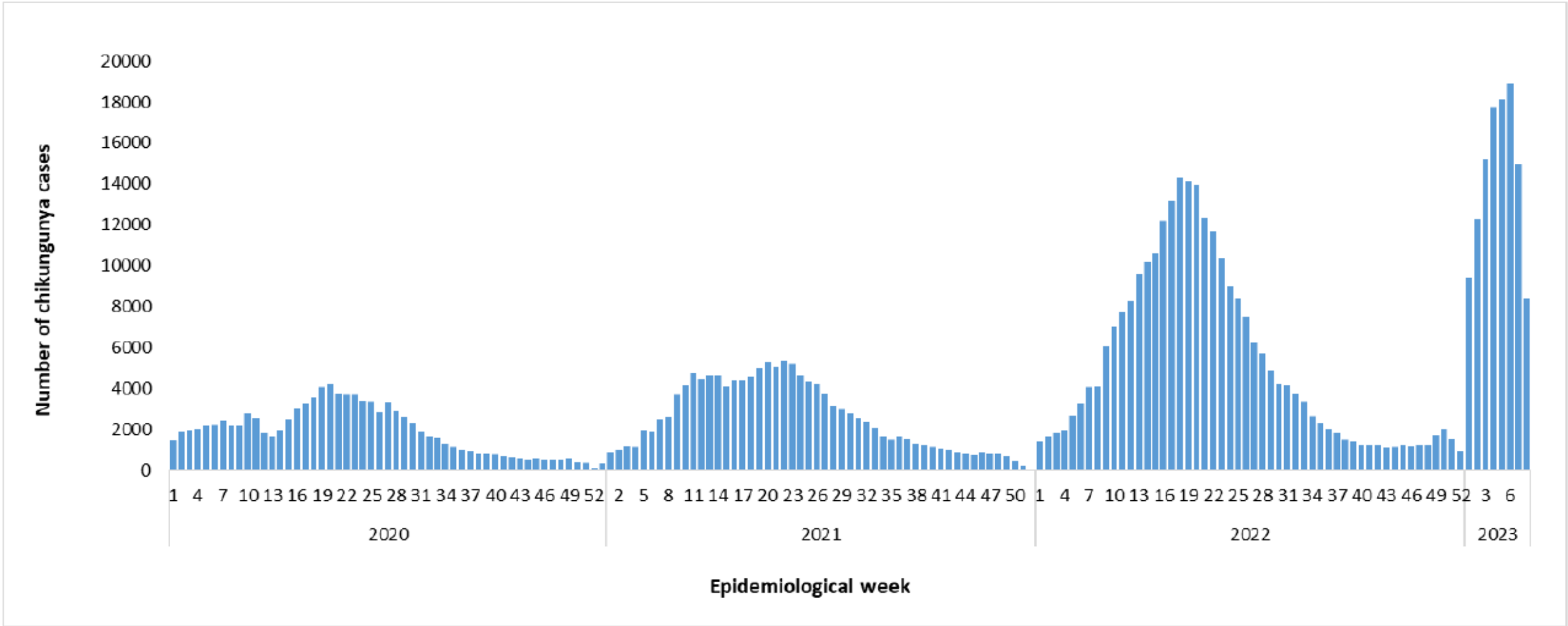
## Epidemiological Alert Increase in cases and deaths from chikungunya in the Region of the Americas

8 March 2023

In 2022, the Region of the Americas registered an increase in the number of cases and deaths from chikungunya above the numbers reported in previous years. Moreover, in the current season, an expansion of the disease occurrence has been observed beyond the historical areas of transmission reported since 2014.

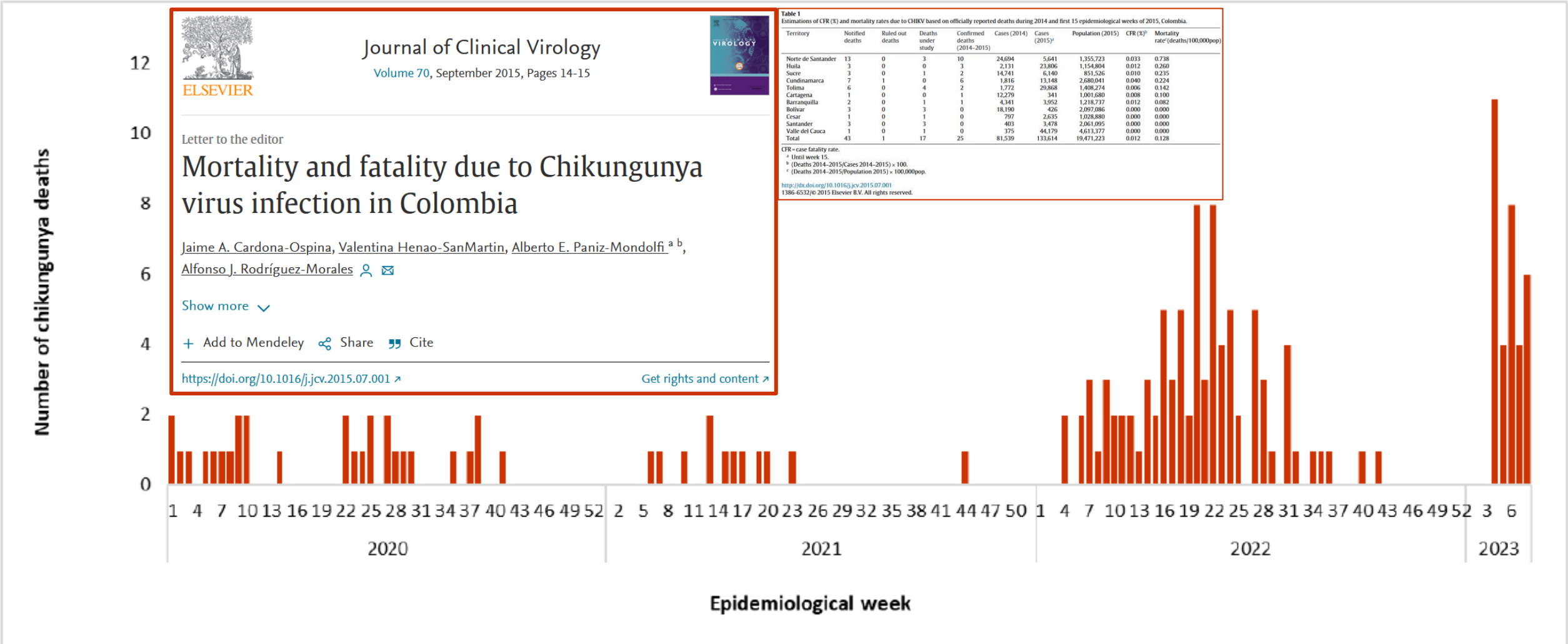
This trend has continued during the first weeks of 2023, in which this increase in cases and deaths has become even more evident representing an unusual behavior. Given this situation, the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) reiterates that Member States intensify actions to prepare health care services, including the diagnosis and proper management of cases; and to strengthen prevention and vector control measures to reduce the impact of this and other arboviral diseases.

**Figure 1.** Chikungunya cases by epidemiological week (EW) of report. Region of the Americas, 2020-2023 (until EW 8 of 2023).



**Source:** PAHO/WHO Health Information Platform for the Americas (PLISA per its acronym in Spanish) as provided by Ministries and Institutes of Health of the countries and territories of the Region of the Americas. Washington DC: PAHO. Accessed 8 March 2023. Available from: <https://bit.ly/3F5JFEg>

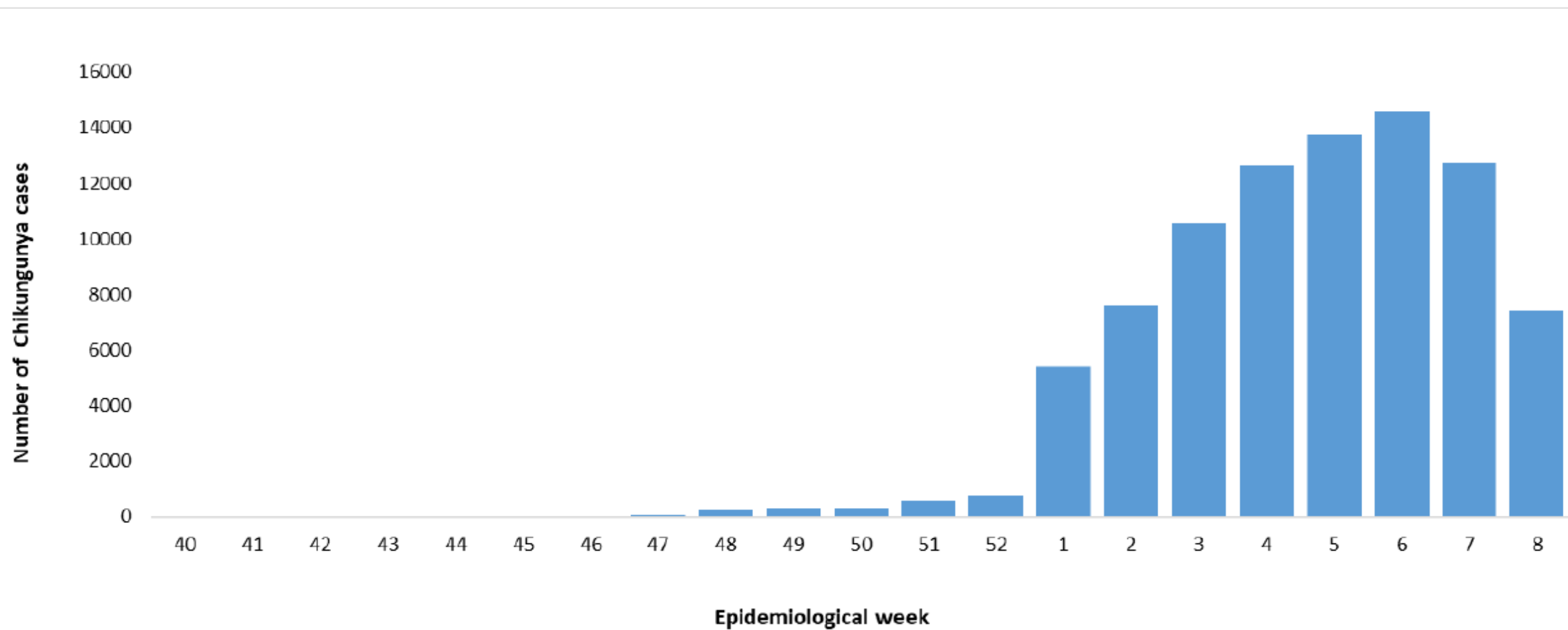
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**Figure 3.** Chikungunya cases by EW of report. Paraguay 2022-2023 (up to EW 8, 2023)




Source: National Programme on Vector Diseases - DIVET - DGVS. Ministry of Public Health of Paraguay





# Affected Countries 2023 - CHIKV

- In the first four months of 2023, an increase in the circulation of chikungunya was detected in the region, with more than **214,000** reported cases.
  - The most affected country is **Paraguay**, which registers the worst epidemic in its history, with **138,730** cases.
  - **Argentina and Uruguay** also reported local transmission for the first time in 2023, and **Bolivia** recorded high levels of chikungunya transmission (1,150 cases).
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- Recent report of cases in Uruguay
- At Paysandú and Montevideo
- Patients with no history of recent travel



## Comunicado



Montevideo, 21 de abril de 2023

### *Aedes aegypti* y chikungunya

Se informa a la población que en las últimas horas se confirmaron casos de infección por virus Chikungunya en personas **sin antecedentes de viaje** residentes en la ciudad de Paysandú. **A la fecha el total de casos es de 7.** Todas ellas han cursado la enfermedad en forma **ambulatoria con buena evolución.**

Ante este hallazgo, se debe considerar que existe por primera vez en Uruguay evidencia de circulación viral en la **ciudad de Paysandú**, constituyendo un brote de enfermedad por virus Chikungunya.



Montevideo, 13 de mayo de 2023

### Enfermedad por virus Chikungunya en Montevideo

Se informa a la población que en las últimas horas se confirmó un caso de enfermedad por virus **Chikungunya en una persona sin antecedentes de viaje residente en Montevideo**, que cursó la enfermedad en forma ambulatoria y con buena evolución. En respuesta a este hallazgo, se han intensificado las acciones de vigilancia y control según protocolo.

Tal como se ha comunicado, Uruguay registró en los últimos años un número variable de casos importados de esta enfermedad, habiéndose identificado casos autóctonos en el departamento de Paysandú en el pasado mes de abril.

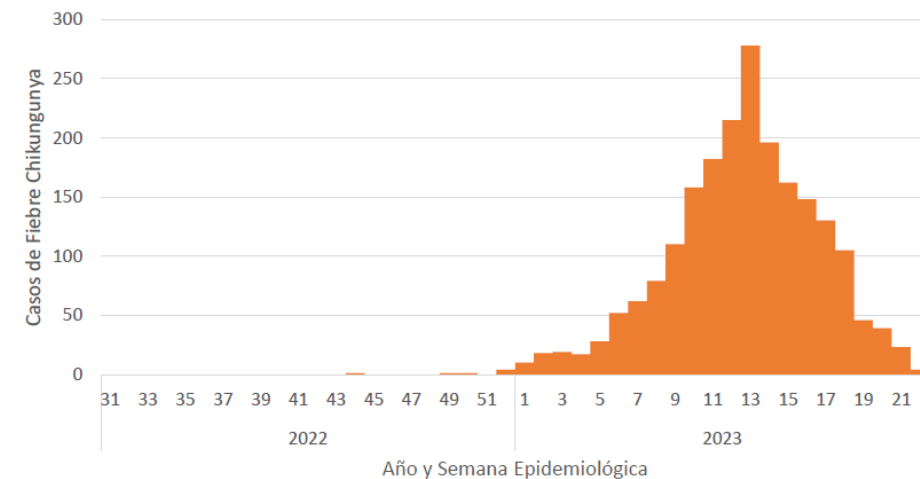


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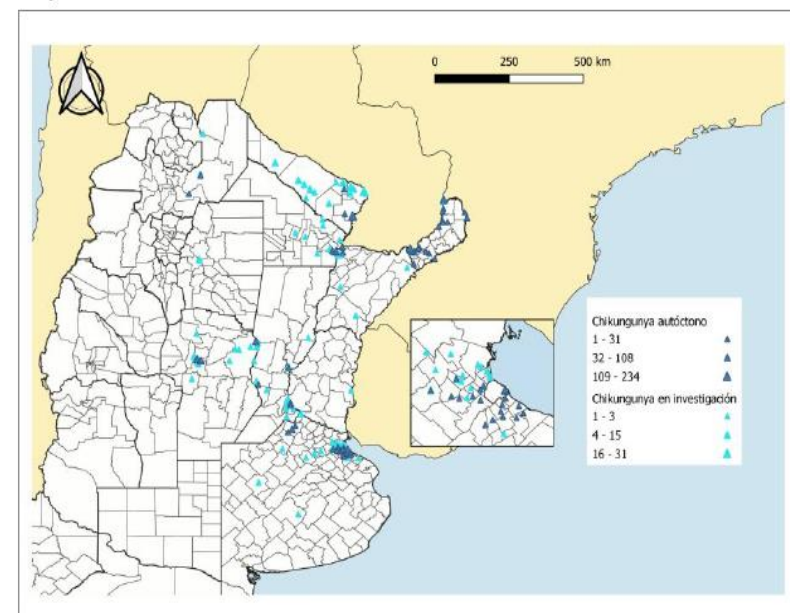
Tabla 3. Casos de fiebre chikungunya por provincia según antecedente de viaje. SE 31/2022 a 22/2023.

Provincia	Autóctonos*	En investigación*	Importados*	Total casos de Chikungunya	Investigados
Buenos Aires	468	67	121	656	4.140
CABA	97	2	68	167	614
Córdoba	169	17	9	195	2.252
Entre Ríos	0	1	0	1	31
Santa Fe	113	23	6	142	1.473
<b>Centro</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>1.161</b>	<b>8.510</b>
Mendoza	0	1	2	3	14
San Juan	0	0	0	0	1
San Luis	0	0	1	1	21
<b>Cuyo</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>
Chaco	31	13	8	52	457
Corrientes	100	10	12	122	224
Formosa	238	112	53	403	1.743
Misiones	220	64	39	323	642
<b>NEA</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>3.066</b>
Catamarca	0	0	0	0	4
Jujuy	0	1	0	1	258
La Rioja	0	0	0	0	28
Salta	16	2	0	18	159
Santiago del Estero	0	2	0	2	13
Tucumán	0	0	0	0	42
<b>NOA</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>504</b>
Chubut	0	0	0	0	2
La Pampa	0	0	0	0	4
Neuquén	0	0	1	1	3
Río Negro	0	0	0	0	1
Santa Cruz	0	0	1	1	7
Tierra del Fuego	0	0	0	0	2
Sur	0	0	2	2	19
<b>Total PAIS</b>	<b>1.452</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>2.088</b>	<b>12.135</b>

Gráfico 11. Casos de Chikungunya por SE epidemiológica. SE 31/2022 a SE 22/2023, Argentina.



Mapa 3. Casos de chikungunya según antecedente de viaje y localidad de residencia. Argentina. SE 31/2022 a SE 21/2023.





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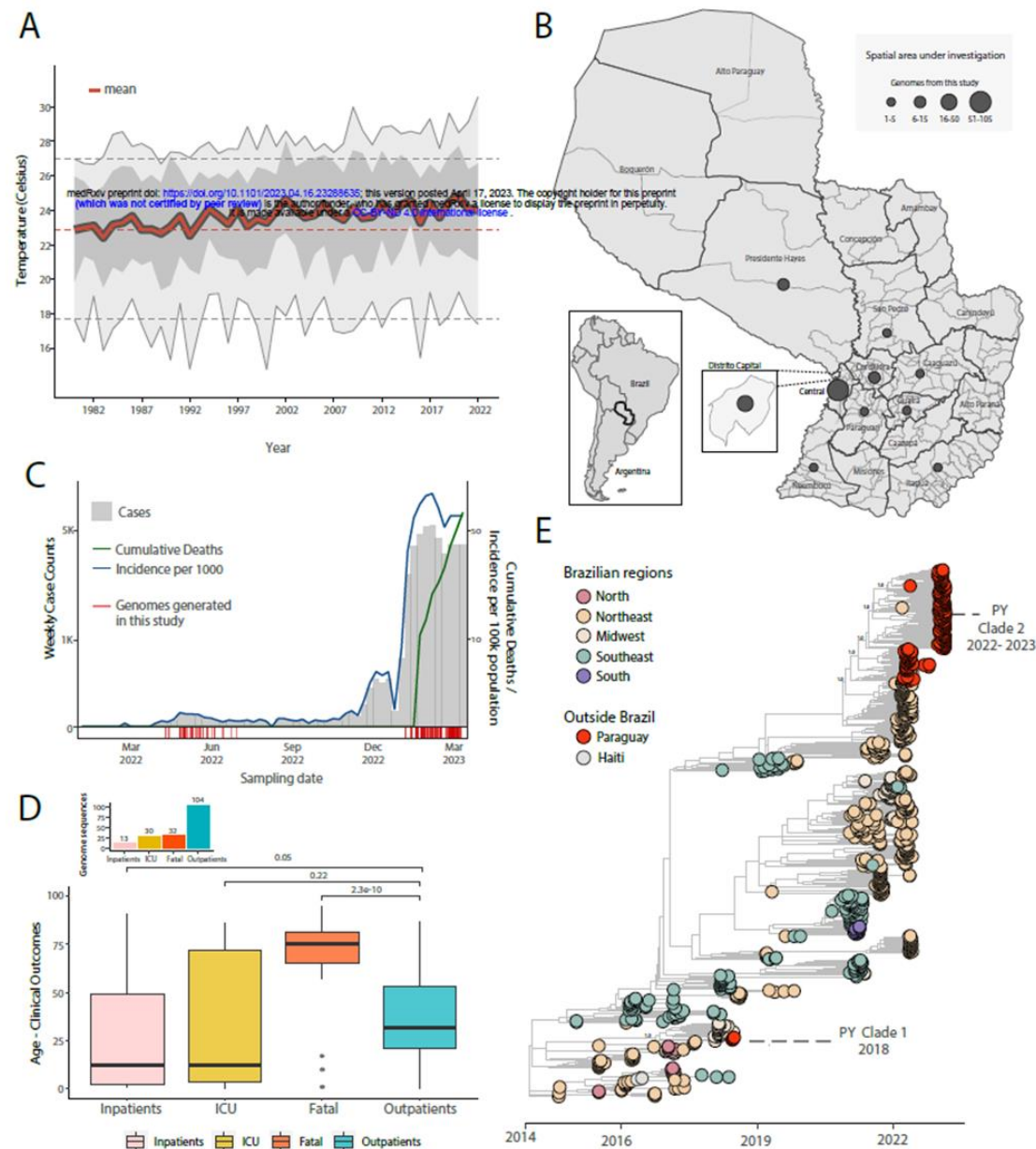
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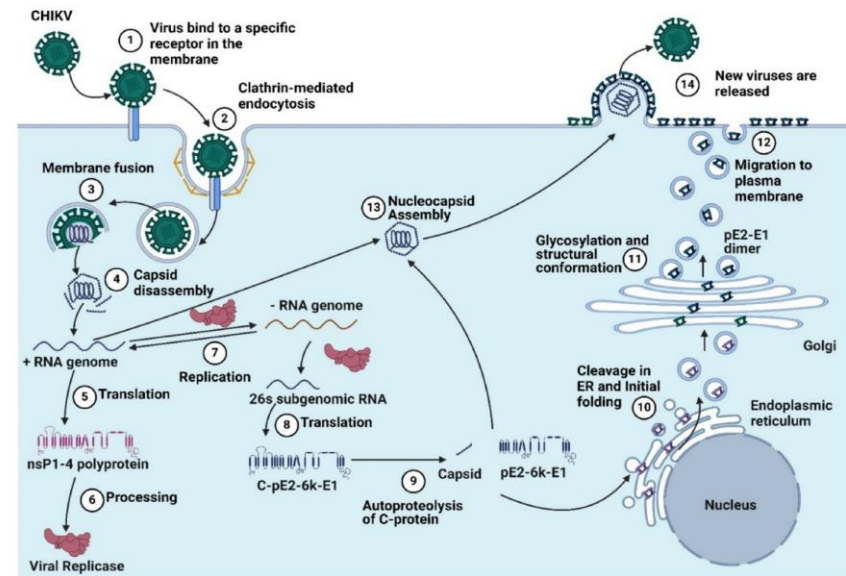


FIGURE 1  
 The chikungunya virus replication cycle includes (1) virus binding to a specific receptor in the membrane, (2) clathrin-mediated endocytosis, (3) membrane fusion, (4) capsid disassembly, (5) translation, (6) processing, (7) replication, (8) 26's subgenomic RNA translation, (9) autoproteolysis, (10) cleavage in the endoplasmic reticulum and initial folding, and (11). Glycosylation and structural conformation, (12) migration to the plasma membrane, (13) nucleocapsid assembly, and (14) the release of new viruses (Created by using Biorender.com).

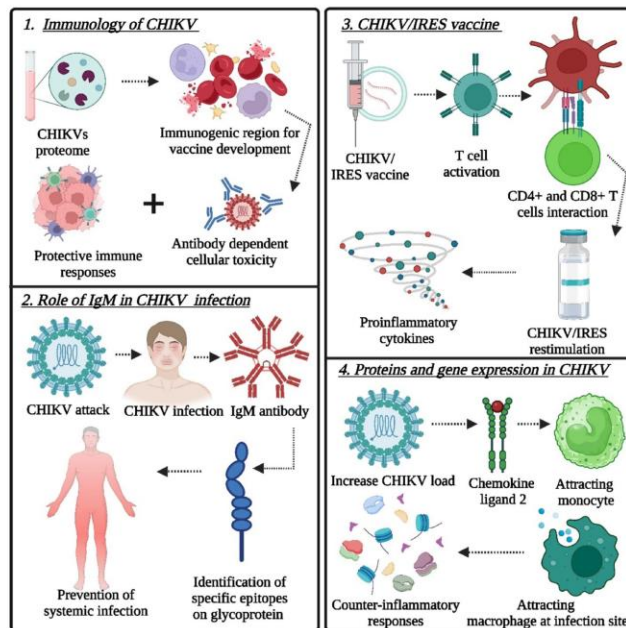


FIGURE 2  
 Target points of the immune system for the design and development of novel immunotherapeutics (vaccine technology): (1) role of protective immune responses, (2) role of IgM in CHIKV infection, (3) CHIKV/IRES vaccine for the induction of proinflammatory cytokines after CHIKV/IRES re-stimulation, and (4) proteins and gene expression in CHIKV (Created by using Biorender.com).

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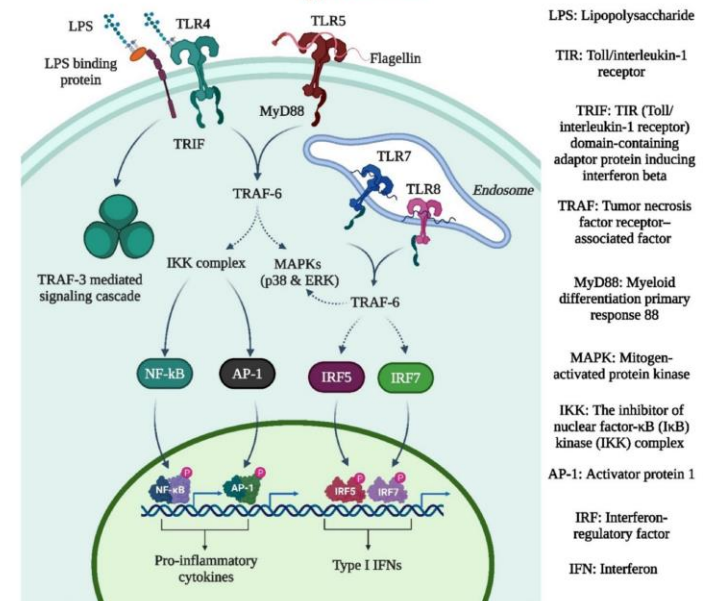


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TABLE 1 CHIKV vaccine clinical trials are registered on the following websites: <https://www.clinicaltrials.gov> and <https://www.anzctr.org.au>.

Vaccine candidate	Clinical trial status	Intervention (Biological – B, Drug – D)	Sponsored by	Collaborator	Clinical trial registration no.	Study Status	Sex	Age	Phase	Enrollment	Study design Allocation: na intervention model	Study type	References
Pxxv0317	Completed	Biological – Chikv Vlp, Adjuvanted	Bavarian Nordic	Emergent Biosolutions	Nct05065983	Completed	All	Adult	2	25	Single – Group Masking – None (Primary Purpose – Prevention)	Interventional	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05065983?intr=Nct05065983&amp;rank=1">https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05065983?intr=Nct05065983&amp;rank=1</a>
Pxxv031	Recruiting	Biological – Pxxv0317 Vaccine Booster & Placebo Booster	Bavarian Nordic		Nct06007183	Recruiting	All	Child, Adult, Older Adult	3	800	Parallel – Masking: Triple (Participant, Care Provider, Investigator) (Primary Purpose – Prevention)	Interventional	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT06007183?intr=PXVX0317%20vaccine%20booster&amp;rank=1">https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT06007183?intr=PXVX0317%20vaccine%20booster&amp;rank=1</a>
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Review

## Prevention of yellow fever in travellers: an update

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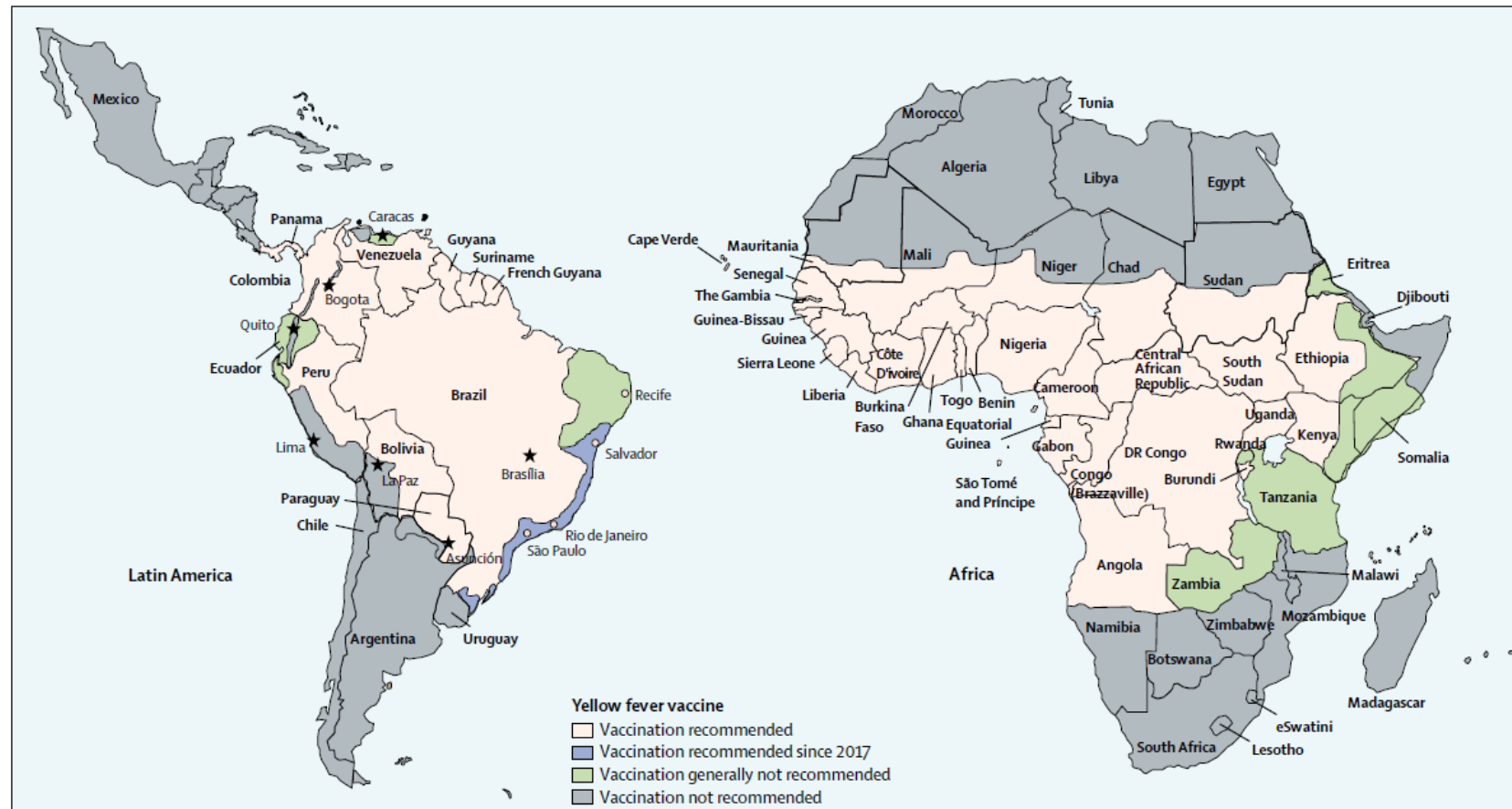


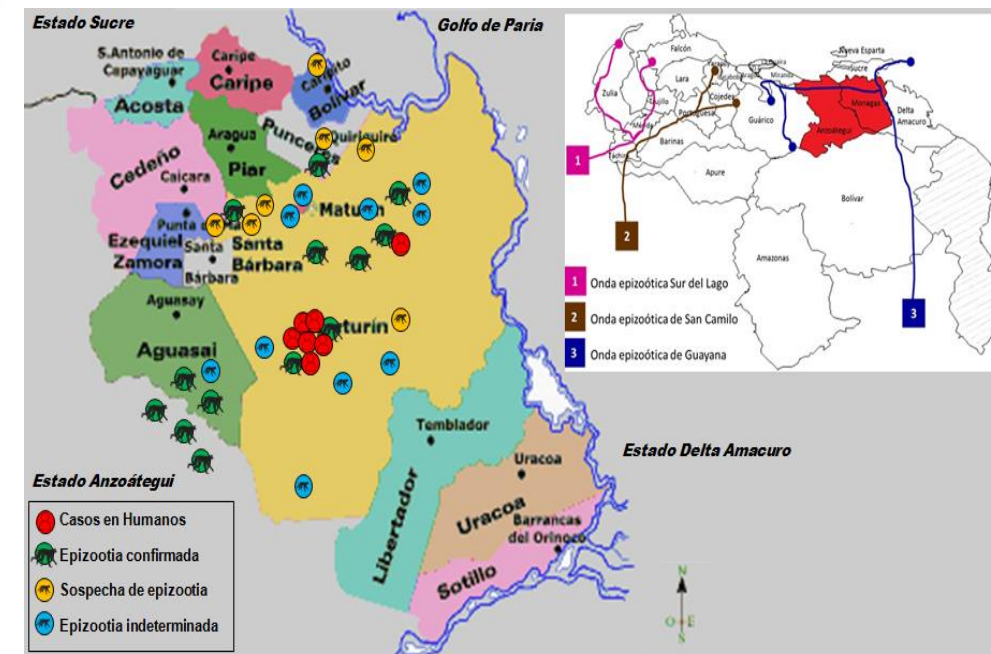
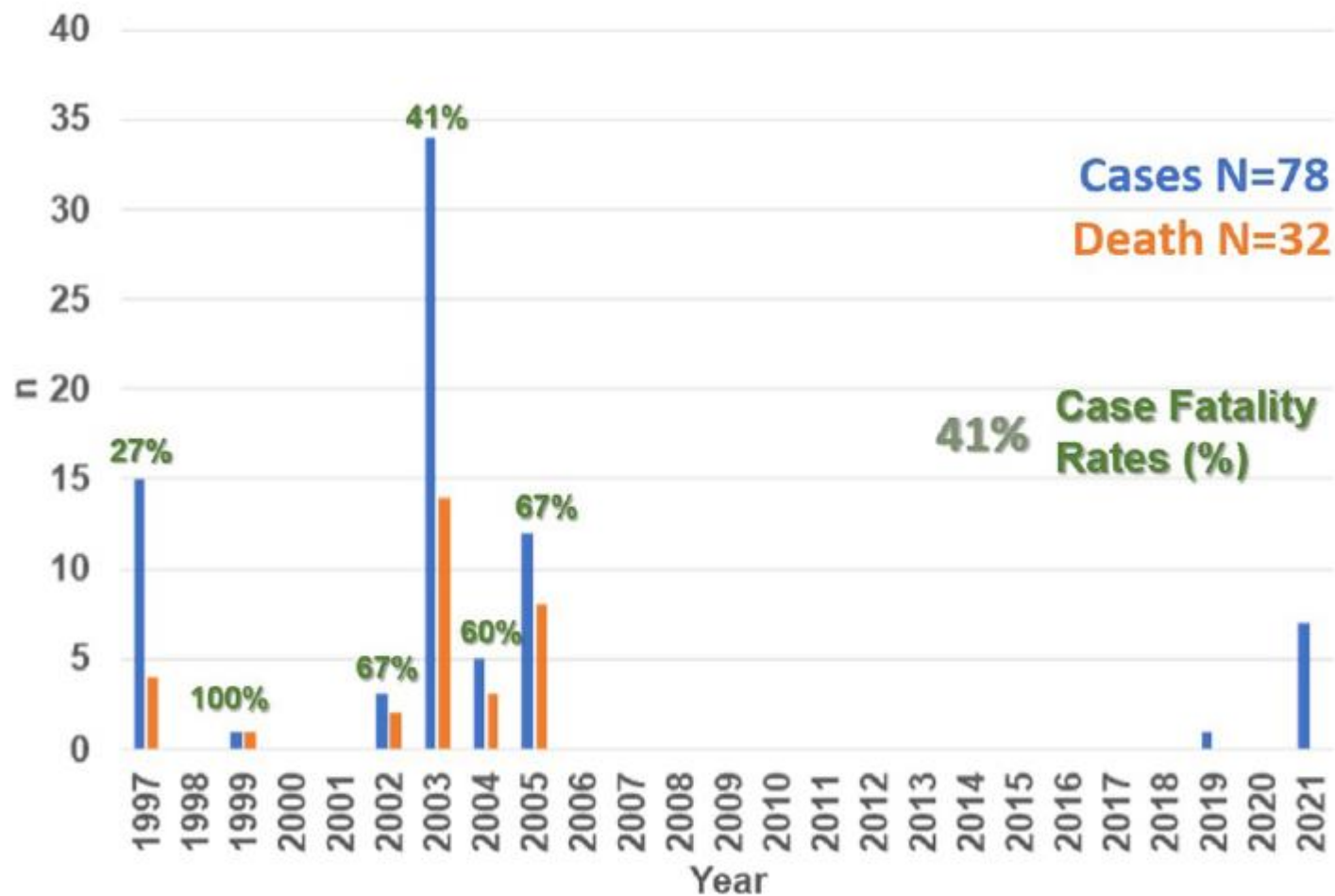


Figure 1: Geographical areas with risk of yellow fever virus transmission in Latin America and Africa



# Yellow fever reemergence in Venezuela – Implications for international travelers and Latin American countries during the COVID-19 pandemic

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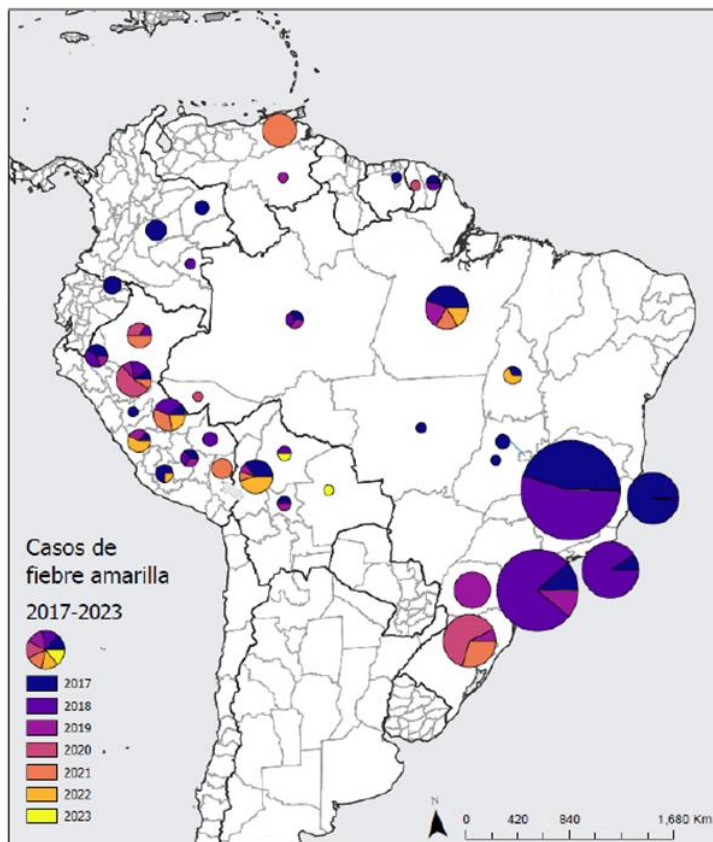
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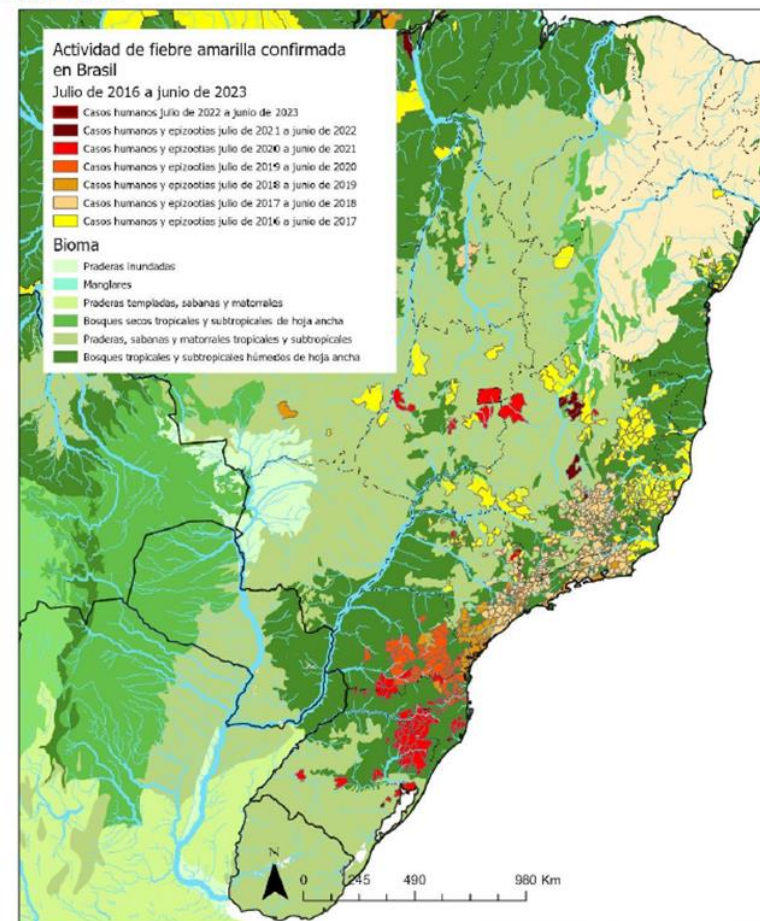
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En lo que va del 2023, se registraron casos humanos en Bolivia (dos) y Brasil (tres).

**Figura 2.** Distribución geográfica de casos de fiebre amarilla en humanos y epizootias. Brasil, enero 2017 a abril 2023.



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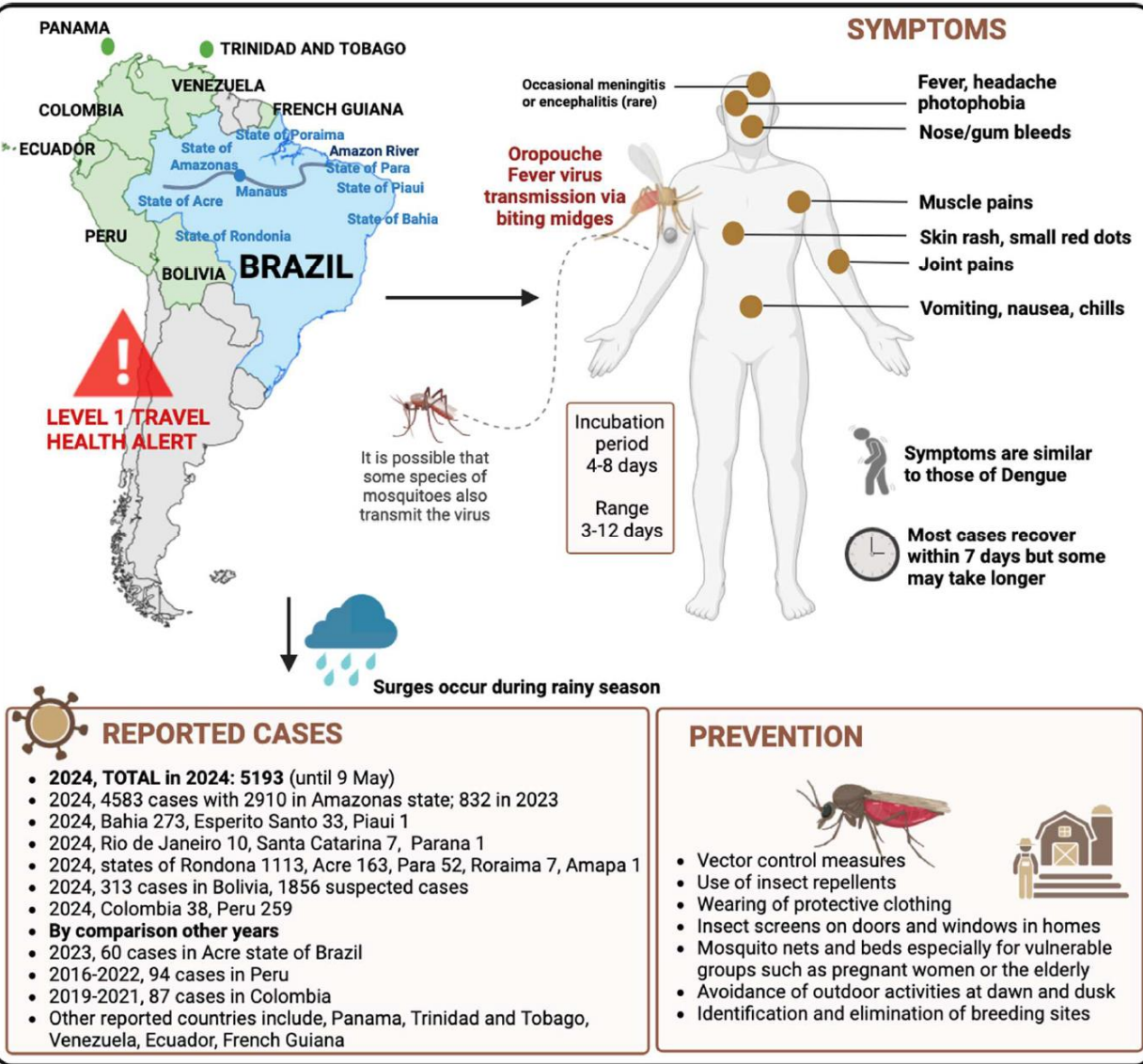
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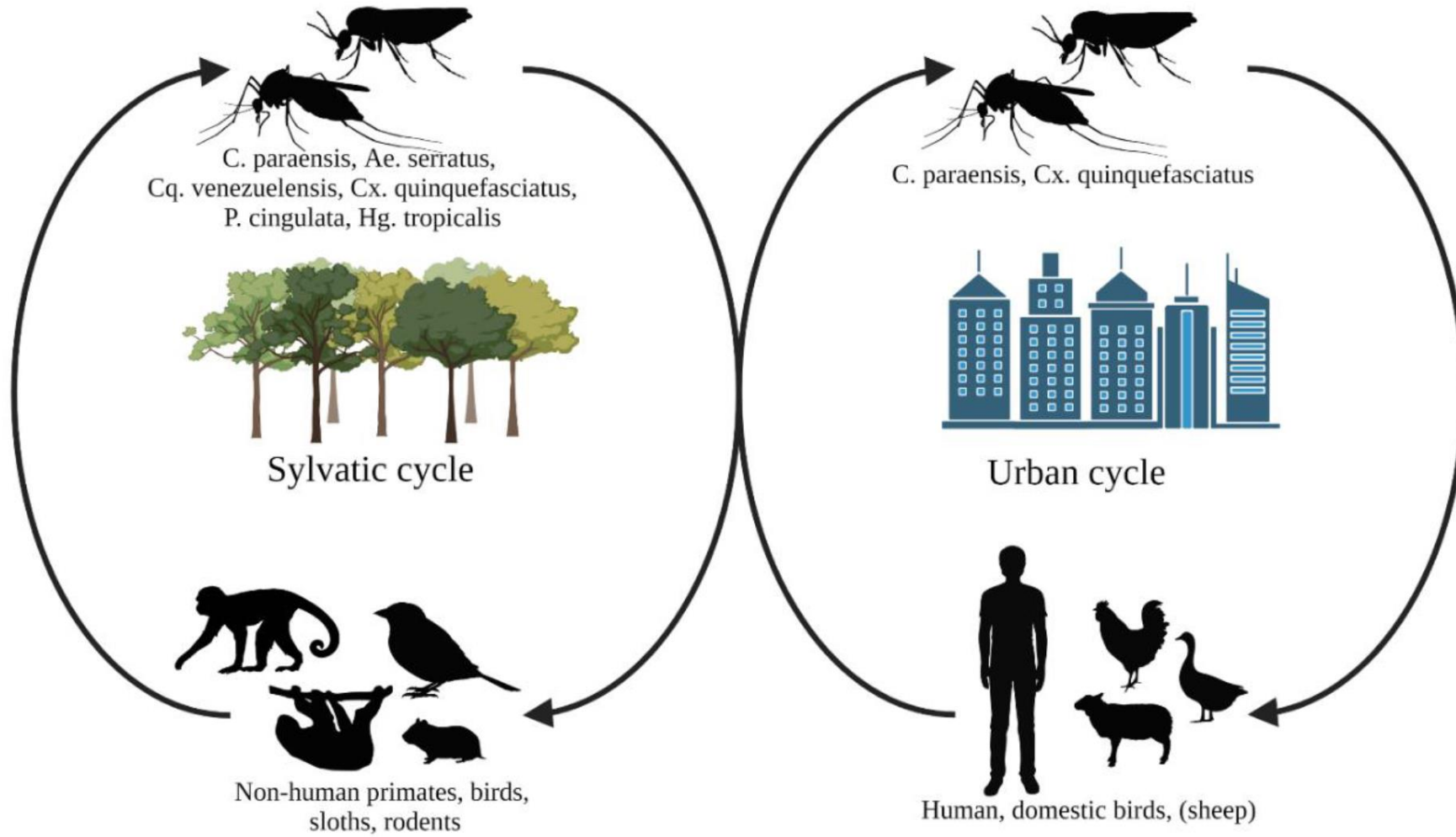
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## Oropouche fever outbreak in Brazil: an emerging concern in Latin America

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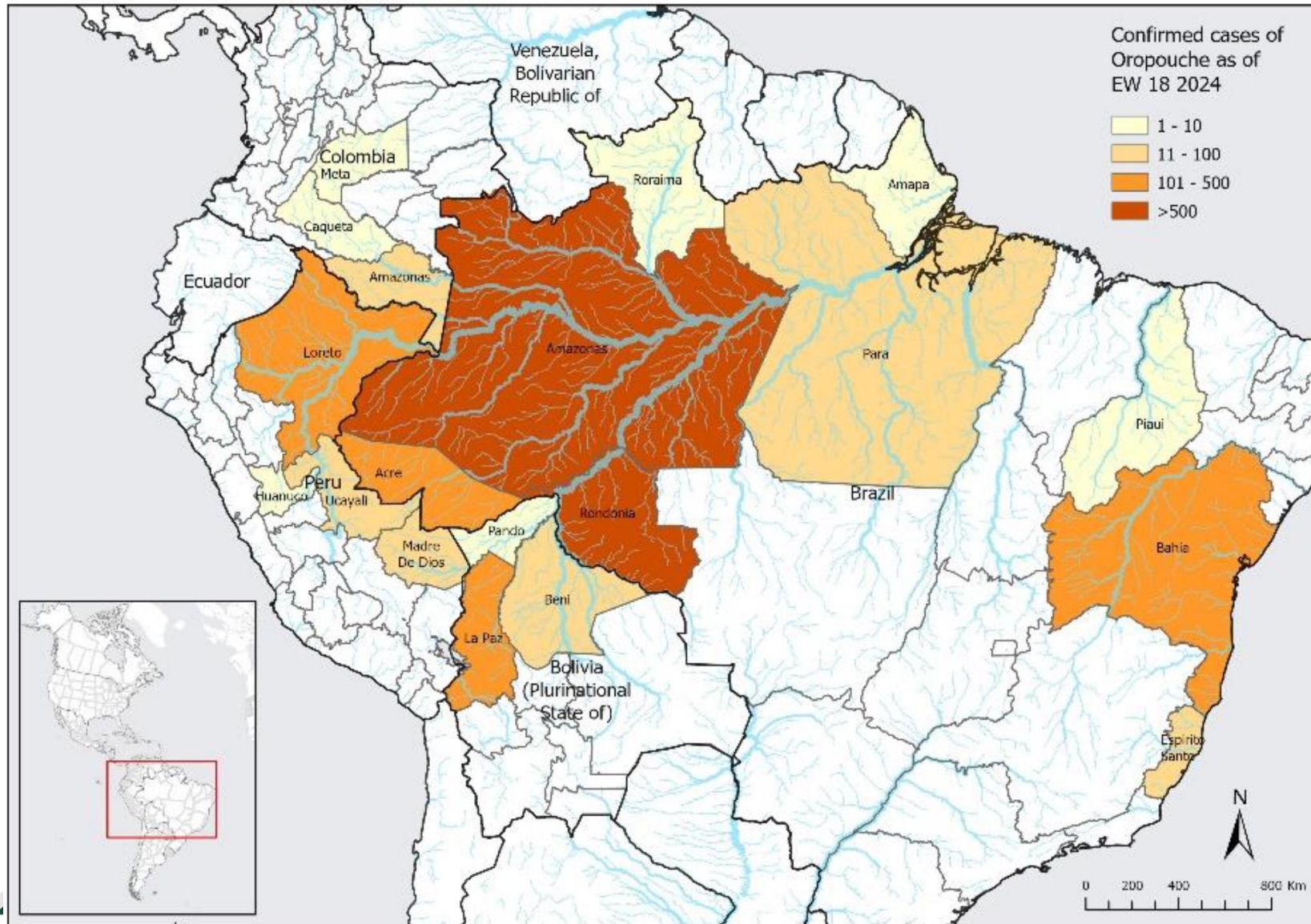
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## Epidemiological Alert Oropouche in the Region of the Americas

9 May 2024

In 2024, **5,193** confirmed cases of Oropouche have been reported in four countries in the Region of the Americas: the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, and Peru.



THREAT ASSESSMENT BRIEF

Oropouche virus disease cases imported  
into the European Union

9 August 2024

Summary

Epidemiological situation

In June and July 2024, 19 imported cases of Oropouche virus disease were reported for the first time in EU countries: Spain (12), Italy (5), and Germany (2). Eighteen of the cases had a travel history to Cuba and one to Brazil. Oropouche virus disease is a zoonotic disease caused by the Oropouche virus (OROV). To date, outbreaks of OROV disease have been reported in several countries across South America, Central America and the Caribbean. During 2024, outbreaks have been reported in Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, and more recently in Cuba. Oropouche virus is mainly transmitted to humans as a result of being bitten by infected midges, however some mosquitoes species can also spread the virus. The principal vector (*Culiseta paraensis* midge) is widely distributed across the Americas, but absent in Europe. To date, there has been a lack of evidence as to whether European midges or mosquitoes could transmit the virus. Oropouche virus disease can manifest as an acute febrile illness with headache, nausea, vomiting, muscle and joint pains, and occasionally more severe symptoms. The prognosis for recovery is good and fatal outcomes are extremely rare. There are no vaccines to prevent or specific medication to treat OROV disease. Direct, horizontal, human-to-human transmission of the virus has not been documented so far. Recently, the Brazilian Ministry of Health reported six possible cases of OROV disease being passed from mother-to-child during pregnancy. The potential risk during pregnancy and fetopathic effects of OROV infection are still under investigation and have not been confirmed.

Risk assessment



The likelihood of infection for EU/EEA citizens travelling to, or residing in epidemic areas in South and Central America is currently assessed as moderate. The likelihood of infection increases if travellers visit the more-affected municipalities of the northern states of Brazil and/or the Amazon region, and/or if personal protection measures are not taken. Given the good prognosis for recovery, the impact is assessed as low. The risk of infection for EU/EEA citizens travelling to OROV-epidemic countries in the Americas is therefore assessed as moderate.

Recent data indicate that OROV infection in pregnant women may lead to miscarriage, abortion and/or developmental problems, and deformities of the foetus. The impact of OROV infection for pregnant women, foetuses and newborns could therefore be higher than for the general population, although this is still under investigation.

The likelihood of human exposure to OROV in the EU/EEA is considered very low, despite the possible importation of further OROV disease cases, as the competent vectors commonly described in the Americas are absent from continental Europe, and to date, no secondary transmission has ever been reported. Therefore, the risk of locally-acquired OROV disease in the EU/EEA is low.

Comment



# Oropouche fever fatalities and vertical transmission in South America: implications of a potential new mode of transmission

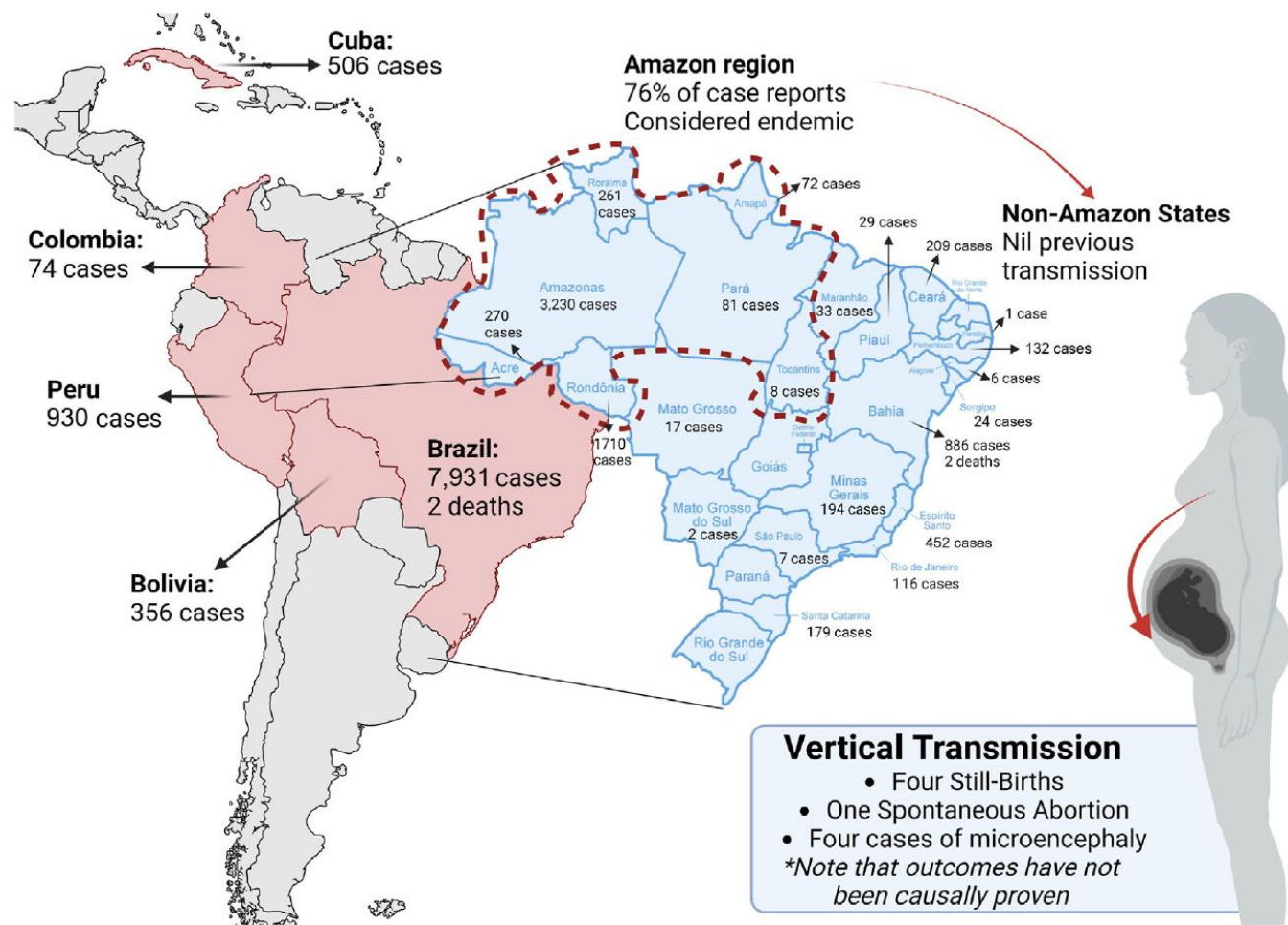
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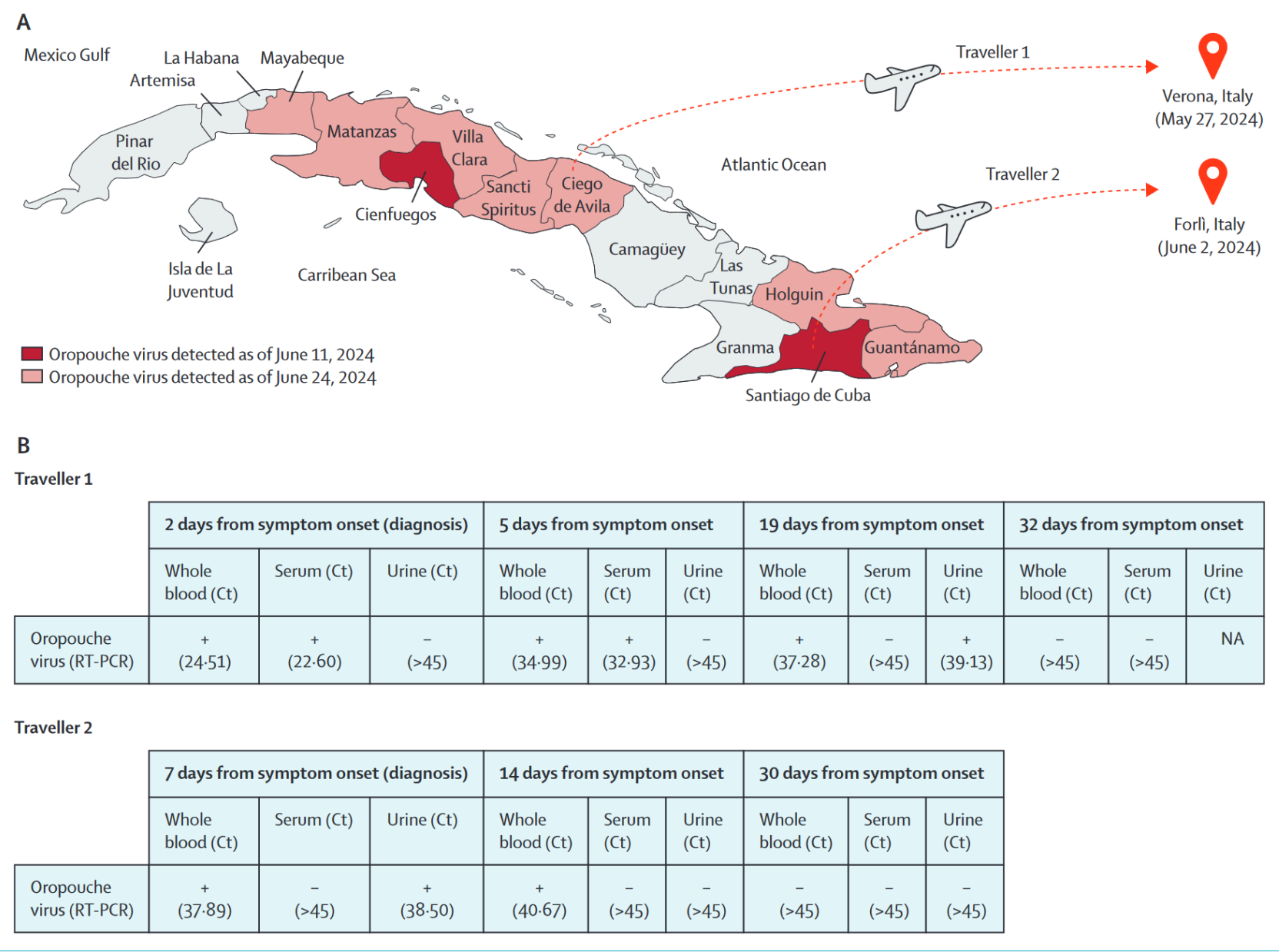
**Fig. 1:** Oropouche virus in Latin America has led to reported cases, including two deaths in Brazil. Vertical transmission has been observed, with one fetal death, one miscarriage, and four instances of microcephaly in newborns, although no causal link has been confirmed. This remains to be confirmed. Additionally, there are three more fetal deaths in Pernambuco state, with two cases still under investigation. These instances of vertical transmission complicate the understanding of new infection routes, potentially contributing to emerging epidemic patterns, and suggest further research into their implications for maternal and neonatal health.

# First diagnoses of Oropouche virus in Europe: how can we strengthen communication and preparedness globally?



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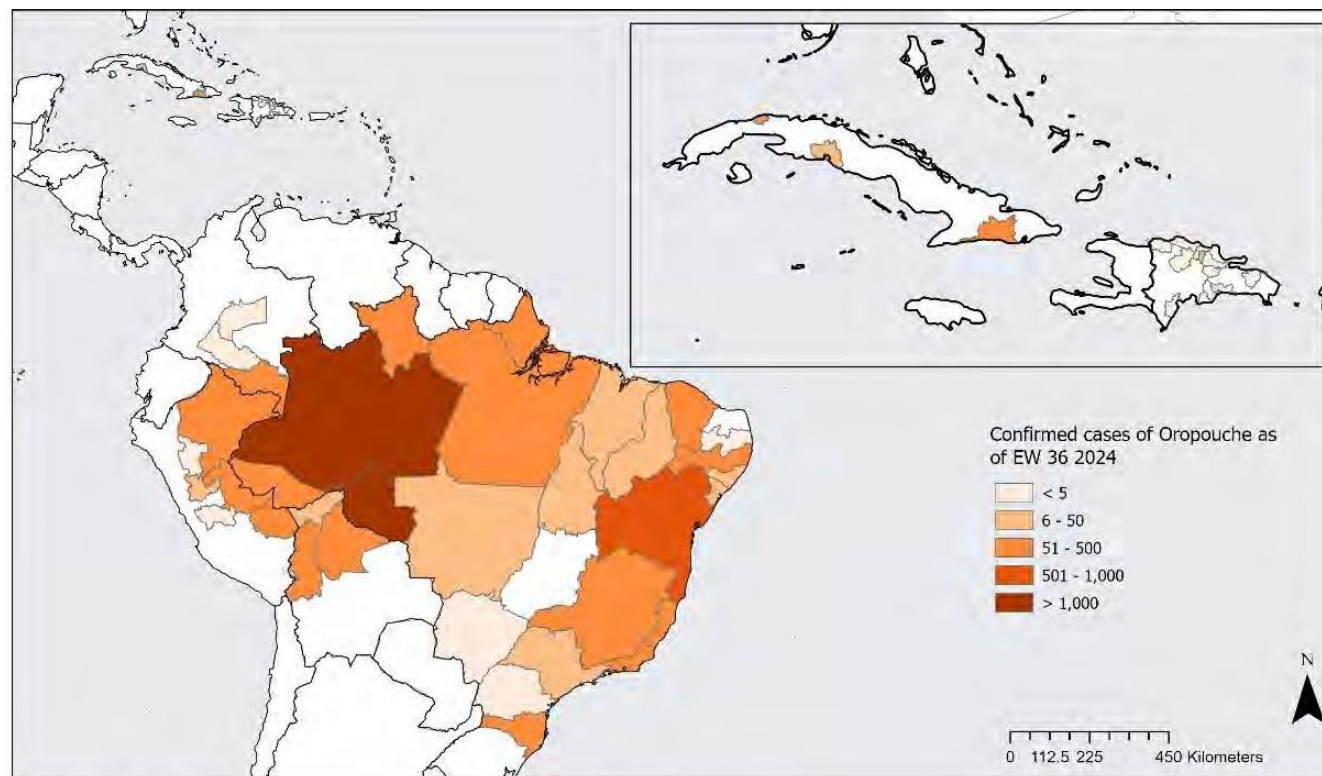
**Figure: Oropouche virus in Cuba and Italy**  
 (A) Map of Cuba in which the presence of the Oropouche virus in nine provinces and 23 municipalities was confirmed by the national reference laboratory of the Pedro Kourí Institute of Tropical Medicine. (B) Virological findings in two people with Oropouche fever during 1-month follow-up. Oropouche virus-specific molecular tests were done as previously described.<sup>67</sup> Both assays were done with Reliance One-Step Multiplex Supermix 4X (Biorad, Hercules, CA, USA). Ct=cycle threshold. NA=not available.

# Sept 2024 – Further spread, > 9800 cases

Country	Confirmed
Bolivia	356
Brazil	7931
Canada*	1
Cuba	506
Colombia	74
Dom. Rep.	33
Europe*	30
Peru	930
USA*	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>9852</b>

\*imported cases only

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Article

# Mapping Eastern (EEE) and Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (VEE) among Equines Using Geographical Information Systems, Colombia, 2008–2019

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**Abstract:** Introduction: Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) and Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus (VEEV) are zoonotic pathogens affecting humans, particularly equines. These neuroarboviruses compromise the central nervous system and can be fatal in different hosts. Both have significantly influenced Colombia; however, few studies analyse its behaviour, and none develop maps using geographic information systems to characterise it. Objective: To describe the temporal-spatial distribution of those viruses in Colombia between 2008 and 2019. Methods: Retrospective cross-sectional descriptive study, based on weekly reports by municipalities of the ICA, of the surveillance of both arboviruses in equines, in Colombia, from 2008 to 2019. The data were converted into databases in Microsoft Access 365<sup>®</sup>, and multiple epidemiological maps were generated with the Kosmo RC1<sup>®</sup>3.0 software coupled to shape files of all municipalities in the country. Results: In the study period, 96 cases of EEE and 70 of VEE were reported, with 58% of EEE cases occurring in 2016 and 20% of EEE cases in 2013. The most affected municipalities for EEE corresponded to the department of Casanare: Yopal (20), Aguazul (16), and Tauramena (10). In total, 40 municipalities in the country reported  $\geq 1$  case of EEE. Conclusions: The maps allow a quick appreciation of groups of neighbouring municipalities in different departments (1<sup>st</sup> political division) and regions of the country affected by those viruses, which helps consider the expansion of the disease associated with mobility and transport of equines between other municipalities, also including international borders, such as is the case with Venezuela. In that country, especially for EEE, municipalities in the department of Cesar are bordering and at risk for that arboviral infection, there is a high risk of equine encephalitis outbreaks, especially for VEE. This poses a risk also, for municipalities in the department of Cesar, bordering with Venezuela.

**Keywords:** eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV); infection; Venezuelan equine encephalitis (VEEV); GIS; geographic information systems; equines; epidemiology

## 1. Introduction

Vector-borne diseases remain a significant public health problem in tropical and subtropical regions, especially those of viral aetiology. Beyond dengue, chikungunya, and Zika, other particularly zoonotic arboviruses, such as the case of equine encephalitis,

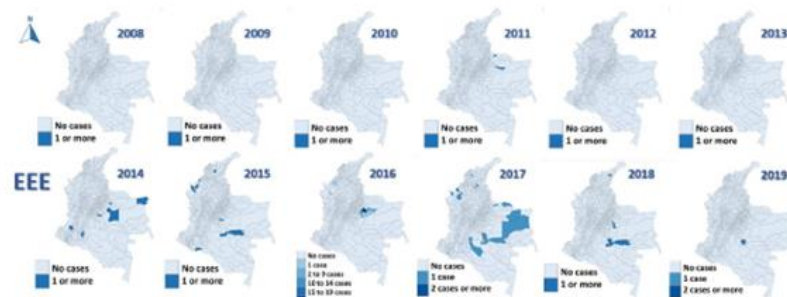


Figure 3. Distribution maps of EEE among equines, Colombia, 2008–2019.

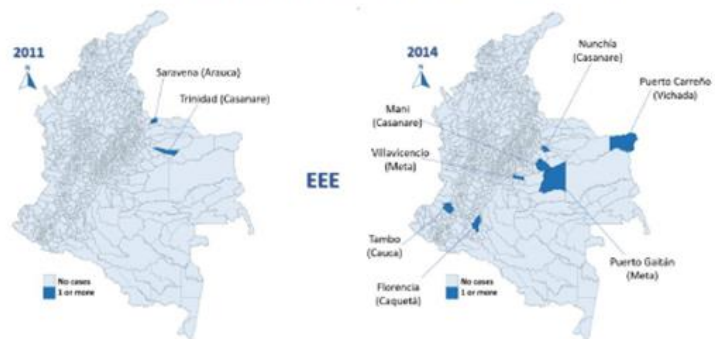


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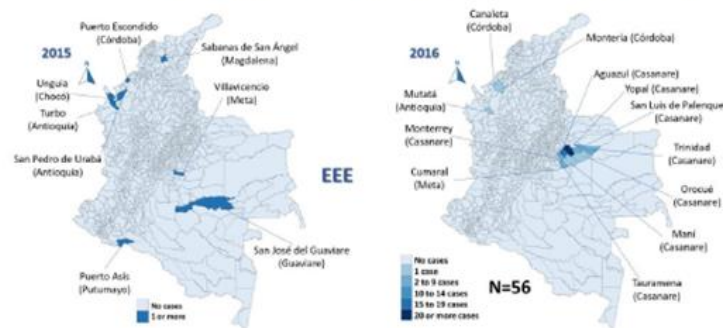


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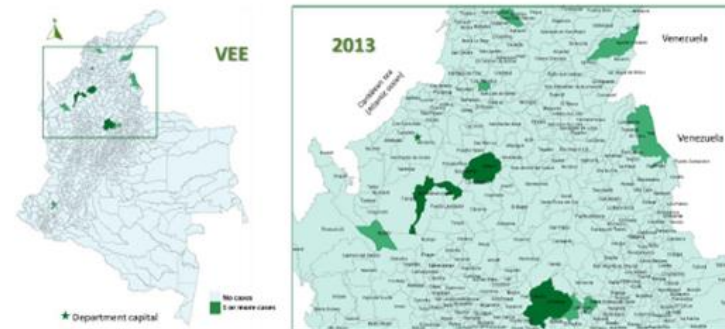


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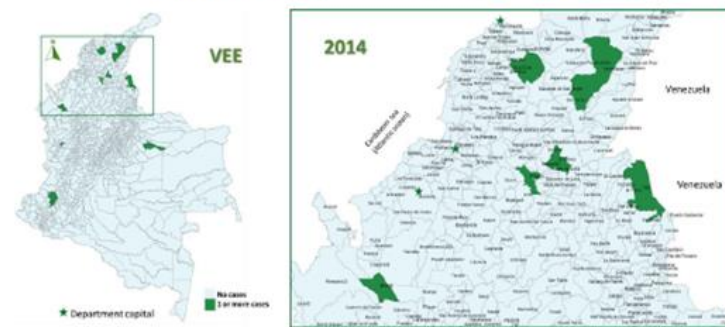


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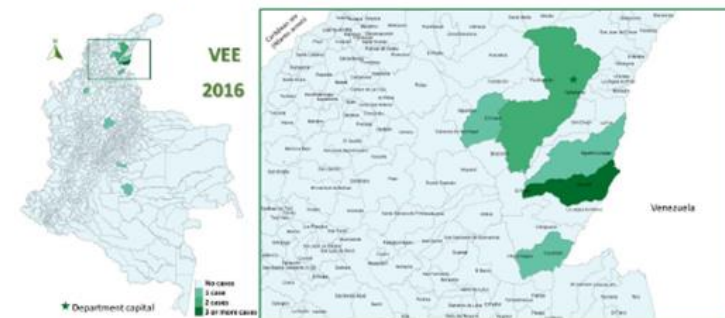


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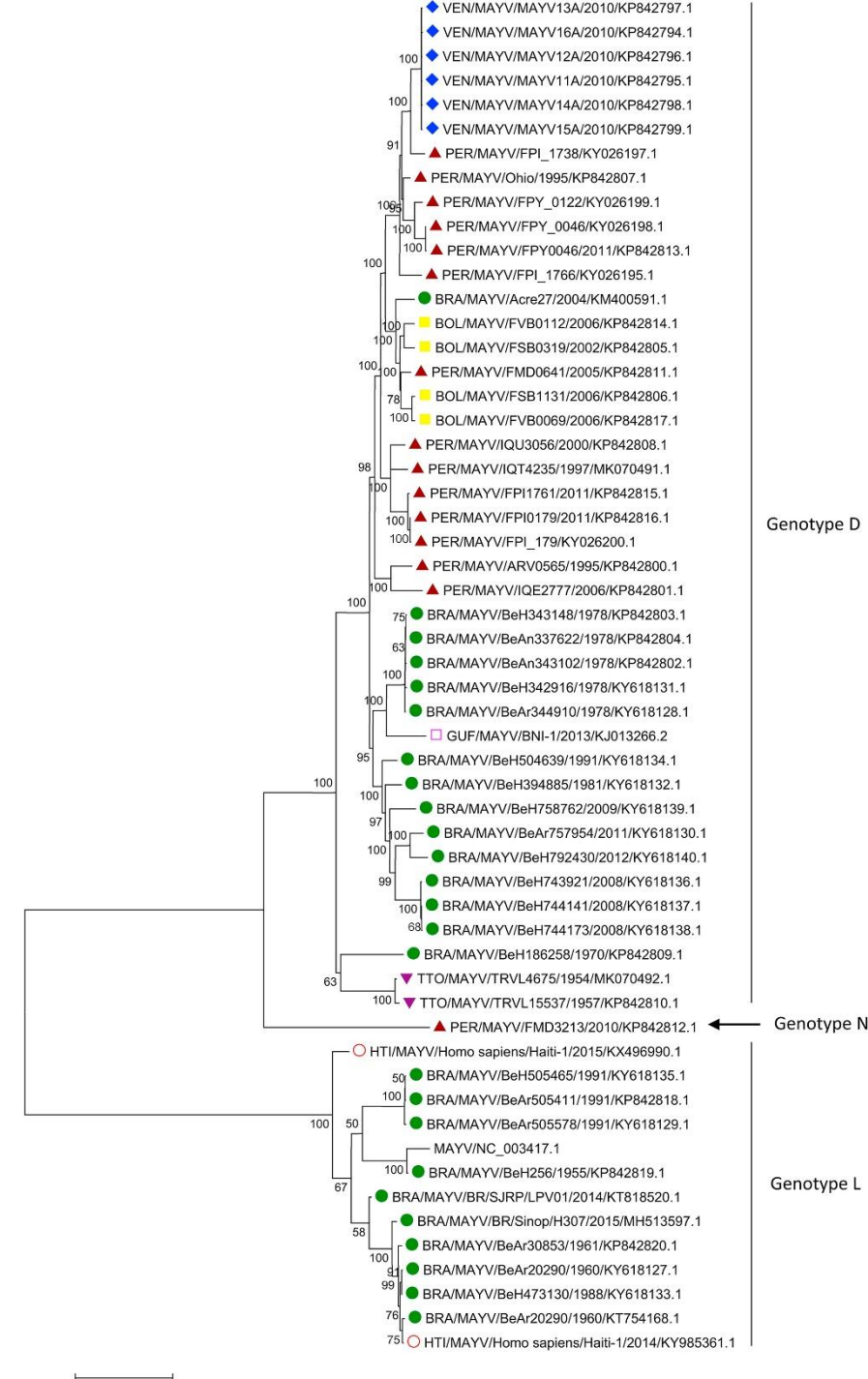
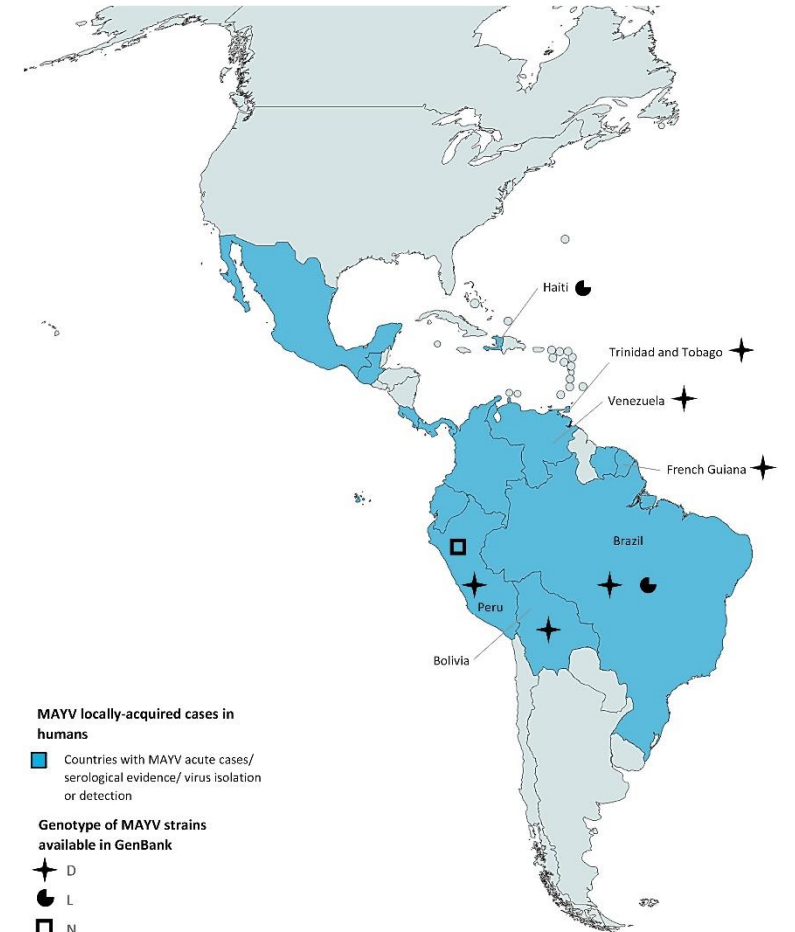
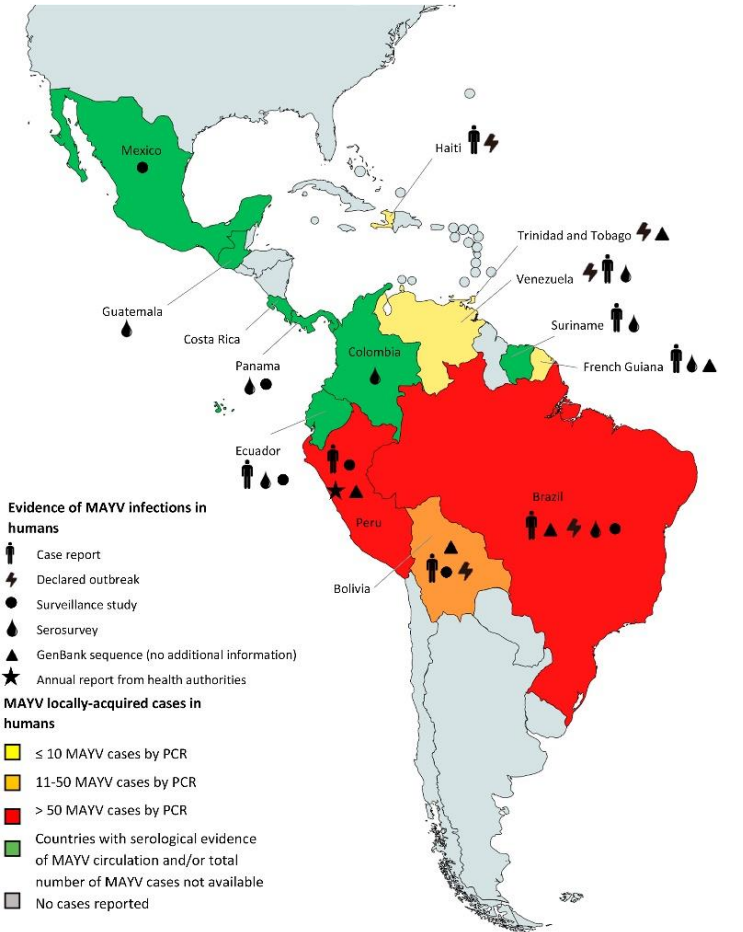


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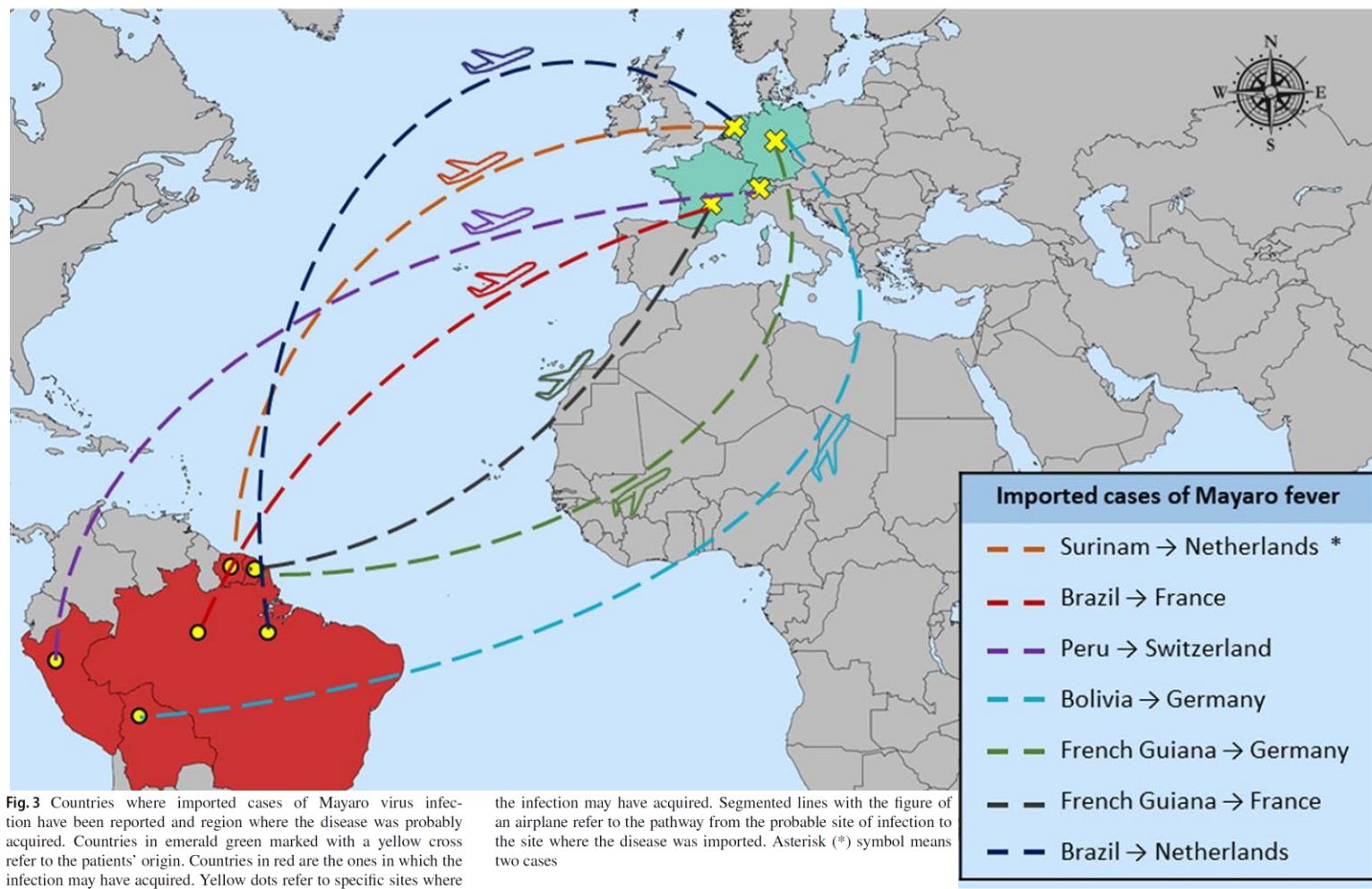
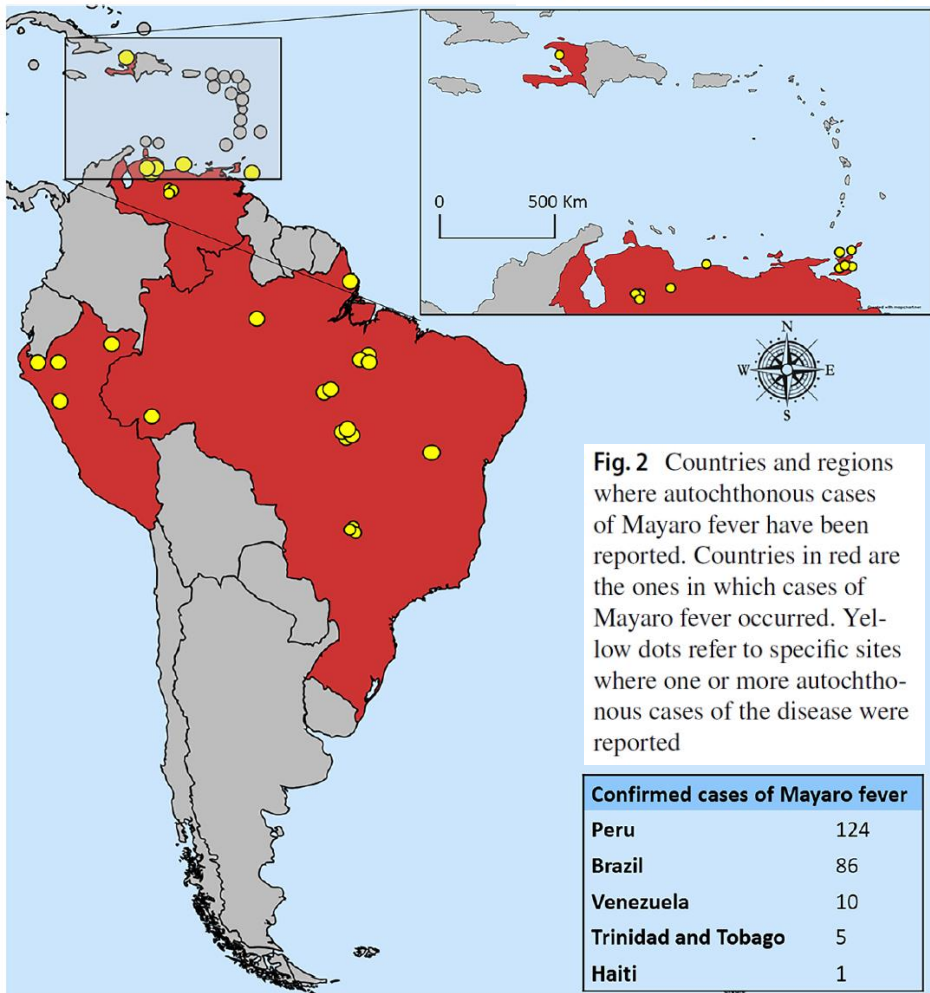


REVIEW



# Clinical, Epidemiological, and Laboratory Features of Mayaro Virus Infection: a Systematic Review

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## Usutu in Colombia



**Table 2**

Serological information of arboviruses in patients with positive RT-PCR for USUV.

Patient	Usutu (IgG)*				Chikungunya (IgG)**	Mayaro (IgG)**	Dengue (IgM) ***
	Acute serum	Convalescent serum	Seroconversion	CtRT-qPCR			
4	Neg	Pos	Yes	32.4	Posit (3,8 > 5,8) ♦	Posit (0,6 > 5,2) ♦	Neg
37	Neg	Neg	No	30.3	Neg	Pos	Neg
72	Neg	Neg	No	26.8	Neg	Neg	Neg
75	Neg	Pos	Yes	32.0	Neg	Neg	Neg
82	Neg	Neg	No	31.0	Neg	Neg	Neg
84	Pos	Pos	Yes	34.3	Pos	Neg	Pos
94	Neg	Neg	No	33.1	Neg	Neg	Neg
97	Neg	Neg	No	32.4	Neg	Pos	Neg
100	Pos	ND	ND	29.8	Neg	ND	Neg

Neg: negative

Pos: Positive

ND: Not done

\*All patients were RT-qPCR positive for USUV.


\*\*PCR Neg, except for patient 4, serology was only done on convalescent serum.

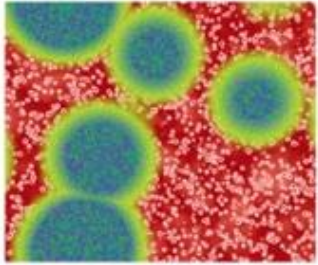
\*\*\*PCR Neg, was not determined in convalescent serum.

♦patients with high seroconversion (acute serum < convalescent serum).



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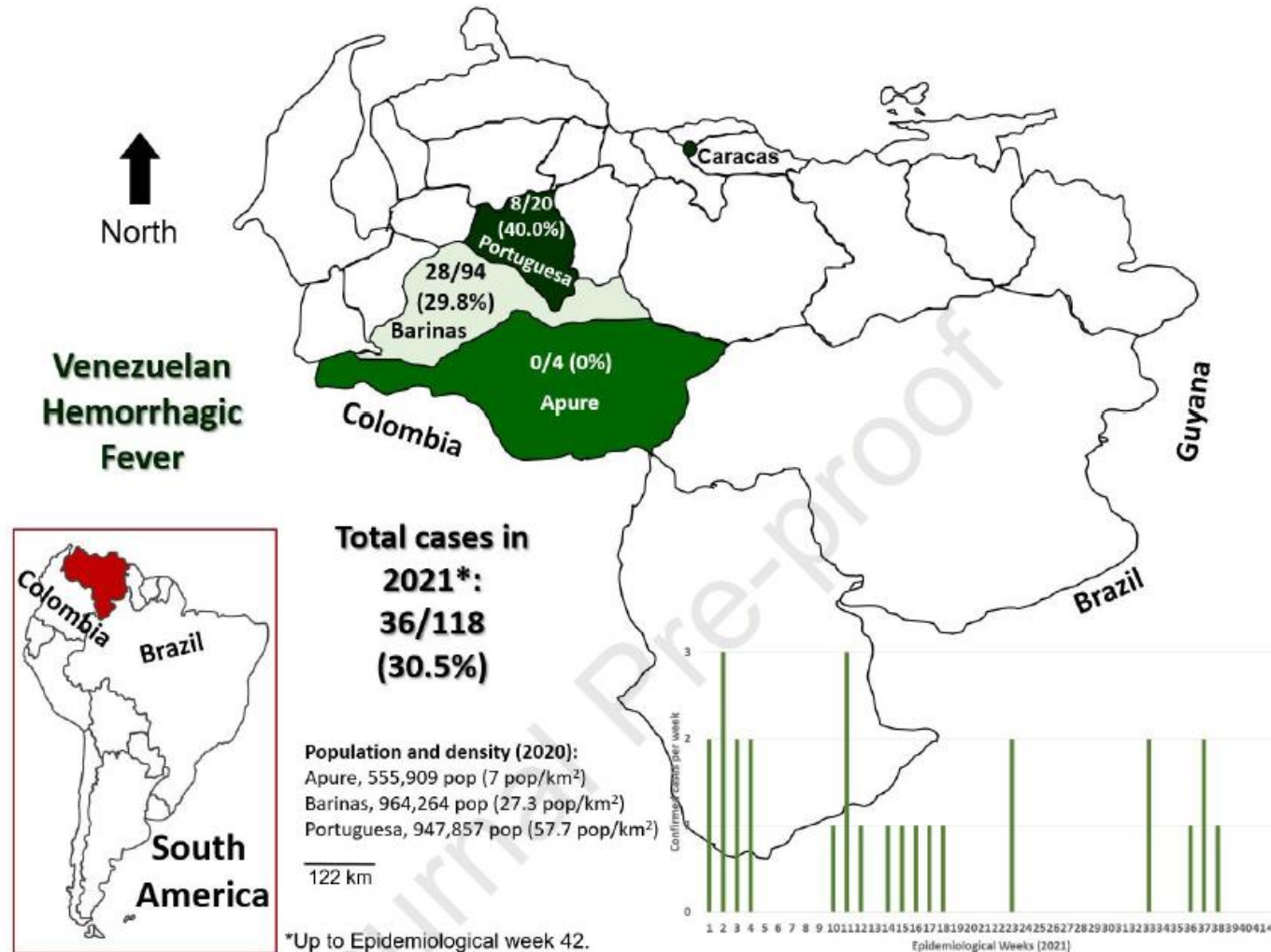
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**Figure 1.** Geographic distribution of Venezuelan Hemorrhagic Fever cases in Venezuela, 2021 (up to the Epidemiological Week 42); cases were confirmed by RT-PCR at Virology Reference Laboratory in Caracas.

Apure, Barinas and Portuguesa are endemic for *Zygodontomys brevicauda*, *Sigmodon alstoni* and *S. hispidus*, who serve as natural reservoirs of the virus. Source: Dirección de Vigilancia Epidemiológica, Ministerio del Poder Popular para la Salud (Ministry of Health of Venezuela).



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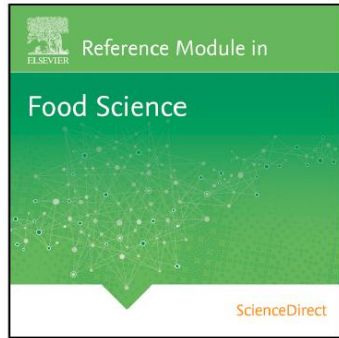


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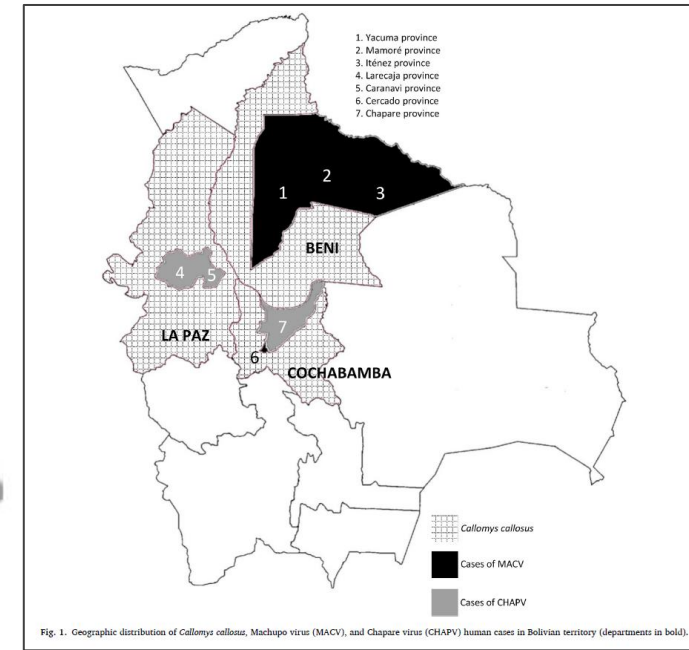


Fig. 1. Geographic distribution of *Callomys callosus*, Machupo virus (MACV), and Chapiro virus (CHAPV) human cases in Bolivian territory (departments in bold).

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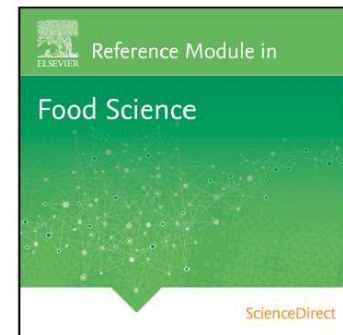
**Figure 1** Map of Latin America showing Bolivia (in yellow), the Beni department (in red) with its provinces (box) and indicating the countries with borders to this country.

**Table 2** Cases reported through ProMEDmail (<http://www.promedmail.org>), 1959–2017 historical records and surveillance of the Bolivian Ministry of Health (<http://www.sns.gob.bo>), 1959–2012 and the national system of information in health (<http://estadisticas.minsalud.gob.bo/>), 2013–17

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of cases</i>	<i>Fatal cases</i>	<i>%CFR<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Location</i>
1959–63	1100	260	23.6	Mamoré and Iténez provinces, Beni
1963–64	650	122	18.8	San Joaquin, Mamoré province, Beni
1963	2	–	–	Panama (imported from Beni)
1968	6	6	100.0	Magdalena, Iténez province, Beni
1969	9	–	–	Magdalena, Iténez province, Beni
1971	6	5	83.3	Cochabamba department (southern border of Beni), nosocomial, index case came from Beni, one case was health care occupational
1971	4	–	–	Yacuma province, Beni
1974–75	4	2	50.0	El Recuerdo, Mamoré province, Beni
1976–92	–	–	–	Apparently, no cases reported
1993	1	1	100.0	San Ramon, Mamoré province, Beni
1994	10	7	70.0	Magdalena, Iténez province, Beni
1996	3	–	–	Beni department
1999	5	–	–	Santa Cruz department (southeast border of Beni)
1999	3	–	–	Tarija department (without borders with Beni, border with Argentina)
2004	2	2	100.0	Huacaraje and Magdalena, Iténez province, Beni
2007	20	3	15.0	Magdalena, Iténez province, Beni
2010	1	1	100.0	Beni department
2011	3	1	33.3	Beni department
2012	1	1	100.0	Beni department
2012	1	1	100.0	San Ramón, Mamoré province, Beni
2012	1	1	100.0	Penas Verdes, Mamoré province, Beni
2012	9	4	44.4	Beni department
2012	1	0	0.0	Beni department
2013	9	2	22.2	Nirumo, Guayanamerín, Beni; Tarija; Santa Cruz
2014–17	–	–	–	Twenty-one suspected cases in 2014, none in 2015. One suspected case in Beni in 2016, another in Beni in 2017. One suspected case in Santa Cruz.
2018	–	–	–	
Total	1851	419	22.6	

<sup>a</sup>%CFR: case fatality rate.

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# Chapare Virus, a Newly Discovered Arenavirus Isolated from a Fatal Hemorrhagic Fever Case in Bolivia

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## Abstract

A small focus of hemorrhagic fever (HF) cases occurred near Cochabamba, Bolivia, in December 2003 and January 2004. Specimens were available from only one fatal case, which had a clinical course that included fever, headache, arthralgia, myalgia, and vomiting with subsequent deterioration and multiple hemorrhagic signs. A non-cytopathic virus was isolated from two of the patient serum samples, and identified as an arenavirus by IFA staining with a rabbit polyvalent antiserum raised against South American arenaviruses known to be associated with HF (Guanarito, Machupo, and Sabiá). RT-PCR analysis and subsequent analysis of the complete virus S and L RNA segment sequences identified the virus as a member of the New World Clade B arenaviruses, which includes all the pathogenic South American arenaviruses. The virus was shown to be most closely related to Sabiá virus, but with 26% and 30% nucleotide difference in the S and L segments, and 26%, 28%, 15% and 22% amino acid differences for the L, Z, N, and GP proteins, respectively, indicating the virus represents a newly discovered arenavirus, for which we propose the name Chapare virus. In conclusion, two different arenaviruses, Machupo and Chapare, can be associated with severe HF cases in Bolivia.

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Figure 1. Map of Bolivia showing location of the Chapare virus-associated HF case relative to the Beni region where Machupo virus-associated HF cases originate. The Beni Department boundary is depicted by the checkered line. Multiple Machupo isolates have been recorded from the Beni Department. The single Latino and Chapare virus locations are labeled and represented as dots.  
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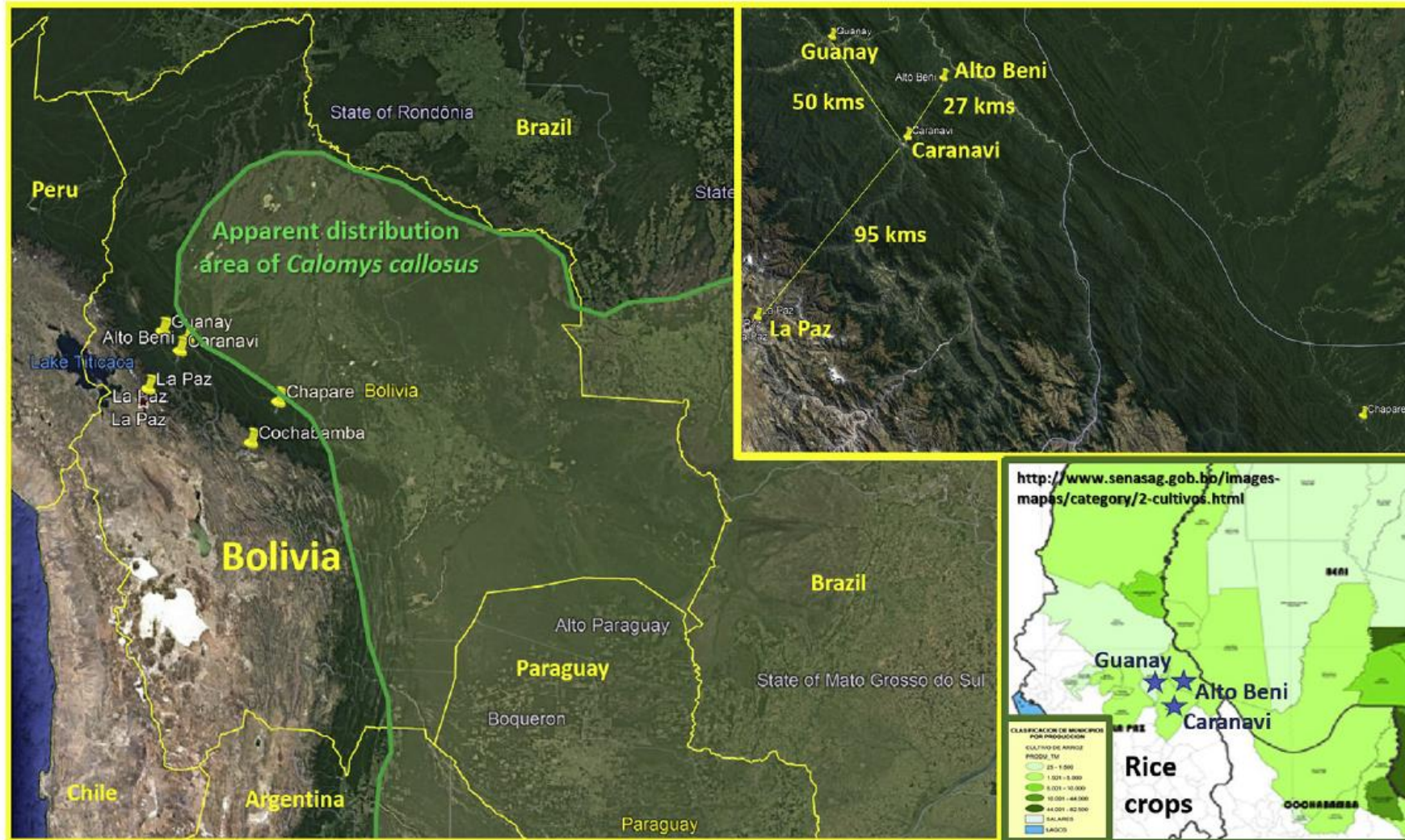
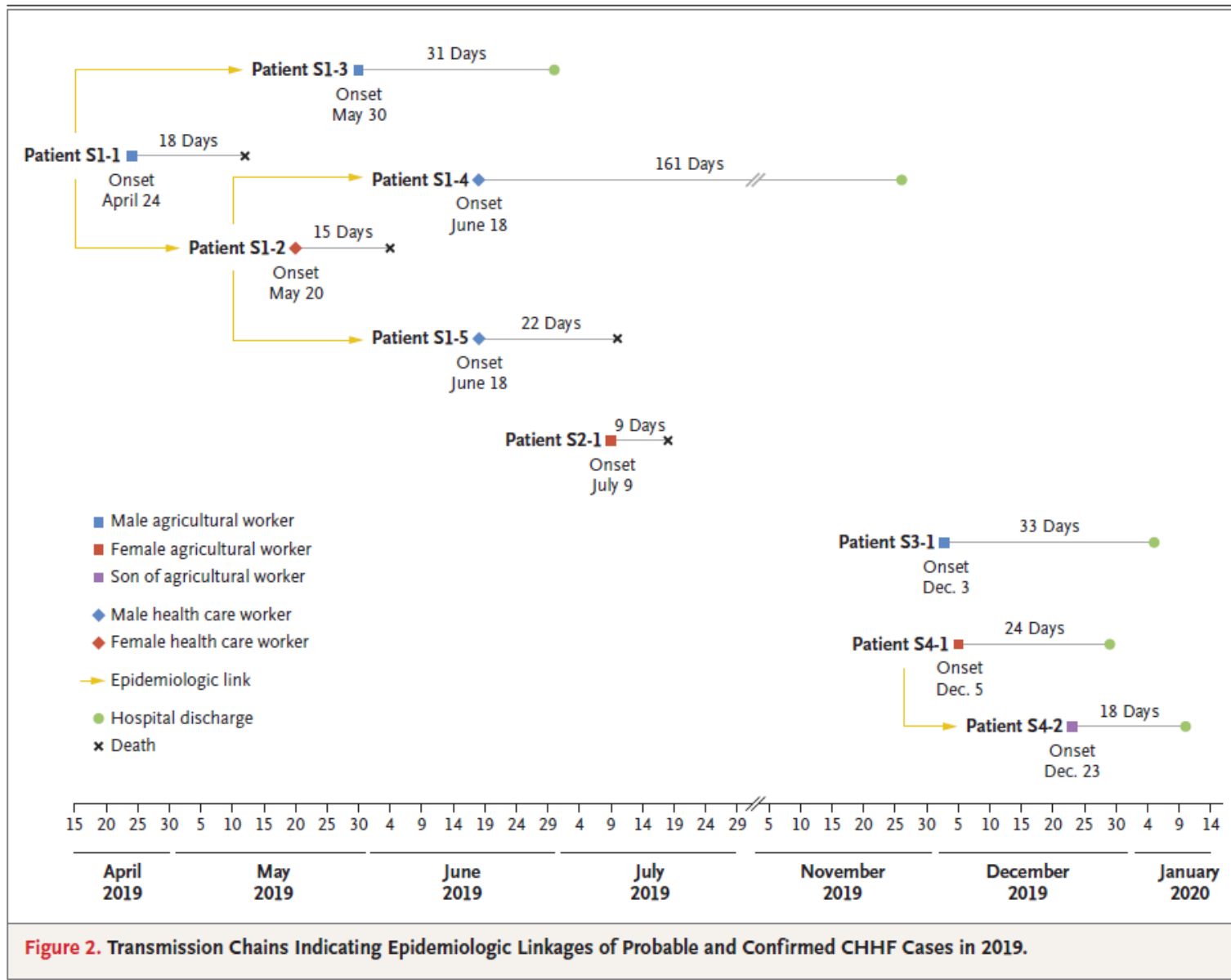


Fig. 1. Location of Bolivia, and towns of precedence of patients with CHAPV infection, also including the distribution of *Calomys callosus* and rice crops distribution in the region of the origin of the cases.



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**Table 1**  
Summary of sociodemographic data, signs and symptoms, clinical evolution, and outcomes for New World Arenavirus case-patients in La Paz Department, Bolivia, April–July 2019.

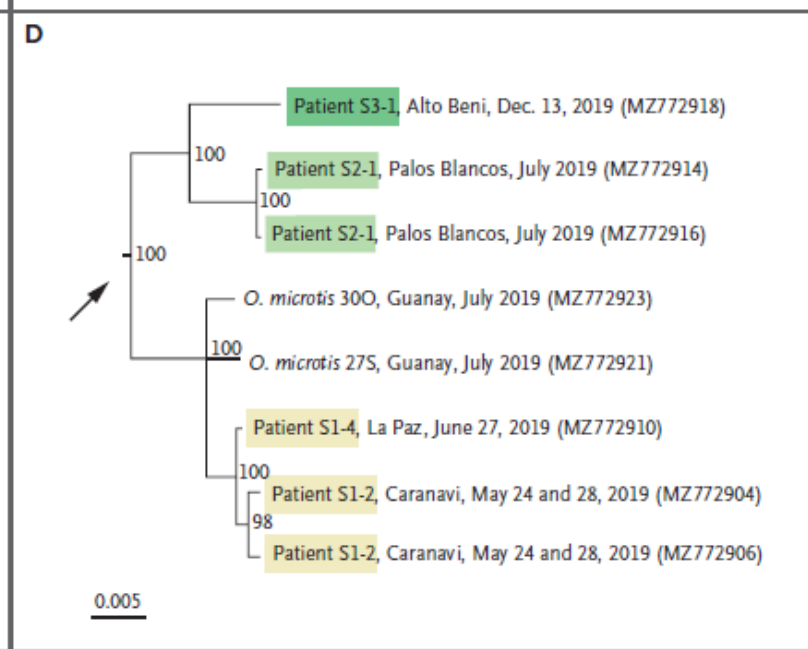
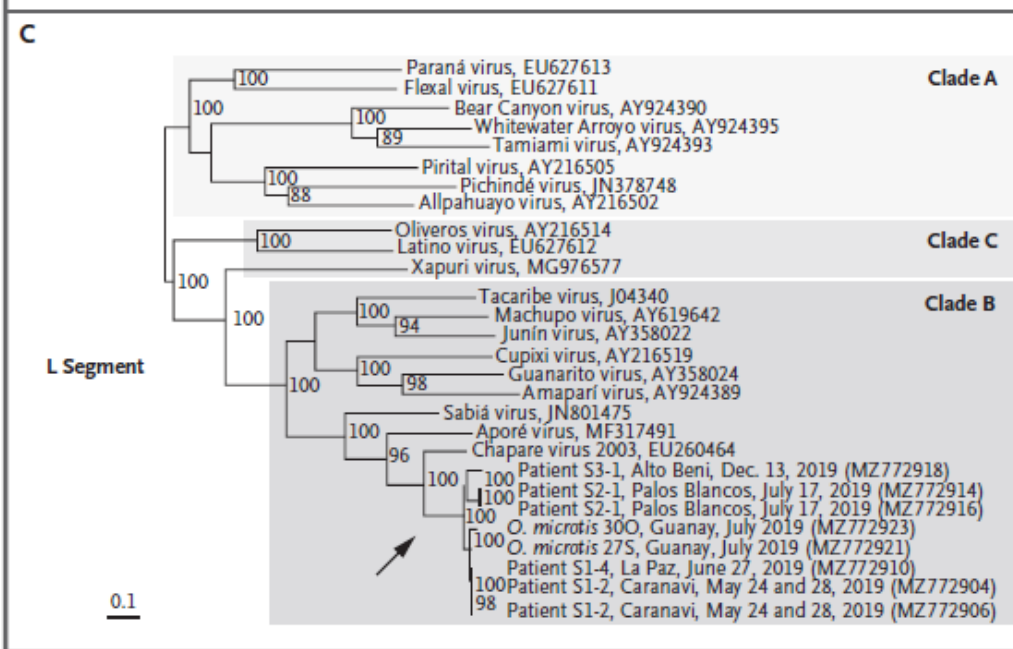
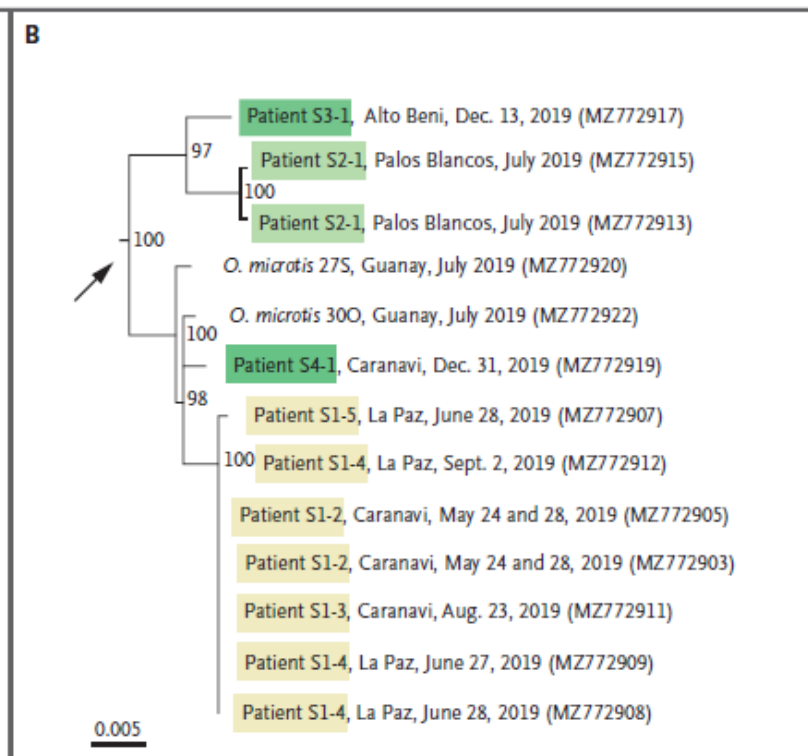
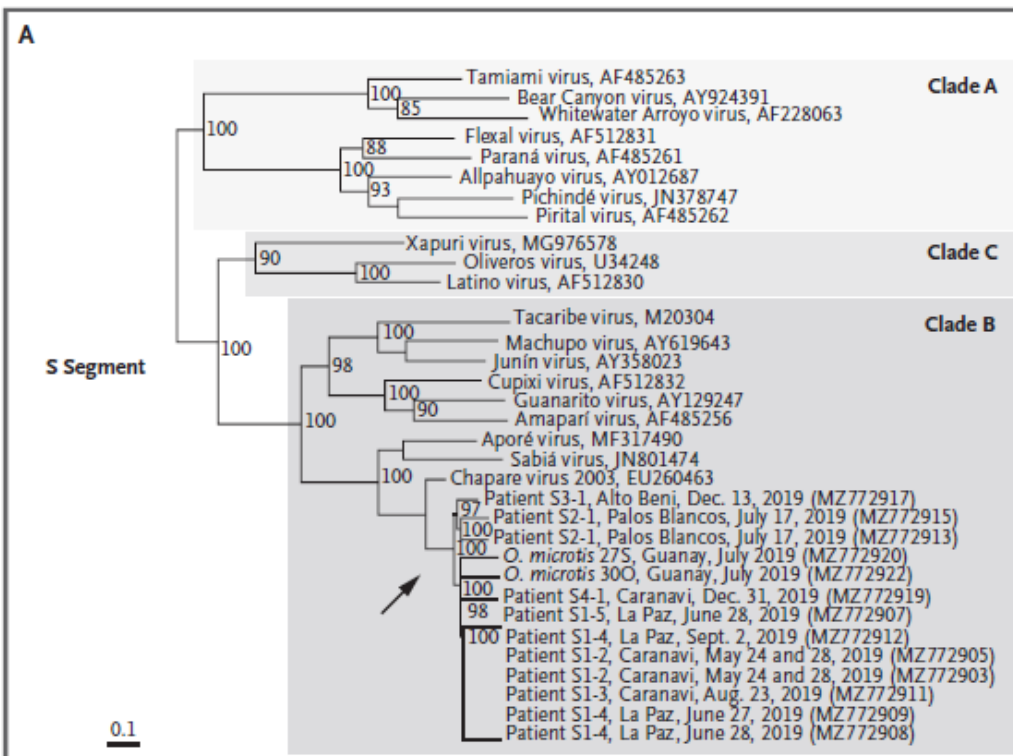
	Case				
	1	2	3	4	5
Sex	male	female	male	male	male
Age (in years)	65	25	21	48	42
Occupation	farmer	medical doctor	farmer	medical doctor	medical doctor
Type of transmission	zoonotic	nosocomial	zoonotic	nosocomial	nosocomial
Time to admission <sup>a</sup>	8	7	7	2	2
Time from illness onset to bleeding manifestations <sup>b</sup>	13	10	7	0	12
Duration of admission <sup>c</sup>	13	15	30	153	22
Conditions at discharge	died	died	recovered	recovered	died
<b>Bleeding manifestations</b>					
Gastrointestinal bleeding	(–)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Gingivorrhagia	(+)	(+)	(–)	(+)	(–)
CNS bleeding	(–)	(–)	(+)	(–)	(–)

<sup>a</sup> Time to admission, defined as days from illness onset to hospital admission.

<sup>b</sup> Bleeding manifestations, described as gastrointestinal bleeding, hematemesis, melena, gingivorrhagia, epistaxis, or central nervous system bleeding.

<sup>c</sup> Duration of admission, defined as days in healthcare facility until death or discharge.





# Sabiá Virus–Like Mammarenavirus in Patient with Fatal Hemorrhagic Fever, Brazil, 2020

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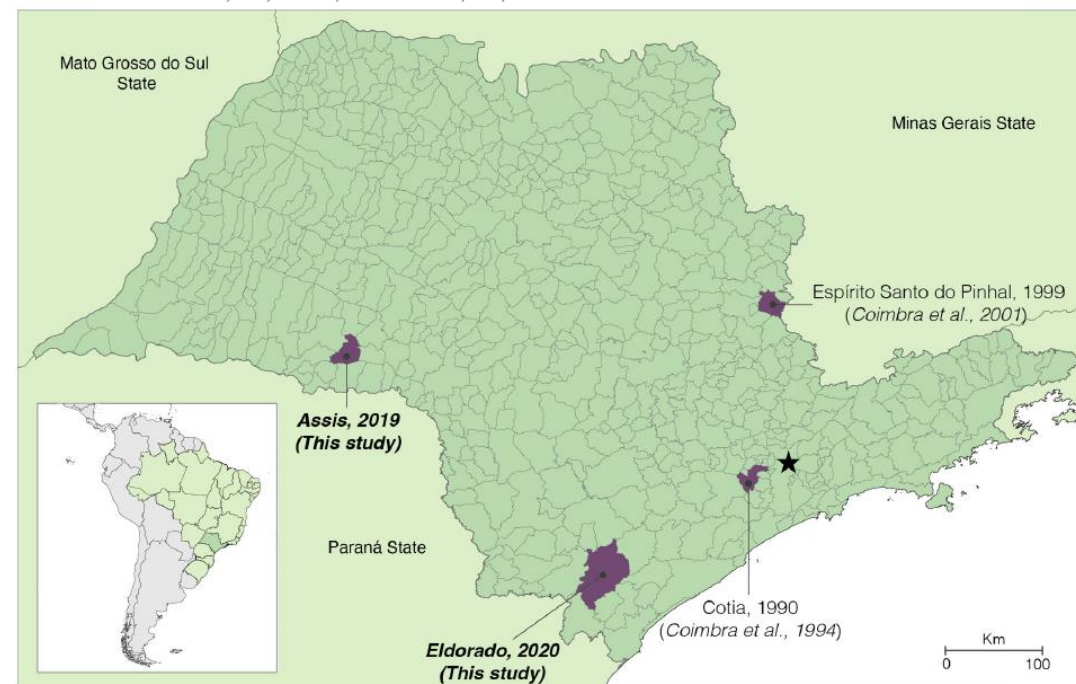
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New World arenaviruses can cause chronic infection in rodents and hemorrhagic fever in humans. We identified a Sabiá virus–like mammarenavirus in a patient with fatal hemorrhagic fever from São Paulo, Brazil. The virus was detected through virome enrichment and metagenomic next-generation sequencing technology.



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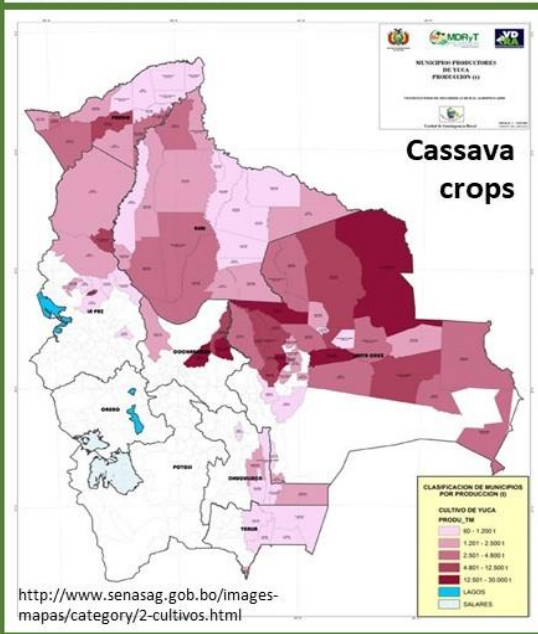
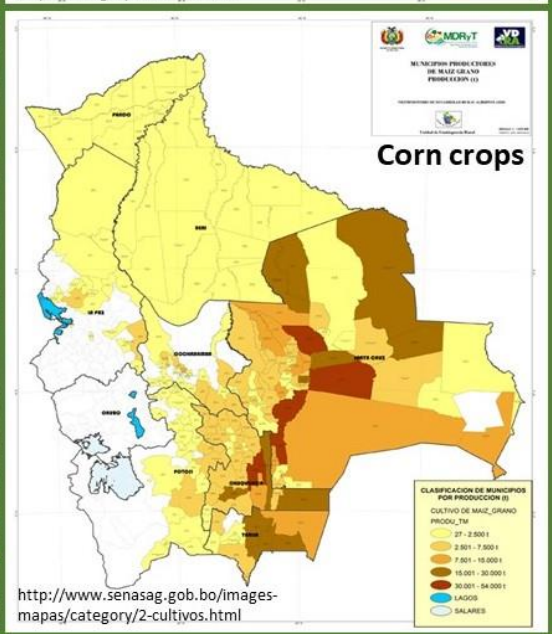
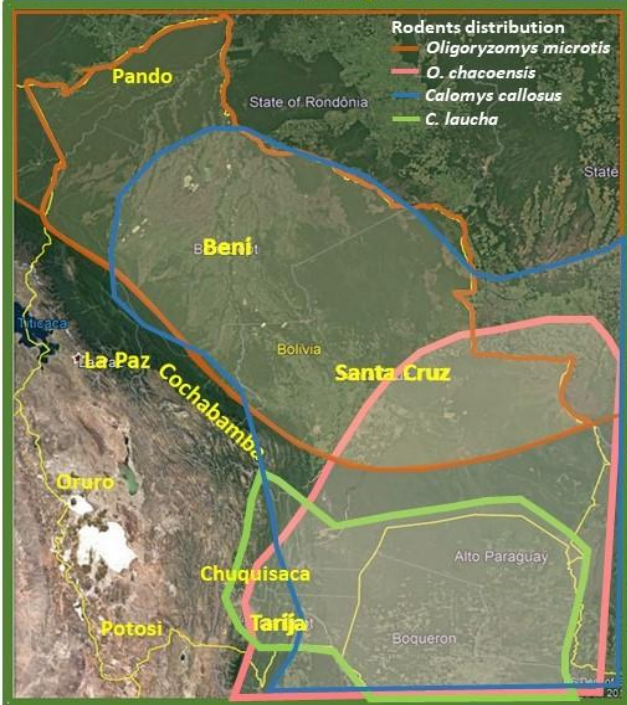
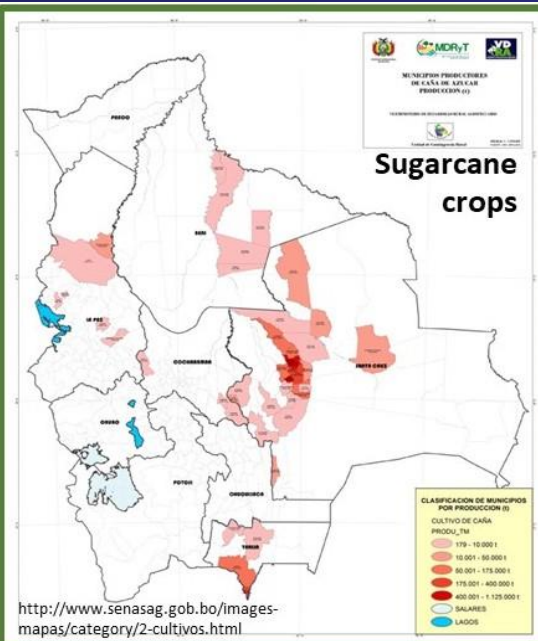
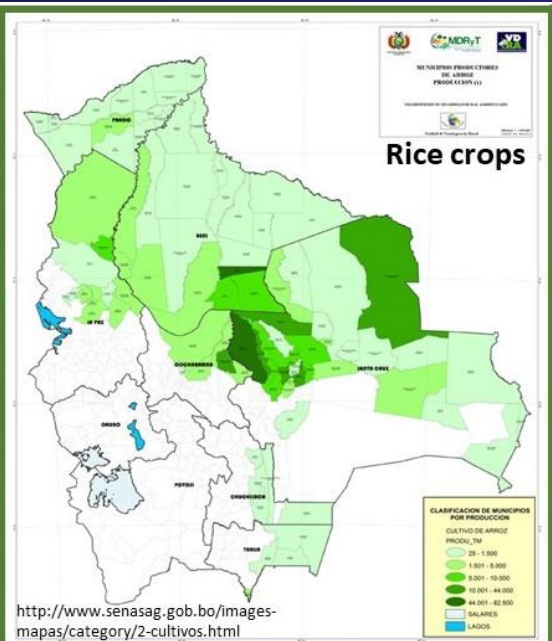
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**Fig. 1.** State of São Paulo, Brazil, South America. In the figure's legend, the distance between the cities is in kilometers. The black star is for the city of São Paulo, the state capital, and where Hospital das Clínicas is located. The green line delimiters the State of São Paulo borders. The black lines show the probable localities of the autochthon SABV infections, and the year reported. #1 Cotia, 1990 (Coimbra et al., 1994); #2 Espírito Santo do Pinhal, 1999 (Coimbra et al., 2001); #3 Assis, 2019; #4 Eldorado, 2020. Distance between #1 to #2: 155 km; #2 to #3: 380 km; #3. #3 to #4: 315 km. Figure made by WMS with "Scientific colour maps" software [42]. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the Web version of this article.)

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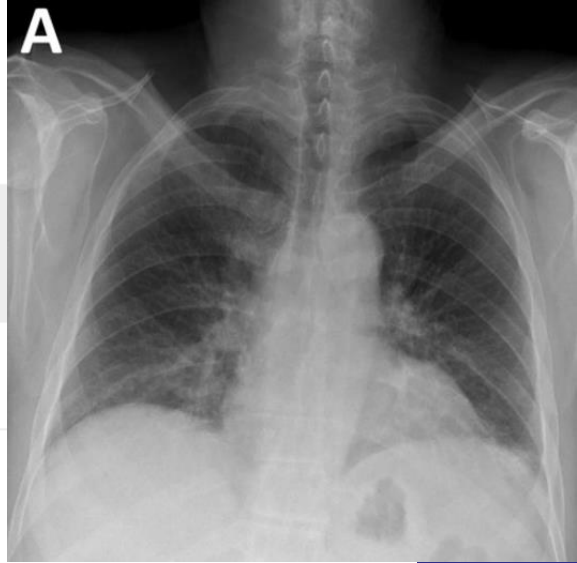
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*Research Letter*

## Hantavirus Infection with Renal Failure and Proteinuria, Colorado, USA, 2019

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### Abstract

In North America, hantaviruses commonly cause hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS). Clinical descriptions of hantavirus-associated renal disease in the Americas are scarce. Herein, we discuss the case of a 61-year-old man whose predominant manifestations were acute kidney injury and proteinuria. Clinical recognition of renal signs in hantavirus infections can reduce risk for death.

## Short Communication

# Seroprevalence of arenavirus and hantavirus in indigenous populations from the Caribbean, Colombia

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TABLE 1: Results of individuals with IgG MCLV positivity on ELISA assay.

ID patient	ELISA Screening MCLV1/100	Validation through titration (dilutions)		
		1/100	1/400	1/1600
Kankuamos 1	+	+	+	+
Kankuamos 2	+	+	+	-
Kankuamos 3	+	+	+	-
Tuchin 1	+	+	+	+
Tuchin 2	+	+	+	+

+: the titer of the serum was positive; -: the titer of the serum sample was negative. The cut off for the MCLV ELISA assay was OD 0.2 in a dilution of 1/400.

TABLE 2: Results of individuals with IgG JUNV positivity on ELISA assay.

ID patient	ELISA Screening JUNV 1/100	Validation through titration (dilutions)		
		1/100	1/400	1/1600
Kankuamos 4	+	+	+	-
Kankuamos 5	+	+	+	-

+: the titer of the serum was positive; -: the titer of the serum sample was negative. The cut off for the JUNV ELISA assay is OD 0.2 in a dilution of 1/400.

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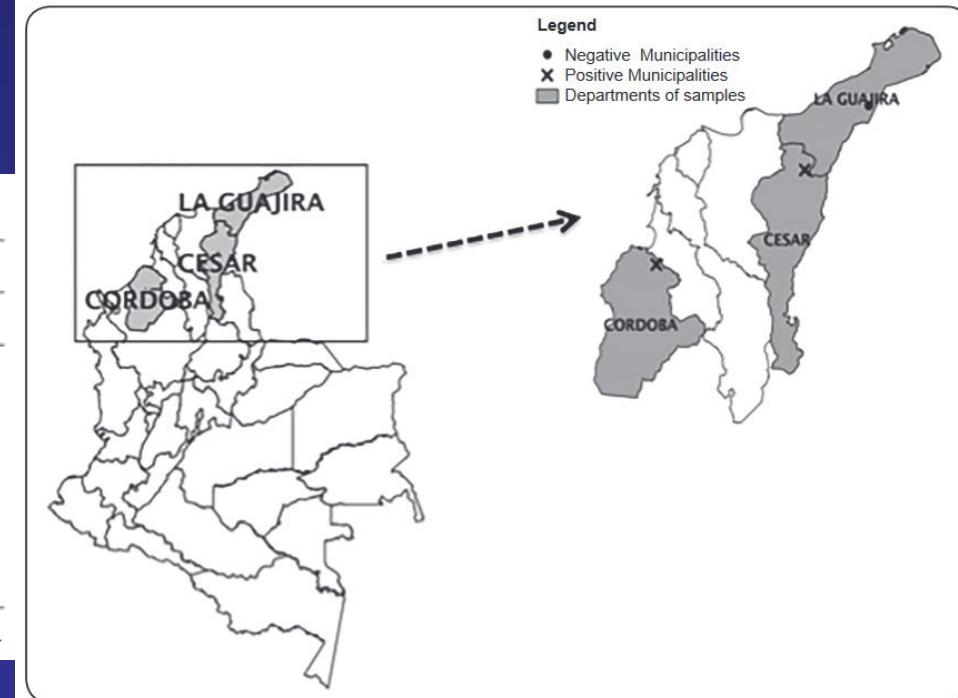



FIGURE 1. Geographical location of departments in which the sampled indigenous communities live.



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## A fatal case of triple coinfection: COVID-19, HIV and Tuberculosis

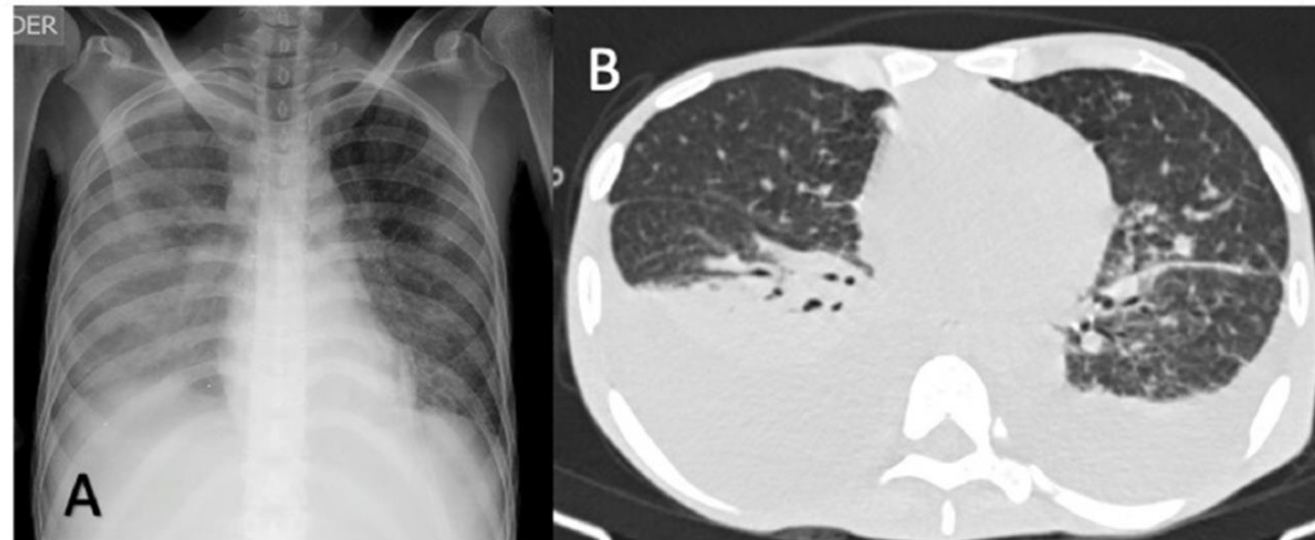
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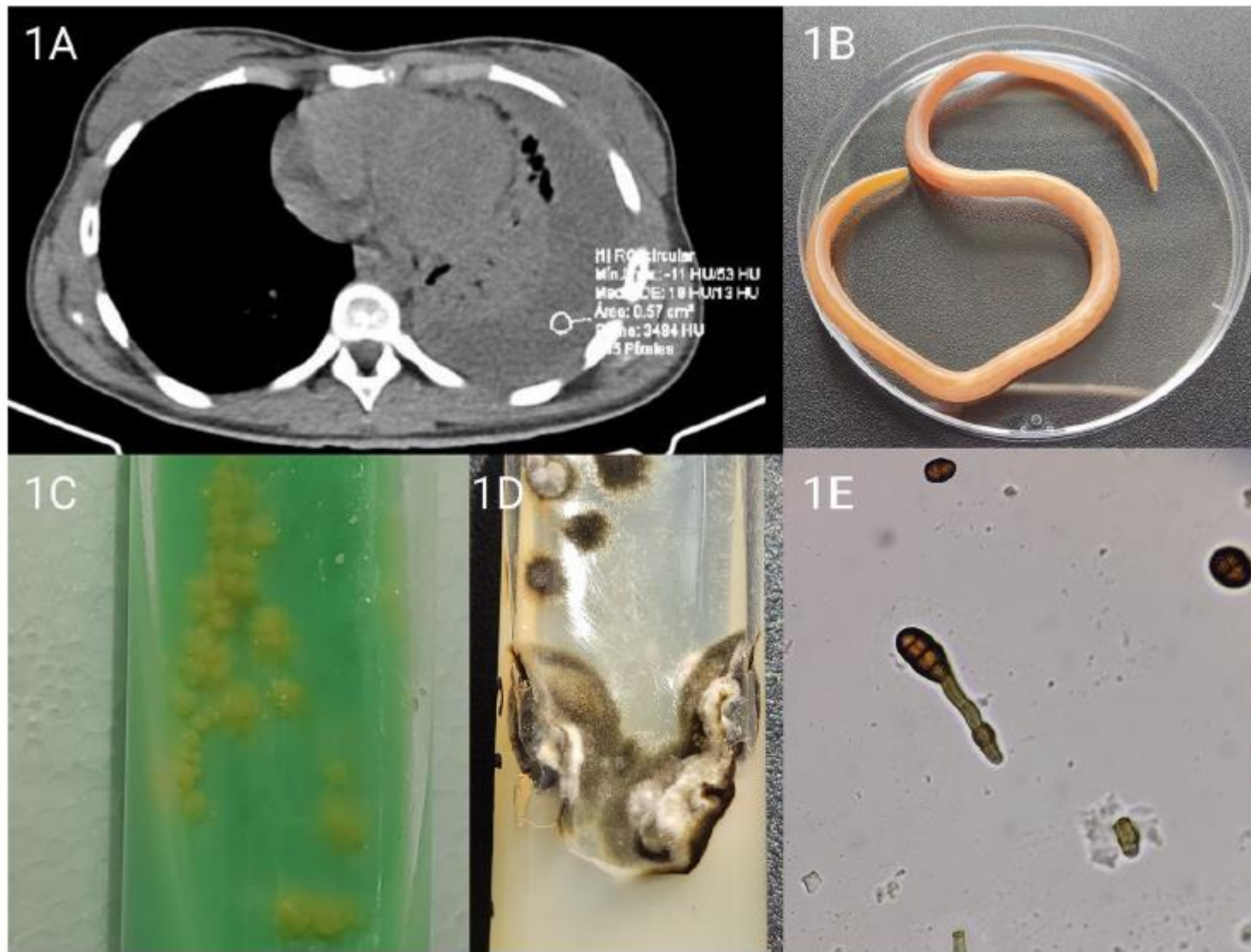
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**Fig. 1.** Thorax radiography (A) demonstrates bilateral diffuse micronodular and reticular interstitial opacities. Chest computed tomography (B) axial thin-section unenhanced CT image showing randomly distributed (miliary) nodules in both lungs associated with glass-ground opacities in the left lower lobe and bilateral pleural effusion.





**Fig. 1** Relevant radiological and microbiological findings of the case. **A** Thoracic tomography shows pleural effusion in the left hemithorax, approximate volume 485 mL, maximum density 38 hu, parietal and visceral pleura thickening, and mediastinal calcifications. Left anterior apical calcified granuloma, subpleural laminar and segmental atelectasis left basal consolidation with aerial bronchogram. Pre-aortic and subcarinal reactive nodules. Small right pericardial effusion. **B** Female helminth of *A. lumbricoides* obtained from the patient's vomit. **C** *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* isolated from lung biopsy on Lowenstein Jensen agar. **D** Culture of a lung biopsy on Sabouraud agar with chloramphenicol showing filamentous growth of *Curvularia hawaiiensis*. **E** Microscopic view of *C. hawaiiensis* ha colony with ellipsoid conidia, rounded at the ends, pale brown, medium reddish brown to dark brown, three septa

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Necrotising pneumonia caused by *Curvularia hawaiiensis* (syn. *Bipolaris hawaiiensis*) and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* coinfection in a patient with ascariasis: a case report and review



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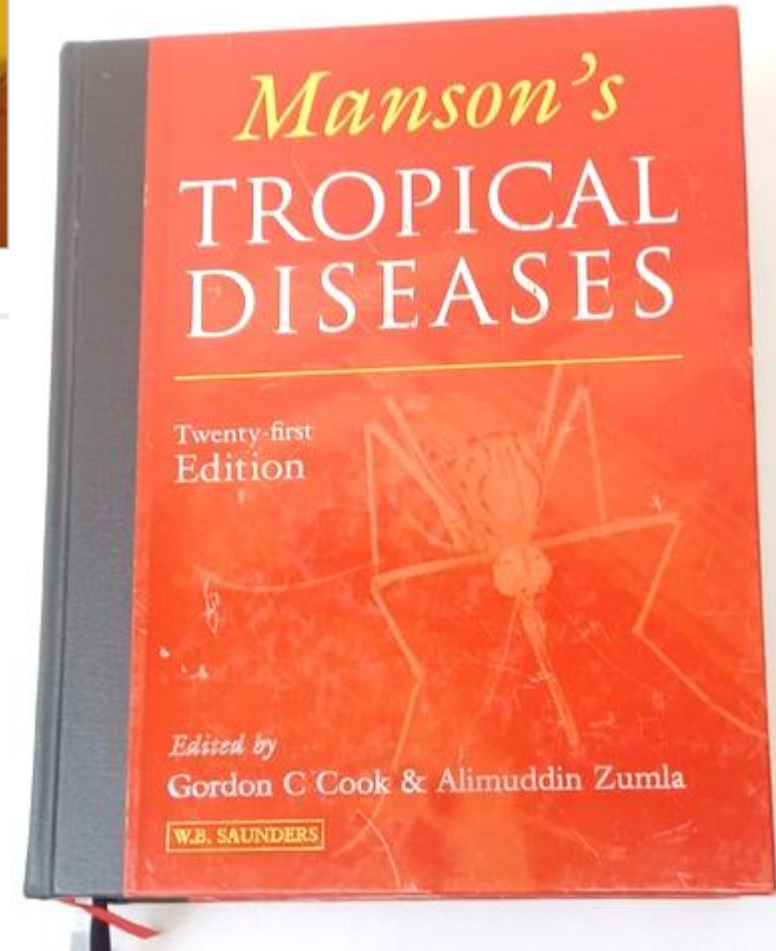
- La COVID-19 ha revertido los avances alcanzados en la última década en la lucha contra la TB.
- Debido a esta pandemia se ha afectado seriamente el acceso a los servicios esenciales de prevención y atención de la TB en el 2020.
- A nivel mundial, en 2020, se estimaron que **9.9 millones** de personas enfermaron de tuberculosis, con un estimado de **1.5 millones de muertes** por esta infección, de ellas, **214.000 (14,3%) tenían VIH**.
- En las Américas, en 2020, se estimaron **291.000** casos de tuberculosis.
- Las muertes estimadas para la región fue **27.000**, de las cuales el **29% (7.900) corresponde a la co-infección por TB/VIH**.

- Se diagnosticaron **4.007 casos** de TB RR/MDR.
- De estos, tan solo el 89% inició tratamiento.
- La proporción de **casos de TB-RR estudiados** para resistencia a las fluoroquinolonas disminuyó al **29%** en comparación con el 53% del año anterior.
- La Estrategia Fin de la TB tiene como propósito terminar con la epidemia de tuberculosis en el mundo y está vinculada con los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS), bajo tres indicadores de alto nivel:
  - reducir el número de muertes por tuberculosis en un **95%**,
  - reducir los nuevos casos en un **90% entre 2015 y 2035**, y
  - garantizar que ninguna familia enfrente costos catastróficos debidos a la tuberculosis.





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# World tuberculosis day 2023 – Reflections on the spread of drug- resistant tuberculosis by travellers and reducing risk in forcibly displaced populations

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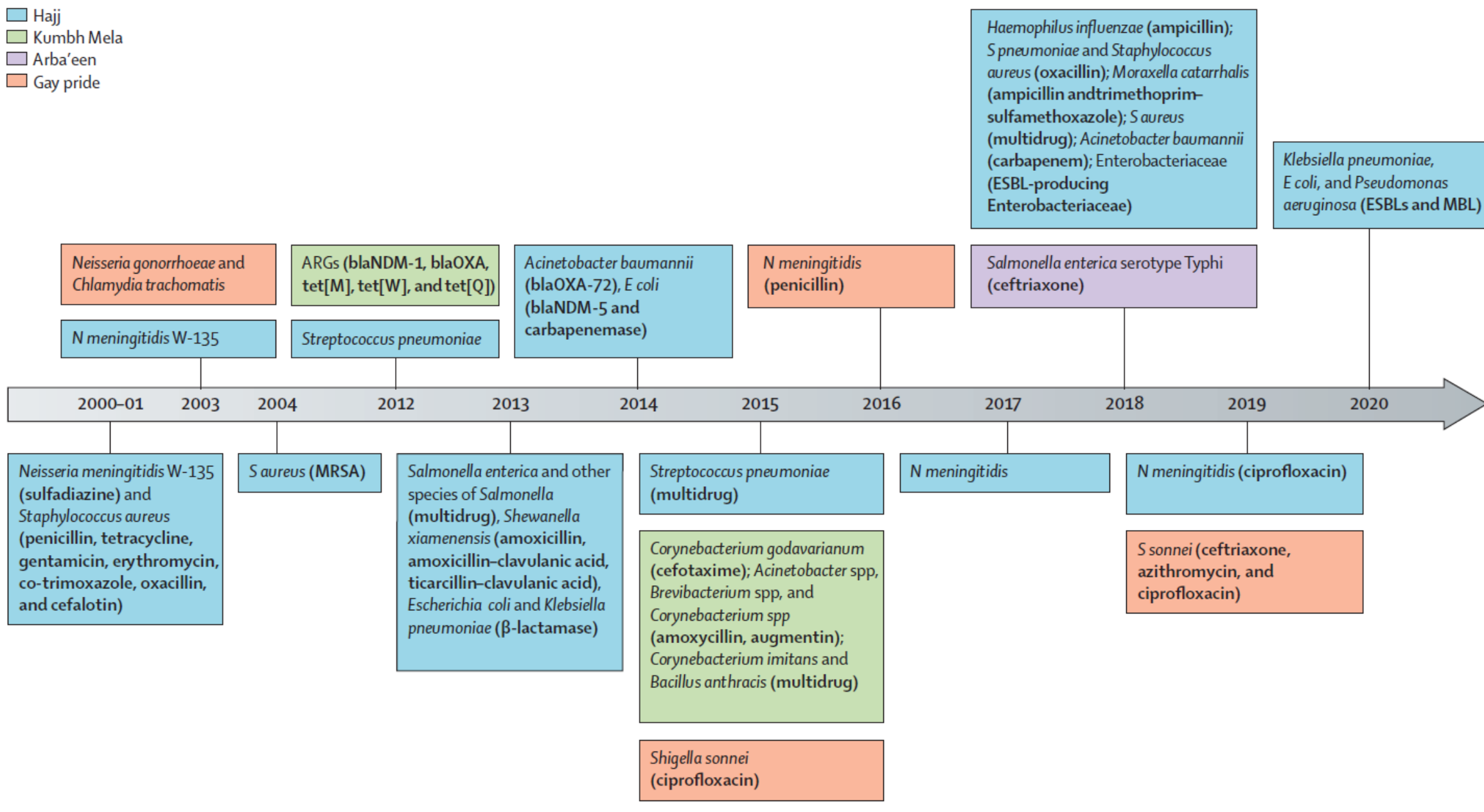
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## Globalisation of antibiotic-resistant bacteria at recurring mass gathering events

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- Hajj
- Kumbh Mela
- Arba'een
- Gay pride



**Figure: Bacterial pathogens and antimicrobial resistance associated with religious and gay pride events**

The studies that inform this figure are listed in the appendix. Text in bold denotes the antibiotics to which the bacteria are resistant. ARGs=antibiotic resistance genes. ESBL=Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase. MBL=metallo beta-lactamase. MRSA=methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

# Clinical challenges of managing advanced AIDS in the tropics: Histoplasmosis, COVID-19, and shigellosis coinfections

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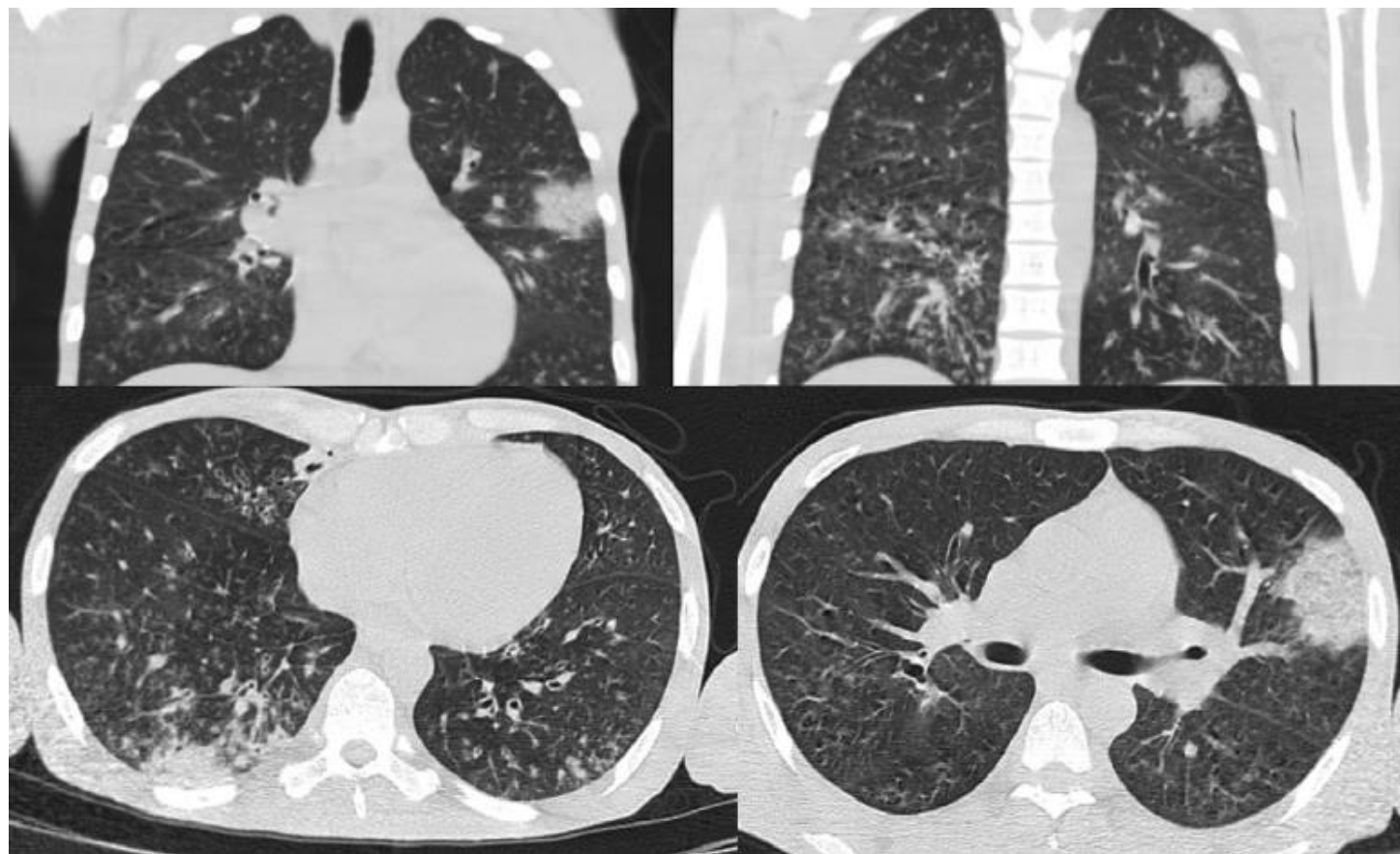
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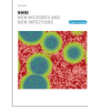


**FIG. 1.** Chest CT scan with diffuse branching opacities and upper segment of the lower lobe consolidation patches, and multiple bronchiectases in the middle and lower left lobes.

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# COVID-19 and dengue coinfection in Latin America: A systematic review

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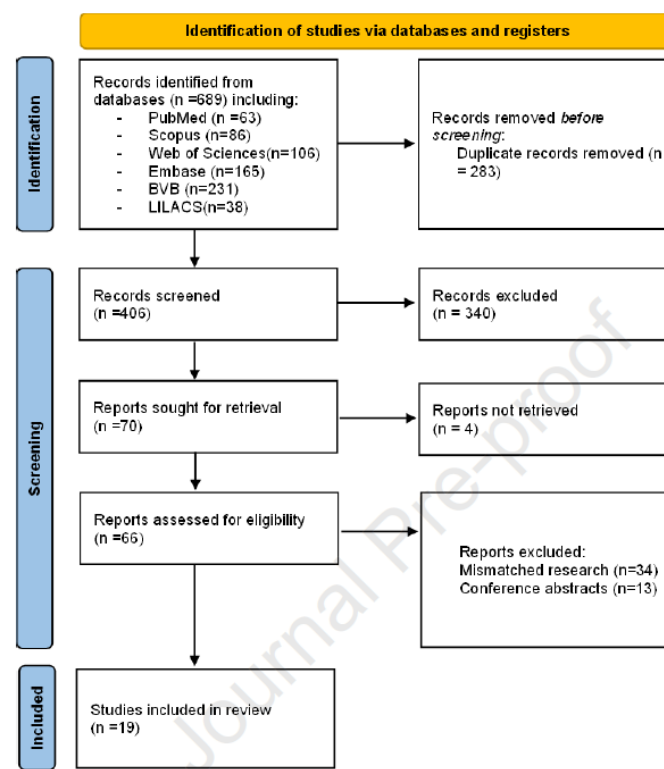


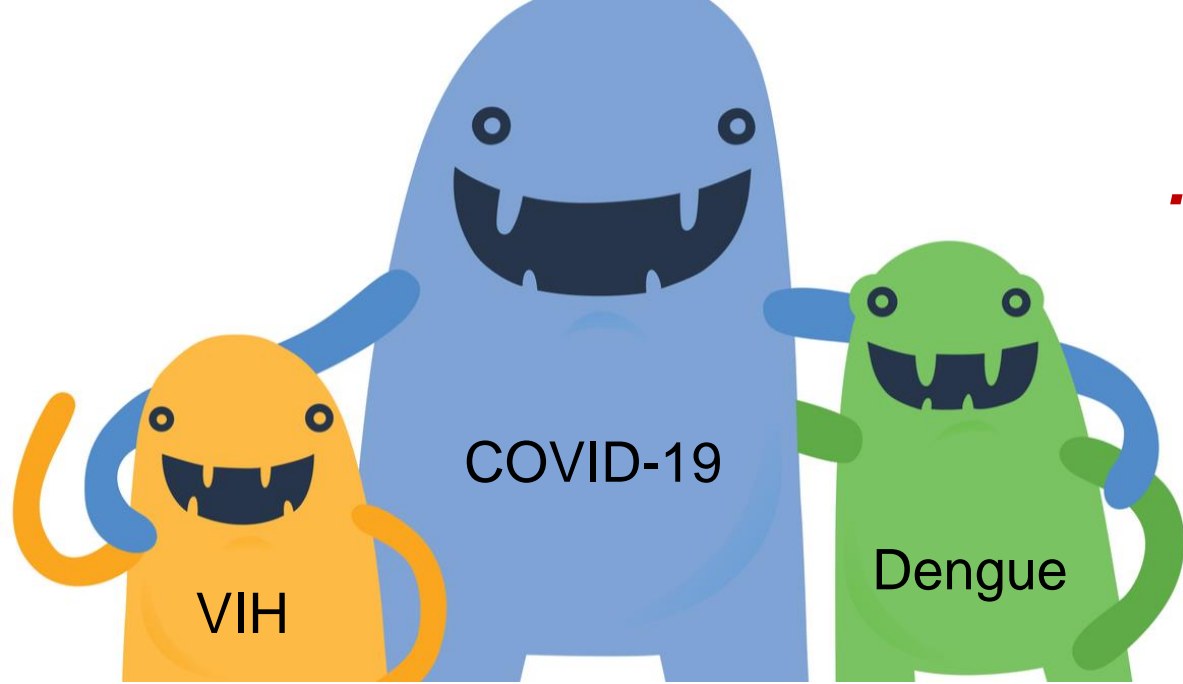
Figure 1. PRISMA flow chart of the studies selection process

Table 2. Main individual characteristics of the studies included.

Authors	Year	Design	Country	Participants (N)	Age (Years)	Sex	Diagnosis method		Serotype of dengue	Hospitalization (days)	Outcome
							COVID-19	Dengue			
Braatz M. et al.[23]	2021	Case series	Brazil	1	16	F	IgM, IgG, and PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	PCR positive	NR	21	Discharged after 21 days of hospitalization
Reyes J. et al.[24]	2021	Case report	Mexico	1	42	F	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	PCR positive	DENV-1	18	Discharged on day 24 after the onset of symptoms
Agudelo R. et al.[25]	2021	Case report	Colombia	2	24	F	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	IgM and IgG positive	DENV-1	6	Discharged after six days of hospitalization
					59	M	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	IgM/IgG positive	NR	63	Died
Bicudo N. et al.[26]	2020	Case report	Brazil	1	56	F	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	IgM/IgG positive	DENV-1	6	Discharged after 6 days.
Lopes R.[27]	2020	Case report	Brazil	1	39	M	IgM, IgG and PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	PCR positive	DENV-1	NR	Clinical improvement
Salvo C. et al.[28]	2020	Case report	Argentina	1	43	M	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	IgM and NSI positive.	NR	NR	Discharged.
Nakandakari et al.[29]	2021	Case report	Peru	1	13	F	IgM and IgG positive	NSI positive.	NR	5	Discharged after five days
					NR	NR	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	PCR positive	DENV 1 - 4	NR	NR
Rosso et al.[30]	2021	Cross-sectional	Colombia	2	NR	NR	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	Seroconversion	NR	NR	NR
Estoflete et al. [31]	2020	Case report	Brazil	1	60	F	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	NSI, IgM and IgG positive	NR	NR	Died after five days
Villanul-Gomez WE. et al.[32]	2021	Case report	Colombia	1	52	M	PCR SARS-CoV-2 positive	IgG, IgM and PCR positive	DENV-2	7	Discharged, after 7 days



Figure 2. Cases of co-infection between COVID-19 and dengue in Latin America. Only coinfection cases from Latin American countries reported in selected studies were included. Updated September 4, 2021.



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## COINFECCIÓN DENGUE Y SARS-COV-2 EN PACIENTE HIV POSITIVO

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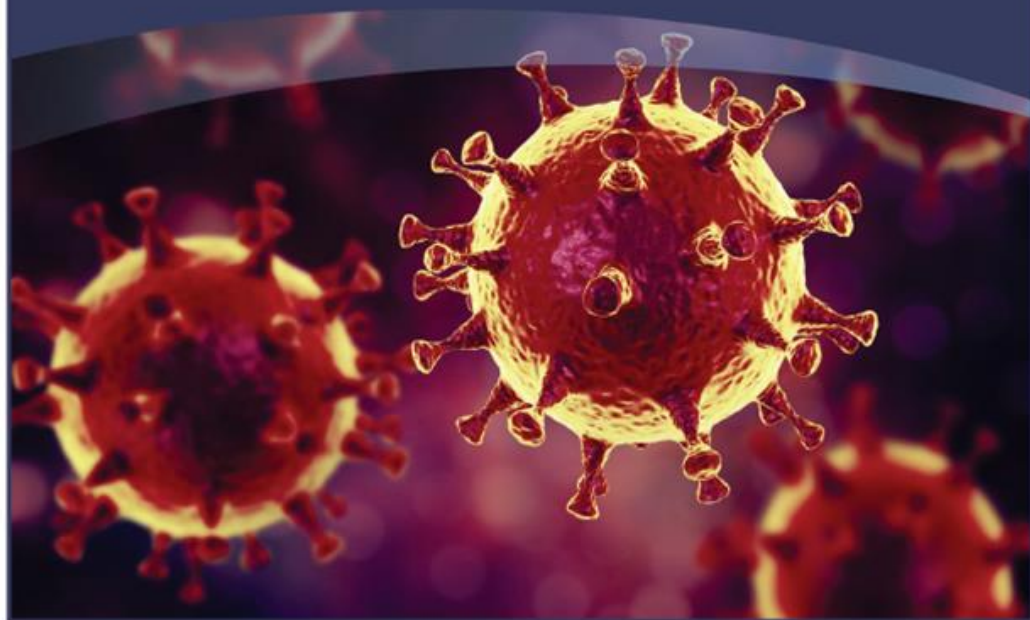
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**Resumen** El dengue es una arbovirosis confinada a las áreas geográficas donde habitan sus vectores, los mosquitos *Aedes aegypti* y *Aedes albopictus*. La transmisión ocurre principalmente durante el verano, pero la persistencia del insecto en el ambiente puede extenderla hasta el otoño en climas templados y cálidos. En nuestro país, este año la transmisión estacional del dengue se superpuso temporalmente con la pandemia de COVID-19, producida por el SARS-CoV-2, un coronavirus causante de afecciones respiratorias graves con eventual desenlace fatal. Por otro lado, el HIV es un retrovirus que debilita el sistema inmune favoreciendo las infecciones por numerosos patógenos oportunistas. Presentamos el caso de un paciente con infección HIV sin tratamiento que desarrolló infección simultánea por dengue y SARS-CoV-2 con evolución favorable.



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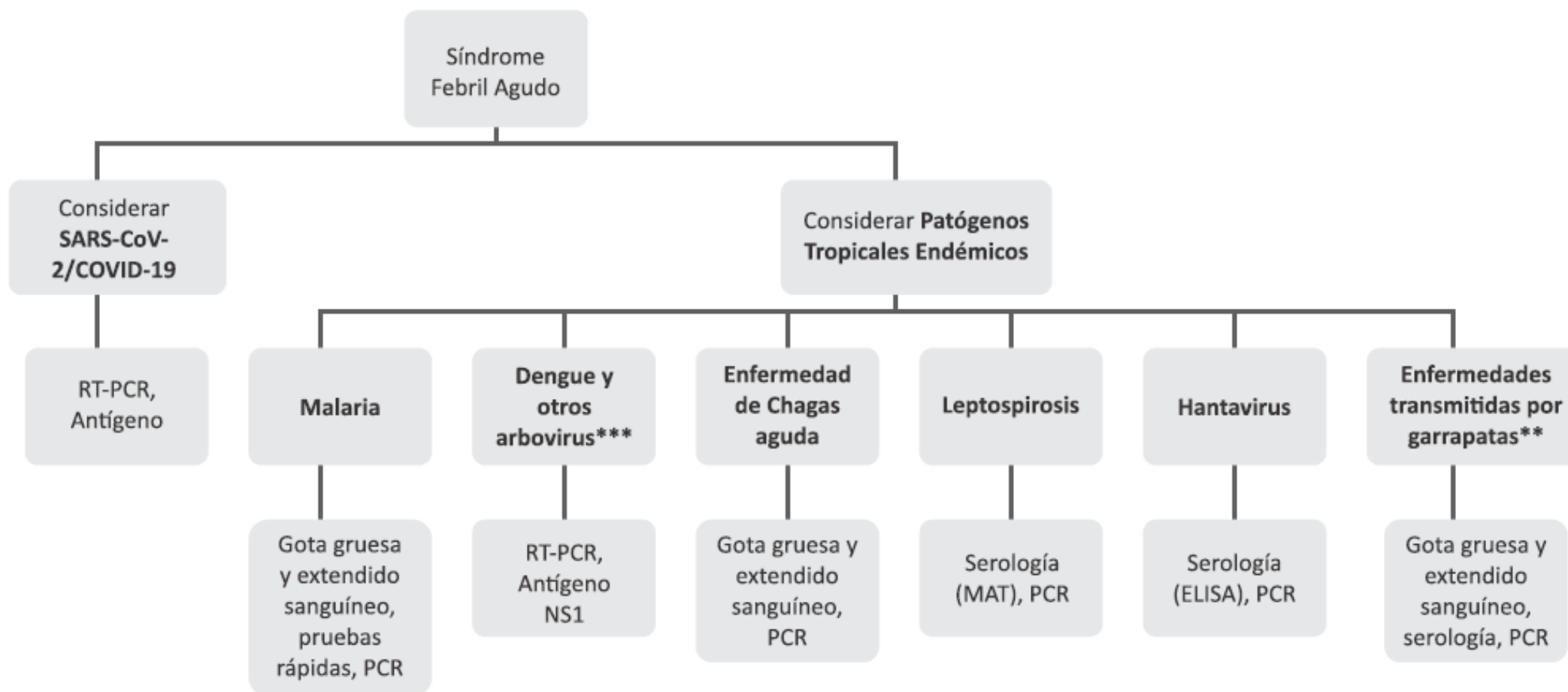
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**Table 1 - Data on case reports of zoonotic febrile illnesses misdiagnosed as COVID-19.**

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Case</i>	<i>Age (gender)</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Clinical manifestations</i>	<i>Laboratory parameters</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Vogel N et al. 2020 [14]	1	35 (M)	Germany	Leptospirosis	Fever, cough, sore throat, body ache, tachycardia, jaundice, myalgia	Thrombocytopenia, leukocytosis, hypoalbuminemia, ↑Cr, ↑Urea, ↑uric acid, ↑AST, ↑ALT, ↑GGT; ↑TBil, ↑DBil,	Hydration, ceftriaxone	Recovered
Patel HM 2020 [15]	2	25 (M)	United States	Murine typhus	Fever, headache, myalgia, chills, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, congestion, fatigue, dizziness, back pain, tachycardia, body aches	Bandemia, lymphopenia, ↑ESR	Doxycycline	Recovered
Alamarat Z 2020 [16]	3 to 8	9, 11, 11, 13, 13, 14*	United States (6/6)	Murine typhus (6/6)	Fever (6/6), tachycardia (6/6), tachypnea (6/6), rash (6/6), myalgia (5/6), cough (5/6), abdominal pain (5/6), sore throat (4/6), vomiting (4/6), diarrhea (1/6), fatigue (1/6)	↑AST (6/6), ↑ALT (6/6), ↑LDH (6/6), ↑Ferritin (6/6), ↑D-dimer (6/6), ↑CRP (6/6), ↑Procalcitonin (6/6), leucopenia (3/6), neutrophilia (3/6), thrombocytopenia (3/6), lymphopenia (2/6)	Doxycycline (4/6) None (2/6)	Recovered (6/6)
Wormser GP et al. 2021 [17]	9	36 (M)	United States	Lyme borreliosis and Babesiosis	Fever, erythematous skin lesion, myalgia, stiff neck, fatigue,	ND	Ceftriaxone, doxycycline	Recovered

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Case</i>	<i>Age (gender)</i>	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Diagnosis</i>	<i>Clinical manifestations</i>	<i>Laboratory parameters</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Tendulkar P et al. 2021 [18]	12	23 (M)	India	Leptospirosis	Fever, shortness of breath, yellowish expectoration, loose stools, tachypnea, respiratory failure	Leukocytosis, neutrophilia, lymphopenia, ↑Urea, ↑Cr, ↑TBil, ↑DBil, ↑AST, ↑ALT, ↑ALP, ↑GGT	Doxycycline	Deceased
Cetin S and Sahin AM 2021 [19]	13	57 (M)	Turkey	Hantavirus infection	Fever, fatigue, hyporexia, myalgia, arthralgia, tachycardia, oliguria	Leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, ↑Urea, ↑Cr, ↑CRP, ↑D-dimer, ↑Ferritin, ↑AST	Hydration, Supportive therapy	Recovered
de Lemos ERS et al. 2022 [20]	14	24 (M)	Brazil	Hantavirus Cardiopulmonary Syndrome	Fever, headache, dry cough, diarrhea, hyporexia, respiratory discomfort, dry cough, hemoptysis, tachycardia, prostration, nausea, vomiting, dyspnea	Normal WBC with left shift, bandemia, thrombocytopenia, ↑AST, ↑ALT	Oxygen therapy, amoxicillin/ clavulanic acid, oseltamivir	Deceased
Mardani M et al. 2022 [21]	15	41 (M)	Iran	Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever	Fever, myalgia, malaise, coffee ground vomitus, melena,	Thrombocytopenia, ↑PTT, ↑AST, ↑ALT, ↑Ferritin, ↑LDH, ↑D-dimer, ↑CRP	Ribavirin	Recovered
Turmel JM et al. 2022 [22]	16	83 (F)	Martinique	Leptospirosis	Fever, dyspnea, myalgia, arthralgia, diarrhea	Lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia, ↑Cr, ↑BUN, ↑CRP, ↑AST, ↑ALT	Amoxycilin, steroid therapy	Recovered
Elçi H and Orhan Ö 2022 [23]	17	3 (M)	Turkey	Leptospirosis	Fever, cough, weakness, abdominal pain, tachycardia, tachypnea	Thrombocytopenia, ↑CRP	Hydration, cefotaxime, doxycycline	Recovered
Barbina S et al. 2022 [24]	18	72 (F)	United States	Spotted fever group rickettsiosis	Fever, myalgia, fatigue, dry cough, nausea,	Hyponatremia, ↑AST, ↑ALT, ↑CRP,	Doxycycline	Recovered

# Zoonotic febrile illnesses misdiagnosed as COVID-19: a review of reported clinical cases

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REVIEW

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# Pan-American Guidelines for the treatment of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19: a joint evidence-based guideline of the Brazilian Society of Infectious Diseases (SBI) and the Pan-American Association of Infectious Diseases (API)

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## Conclusions

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, studies have been conducted to provide the evidence necessary to formulate recommendations. This guideline presents a set of drugs that have proven effective in the prophylaxis and treatment of COVID-19 following the principles of evidence-based medicine, emphasising the strong recommendation for the use of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir in outpatients. Evidence has shown the lack of benefit of hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin, contraindicating their use in both outpatient and inpatient settings. It is strongly advised that these recommendations be adopted in the Americas to optimise the use of health resources and reduce the heterogeneity of procedures, as well as to reduce the progression to long COVID-19 [65].







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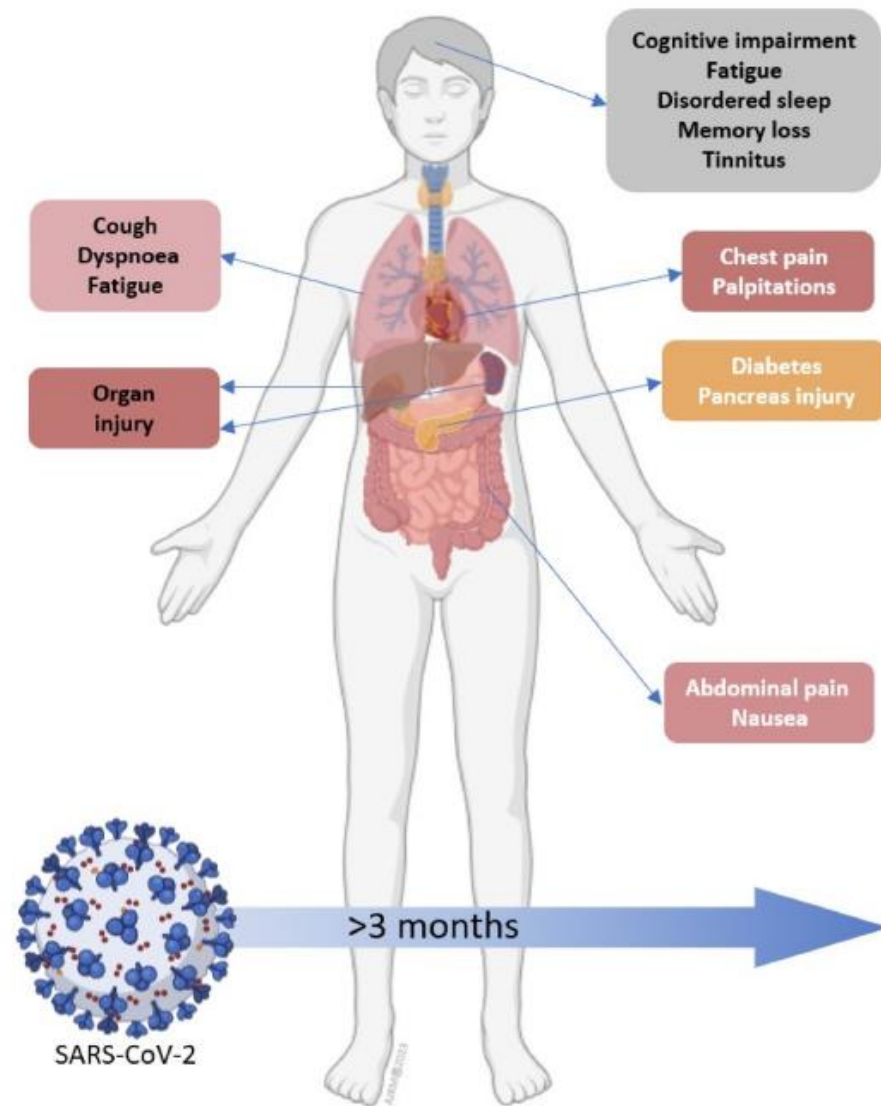


Fig. 1. Some of the clinical findings associated with long COVID-19, modified from Davis et al. [63].

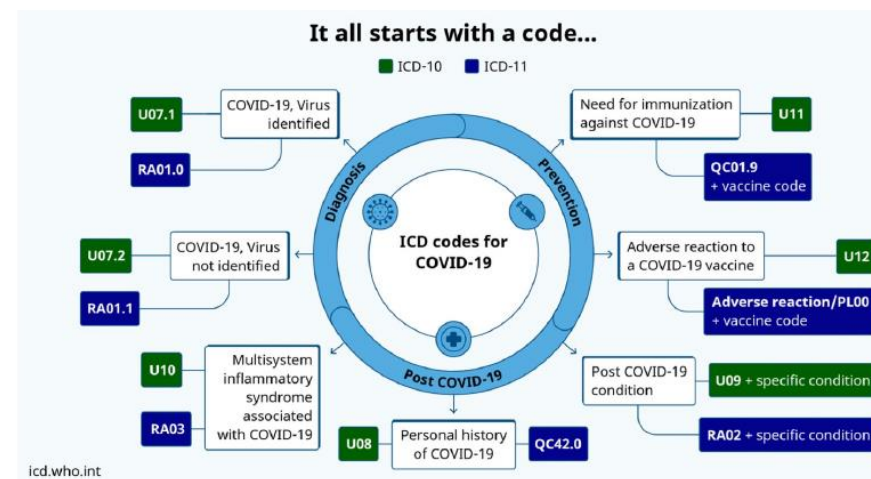




Fig. 2. ICD codes for COVID-19, according the WHO (<https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/classification-of-diseases/emergency-use-icd-codes-for-covid-19-disease-outbreak>).

# The never ending global emergence of viral zoonoses after COVID-19? The rising concern of monkeypox in Europe, North America and beyond

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**Table 1**  
Key features of Smallpox and Monkeypox.

Orthopoxvirus	
Smallpox	Monkeypox
More infectious	Less infectious
Vaccines used until used up to four decades ago	No specific vaccine is available yet (cross-immunity with Smallpox vaccine)
Eradicated in 1980 (last known case in 1977 in Somalia)	Known circulation in Africa since 1958 (1970 first human case in DRC)
Similar transmission routes	
CFR:	CFR
Variola minor: 1%	West African clade: 1%
Variola major: 30%	Central African clade: 10%



Fig. 1. Countries that have reported Monkeypox in 2022, up to May 23.

# Latin America: Situation and preparedness facing the multi-country human monkeypox outbreak

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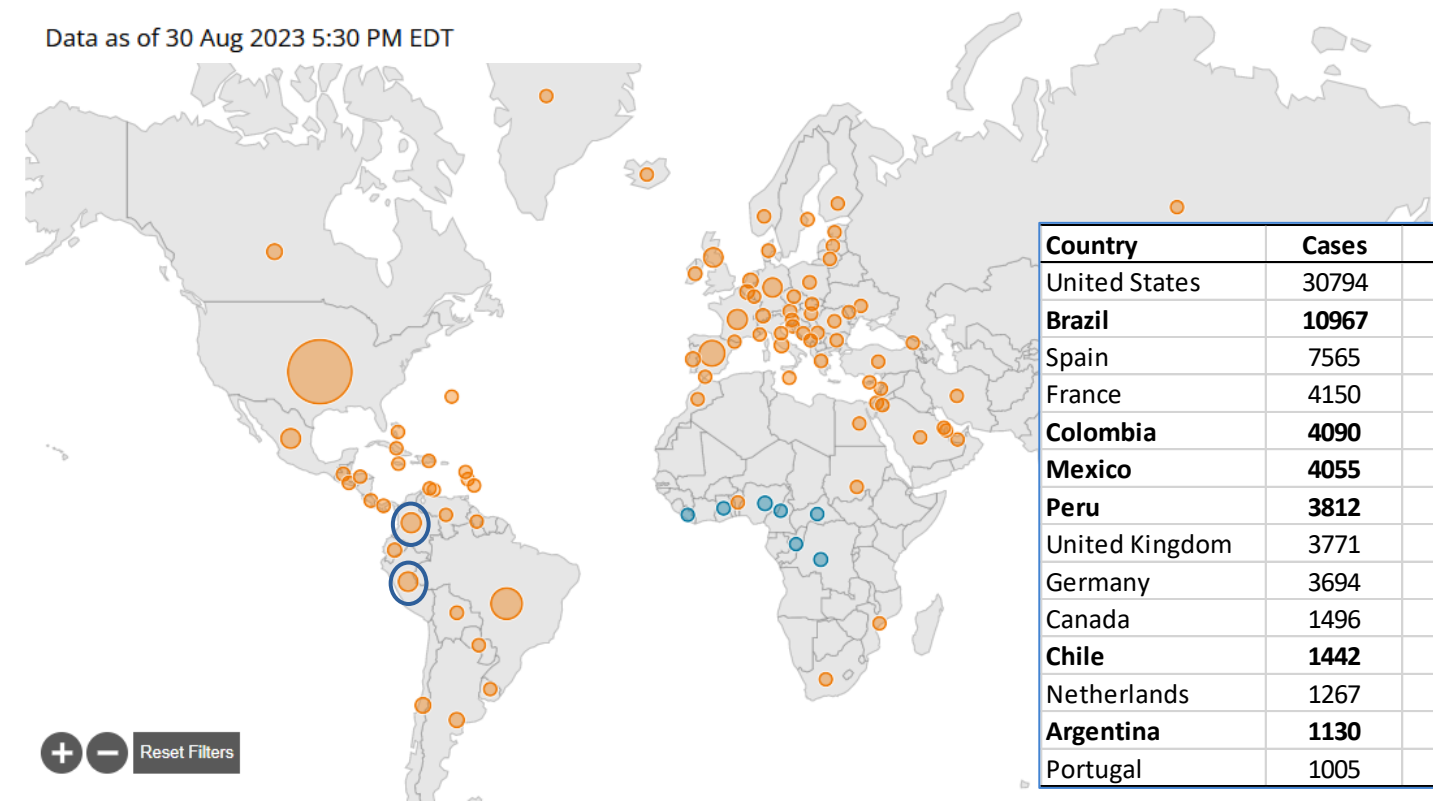
<b>89,581</b> Total Cases	<b>87,688</b> in locations that have not historically reported mpox	<b>1,893</b> in locations that have historically reported mpox
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Locations with cases

<b>114</b> Total	<b>107</b> Has not historically reported mpox	<b>7</b> Has historically reported mpox
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## 2022 Mpox Outbreak Global Map

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Country	Cases	Deaths
United States	30794	53
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>10967</b>	<b>16</b>
Spain	7565	3
France	4150	0
<b>Colombia</b>	<b>4090</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>4055</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Peru</b>	<b>3812</b>	<b>20</b>
United Kingdom	3771	0
Germany	3694	0
Canada	1496	0
<b>Chile</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>3</b>
Netherlands	1267	0
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>2</b>
Portugal	1005	1

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## Features of Mpox infection: The analysis of the data submitted to the ID-IRI network

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Symptom/s	614	95.3
<b>Fever</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>54.9</b>
Headache	190	30.9
Sore throat	130	21.2
Fatigue	246	40.1
Itching	203	33.1
Cough	16	2.6
Mental deterioration	4	0.7
Muscle pain	224	36.4
Abdominal pain	6	0.9
Nausea-vomiting	17	2.8
Rectal pain	67	10.9
Rectal bleeding	12	1.9
Ulcers in the mouth	38	6.2
Genital ulcers	220	35.8
<b>Lymphadenopathy</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>65.1</b>
<b>Region of lymphadenopathy</b>		
Inguinal	327	78
Cervical	144	34.4
Axillary	23	5.5
Mixed	75	17.9

# Hospitalization risk among patients with Mpox infection—a propensity score matched analysis

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## Abstract

**Background:** Monkeypox (Mpox) is a reemerging, neglected viral disease. By May 2023, worldwide Mpox cases surpassed 87,000. Predictive factors for hospitalization with Mpox are lacking.

**Objective:** We aim to compare clinical characteristics and outcomes in hospitalized and nonhospitalized patients with Mpox infection.

**Design:** A multicenter retrospective case-control cohort of patients with Mpox infection.

**Methods:** We performed a propensity score match analysis from a global health network (TrinetX). We compare clinical characteristics and outcomes between hospitalized and nonhospitalized patients with Mpox.

**Results:** Of 1477 patients, 6% were hospitalized, 52% required an ED visit, and 29% received treatment at urgent care. After propensity score matching, 80 patients remained in each group. Hospitalizations were more common among Black persons (51% versus 33%,  $p=0.01$ ), people with HIV (50% versus 20%,  $p<0.0001$ ), and those with proctitis (44% versus 12.5%,  $p<0.001$ ).

**Conclusion:** Independent predictive factors of hospitalization in our cohort for Mpox included people who are Black with a diagnosis of HIV, severe proctitis, pain requiring opioids, and elevated lactate dehydrogenase. Greater recognition of factors associated with increased risk of Mpox severity and hospitalization is paramount.

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**Table 1.** Clinical characteristics of Mpox patients by hospitalization status.

Variable, Mean ± SD, N (%)	N	Overall, N = 1477	Hospitalized, N = 89	Nonhospitalized, N = 1388	p-Value
<b>Demographics</b>					
Age (years),	1477	35 ± 11.8	34 ± 11	35.1 ± 11.9	0.3882
Men	1477	1323 (90%)	80 (90%)	1243 (90%)	0.9203
White	1477	436 (30%)	38 (43%)	398 (29%)	0.0049
Hispanic	1477	212 (14%)	15 (17%)	197 (14%)	0.4877
Black	1477	438 (30%)	45 (51%)	393 (28%)	<0.0001
<b>Symptoms</b>					
Rash	1477	204 (14%)	49 (55%)	155 (11%)	<0.0001
Fever	1477	81 (5%)	20 (22%)	61 (4%)	<0.0001
Nausea	1477	35 (2%)	11 (12%)	24 (2%)	<0.0001
Headaches	1477	32 (2%)	10 (11%)	22 (2%)	<0.0001
<b>Comorbidities*</b>					
HIV	1477	487 (33%)	51 (57%)	436 (31%)	<0.0001
History of Syphilis	1477	267 (18%)	31 (35%)	236 (17%)	<0.0001
Neoplasm	1477	185 (13%)	17 (19%)	168 (12%)	0.0532
Aplastic anemia	1477	83 (6%)	17 (19%)	66 (5%)	<0.0001
DM2	1477	71 (5%)	12 (14%)	59 (4%)	<0.0001
Transplant status	1477	<10 (<1%)	<10 (<11%)	<10 (<1%)	<0.0001
<b>Complications</b>					
Proctitis	1477	143 (10%)	29 (33%)	114 (8%)	<0.0001
Cellulitis	1477	33 (2%)	15 (17%)	21 (2%)	<0.0001
Tonsillitis	1477	22 (2%)	10 (11%)	12 (1%)	<0.0001
Pneumonia	1477	<10 (<1%)	<10 (<11%)	<10 (<1%)	<0.0001
<b>Labs**</b>					
Creatinine (mg/dL)	315	1.0 ± 10.7	0.9 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.3	0.0188
AST (IU/mL)	175	29.1 ± 20	51.5 ± 103	29.2 ± 20.4	0.0052
Leukocytes (10 <sup>3</sup> /μL)	260	10.8 ± 87.1	10.3 ± 7.0	11.3 ± 64	0.9015
Lymphocytes (10 <sup>3</sup> /μL)	227	3.0 ± 1.2	2.5 ± 2.2	2.2 ± 2.5	0.5384
Hemoglobin (mg/dL)	254	14.5 ± 1.64	13.6 ± 1.8	14.5 ± 1.6	0.0004
Hemoglobin A1c (%)	43	5.87 ± 1.68	5.4 ± 1.1	5.9 ± 1.7	0.3609
CD4 count (cells/μL)	107	600 ± 336	286 ± 283	618 ± 337	0.0003
HIV RNA (copies/mL)	33	39k ± 81k	248k ± 200k	31k ± 73k	<0.0001
LDH (U/L)	24	254 ± 121	304 ± 131	261 ± 125	0.3823
Ferritin (ng/mL)	28	196 ± 90.6	234.6 ± 254.4	175.1 ± 88.6	0.635

# First Monkeypox deaths outside Africa: no room for complacency

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As of 16 August 2022, there are 37,632 confirmed cases of monkeypox in more than 85 non-endemic countries, plus those in endemic African areas, making a total of 38,019 in 93 countries.<sup>1</sup> The disease was always considered endemic in the African continent, with only a few sporadic outbreaks in the rest of the world since 2003.<sup>2</sup> Surprisingly, the present epidemic has wholly changed the epidemiology of the disease, with Europe and the American continent contributing more than 90% of the total confirmed cases.<sup>3</sup>

From the beginning of 2022 until 8 June 2022, 72 deaths were reported, all belonging to the African region. Of the total 72, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) had the largest proportion with 64 deaths.<sup>4</sup> The disease remained confined to the African continent until the beginning of May 2022, when the first case was seen in the United Kingdom on 8 May 2022.<sup>5</sup> The World Health Organization (WHO) reported on 22 July 2022 that only five deaths were due to monkeypox, with all of them again from Africa.

The first death from monkeypox outside Africa was reported in Brazil on 29 July 2022, when a 41-year-old man undergoing treatment for lymphoma died of septic shock.<sup>6</sup> Shortly after, Europe had its first death from a monkeypox case in Spain. The identity of the deceased was not disclosed. However, according to the Spanish health authorities, the individual was a middle-aged man from Alicante (Valencia region), who died due to encephalitis.<sup>7</sup> Within 24 hours of the first case, Spain again confirmed its second death from monkeypox. The second case reportedly is a young man, and more details are yet to be known. Spain is the worst hit country in Europe, with

more than 4,200 confirmed cases and 120 monkeypox hospitalizations.

On 31 July 2022, India reported its first monkeypox death.<sup>8</sup> He was a 22-year-old man who had returned from United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 21 July to Thrissur district in Kerala. Kerala is a state in the south of India that has reported the first three confirmed cases of monkeypox. He was admitted to a private hospital on 27 July 2022, with fever, encephalitis and lymph node swelling. At admission, he did not have any body rash, and therefore, there was no suspicion of monkeypox. It was only after he died that he tested positive for monkeypox at Ras Al-Khaimah (UAE) on July 19, just before his return to Kerala. According to health authorities, the deceased patient was healthy and did not have any other illness. Given the unexpected death, a high-level task force has been constituted to review the ongoing country public health preparedness.

On 1 August 2022, death due to monkeypox was also confirmed in Lima, Peru, in a 41-year-old man with HIV and tuberculosis that was not under antiretroviral treatment. He was admitted to the ICU with respiratory failure, acute renal failure and septic shock, and confirmed monkeypox virus (MPXV) infection.<sup>9</sup> One death has been also reported in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Possible causes of death triggered by monkeypox infection include MPXV central nervous system (CNS) invasion with encephalitis,<sup>10</sup> an infrequent complication, but where cell-mediated immunity defects may play a role. Also, sepsis from a skin and soft tissue infection can complicate the associated skin lesions. During prior African

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Country	Cases	Deaths	CFR%
Non-endemic countries			
India	9	1	11.11
Ecuador	17	1	5.88
Spain	5719	2	0.03
Brazil	2893	1	0.03
Subtotal non-endemic countries	37,632	5	0.01
Endemic countries			
Central African Republic	8	2	25.00
Nigeria	157	4	2.55
Ghana	47	1	2.13
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outbreaks – especially with the Congo basin strain – mortality was common among young children.<sup>11</sup> In those cases, researchers hypothesize the potential role of occasional co-infection with Varicella zoster virus (VZV). Experimental aerosolized MPXV infection among cynomolgus monkeys produced a fatal fibrinonecrotic bronchopneumonia 1–2 weeks after exposure.<sup>12</sup> In animal models, high MPXV viremia and neutropenias have been implicated in fatal gramme-positive sepsis.<sup>13</sup> Future autopsy histopathology analyses from fatal cases are needed to elucidate specific viral mechanisms of death.

Five deaths, among 37,632 cases in non-endemic countries represents, theoretically, a case fatality rate (CFR%) of 0.01%, compared with 1.81% in endemic countries during 2022 (183 times higher) (Table 1). Nevertheless, there are regional differences (Table 1). The difference would be higher when comparing with recent systematic reviews of African cases before 2022,<sup>14</sup> reporting 10.6% [95% confidence interval (CI), 8.4–13.3%] for clade 1 (formerly Congo basin or Central African) and 4.6% (95% CI 2.1–8.6%) for clade 2 (formerly West African). The

differences may be related to multiple factors, including difference in the host (e.g. nutrition, comorbidities, immunosuppression, among others), but also to the quality of the health care systems as well as the viral evolution. In addition, transmission has primarily been between men who have sex with men (MSM), and they have generally been of a young age (20- to 40-years-old) with few comorbidities; this has changed the epidemiology and likely reduced the CFR%.

More deaths due to monkeypox are yet to come during this outbreak, especially among immunosuppressed patients. Mortality risk factors and interventions should be researched immediately to prevent, control and mitigate the disease burden.

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## Monkeypox virus infection in women and non-binary people: uncommon or neglected?

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# A meta-analysis and mapping of global mpox infection among children and adolescents

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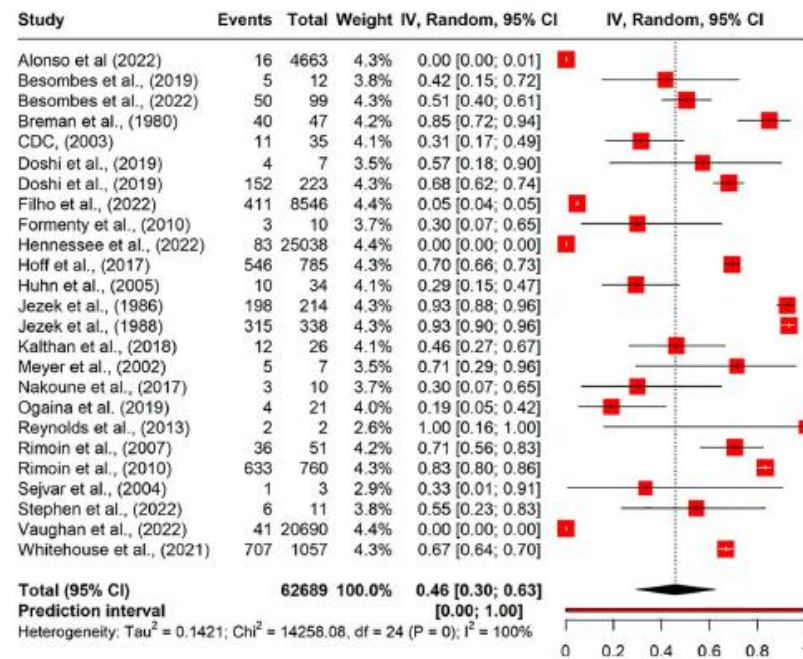


FIGURE 2 Forest plots showing overall effect size and its confidence interval; and heterogeneity statistics of proportion of children with mpox.

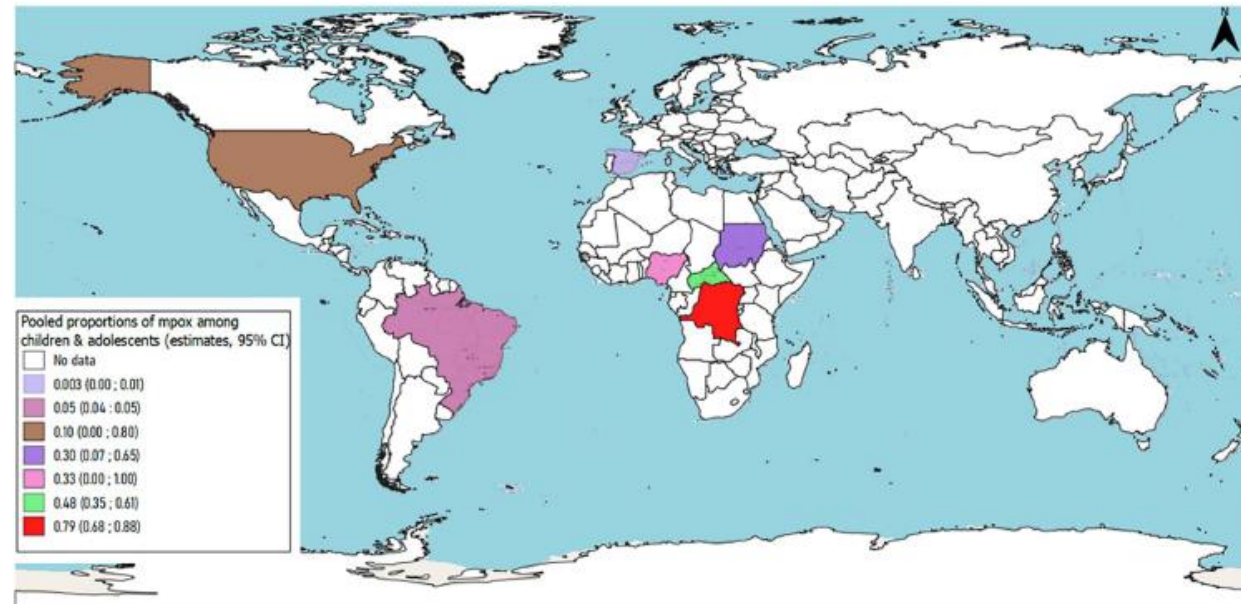
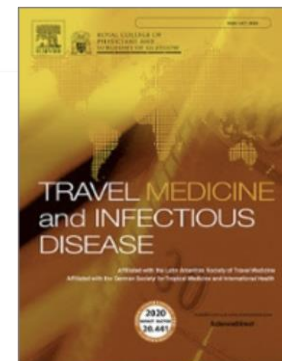
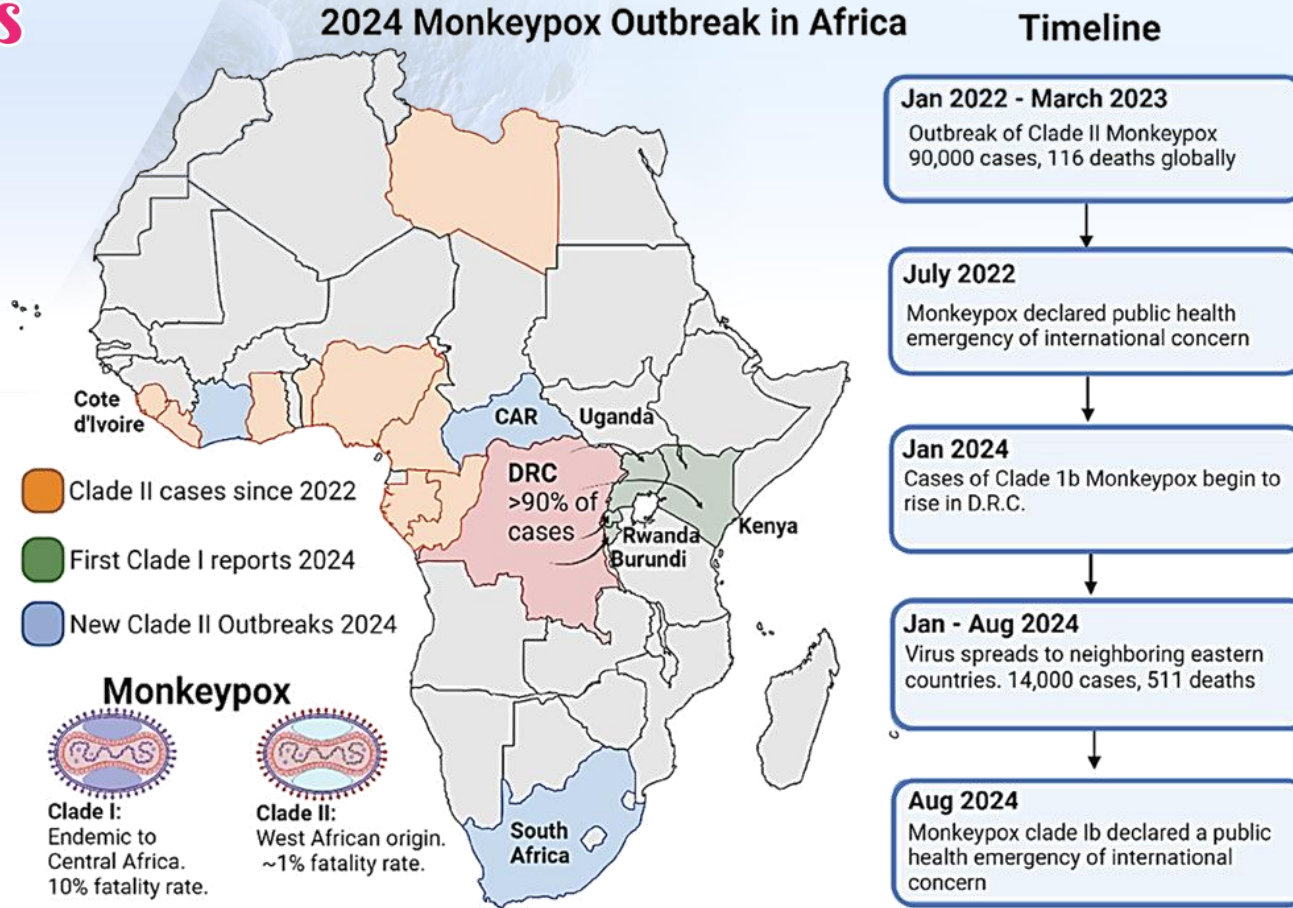


FIGURE 3 Choropleth map depicting the global outbreak of mpox among children and adolescents.



**Fig. 1.** Mpox outbreaks in Africa since 2022 highlighting re-emerging outbreaks (blue) in Central African Republic (CAR), Cote d'Ivoire and South Africa, with new outbreaks (green) in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda for the first time, declaring the African outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security by the African CDC; and the WHO as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Democratic Republic of Congo reports >90 % of the cases. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the Web version of this article.)

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## Renaming mpox in Spanish, French, and Portuguese: using language to address stigma and racism

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**EDITORIAL**

# The Resurgence of Mpox: A New Global Health Crisis

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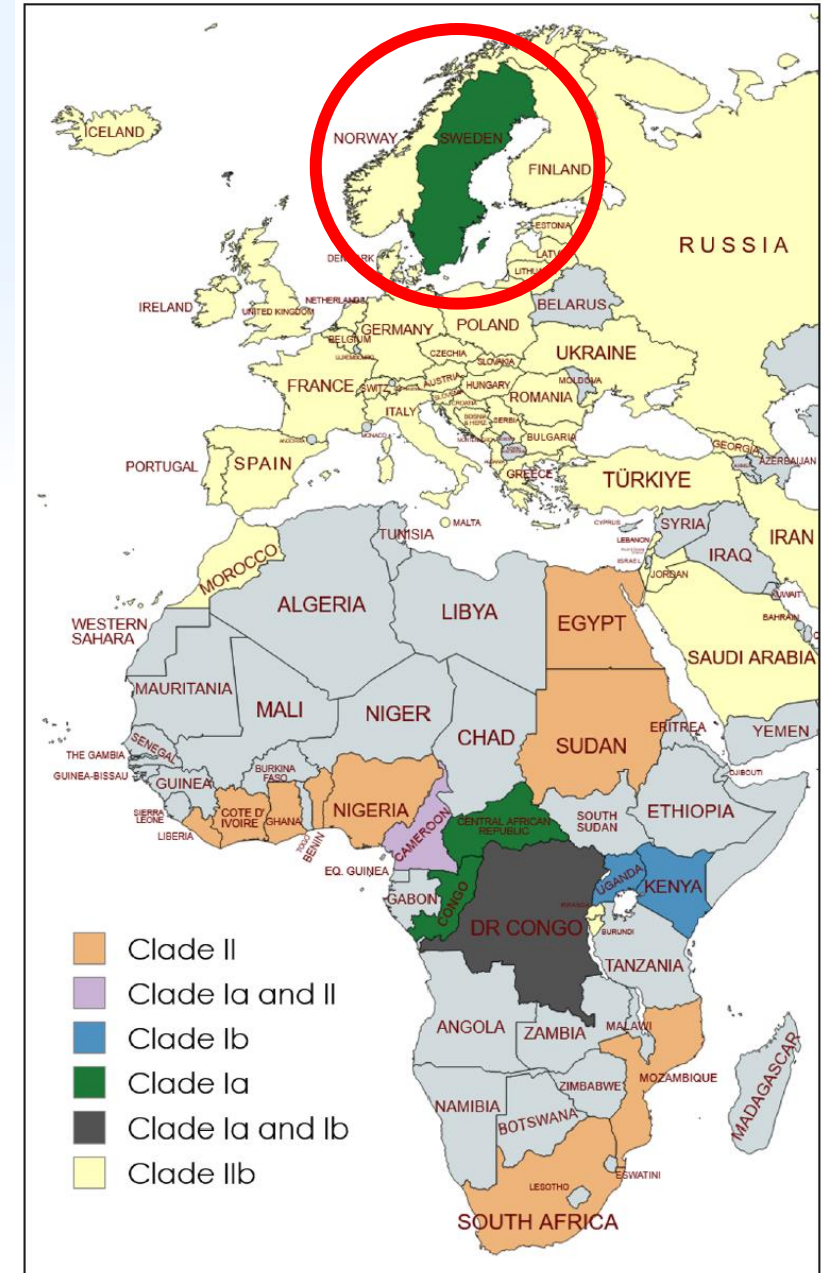
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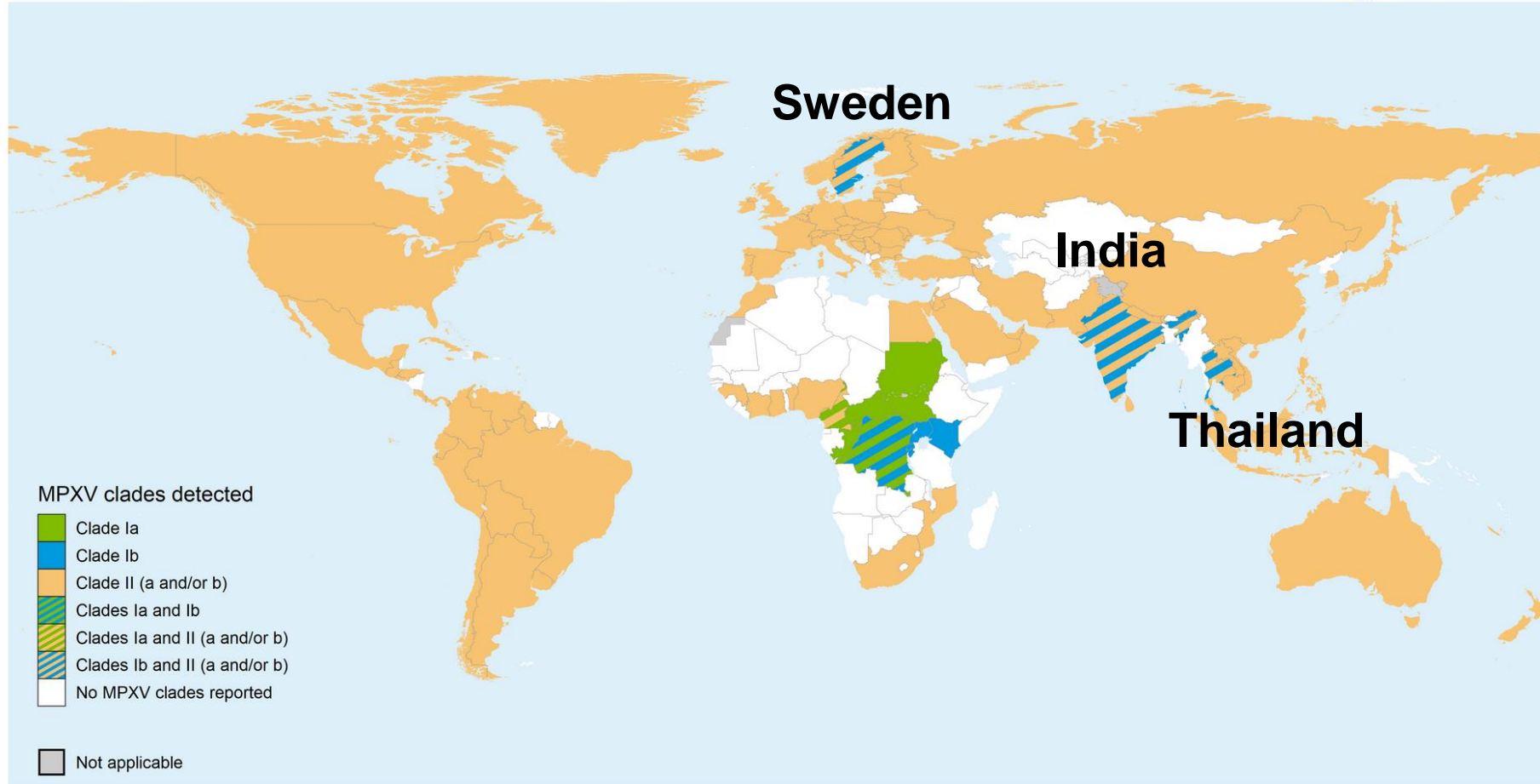


**Figure 1** - African countries where monkeypox virus clade I and/or clade II have been detected, and European countries that have previously reported clade IIb; including Sweden recently reported clade Ib (2024).



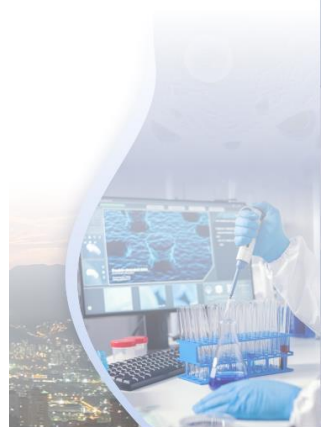
**MPXV clades detected globally**

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### Arboviral diseases and monkeypox - An epidemiological overlapping differential diagnosis?

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Over the last decades, the epidemiological importance of different arboviral diseases in the world has been significant, especially in Latin America and South-East Asia<sup>11</sup>. Dengue, chikungunya, Zika, yellow fever, but also Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis, Mayaro, and Oropouche, among others, have been significantly important in the case of Latin America<sup>12,3</sup>. Multiple dengue epidemics and the recent 2014-2015 epidemics of chikungunya<sup>4,5</sup> or 2015-2016 of Zika<sup>2,4,6,7</sup> have been a matter of concern. Furthermore, during the COVID-19 pandemic, coinfections with arboviruses and other tropical pathogens have also been relevant<sup>14-6</sup>. That is important to consider as a differential diagnosis and the possibility of coinfections.

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# ChikDenMaZika Yellow Monkey

Table 1. Clinical comparison between arboviral diseases and monkeypox.

	CHIK	DEN	MA	ZIKA	YELLOW	MONKEY
Fever	+++	++++	++++	++/0 <sup>a</sup>	+++	++++/0 <sup>d</sup>
Myalgia/arthritis	++++	+++	+++	++	+	++/0 <sup>d</sup>
Edema in limbs	0	0	0	++	0	0
Maculopapular rash	++	++	++	+++ <sup>b</sup>	0	+++ <sup>e</sup>
Vesiculopapular rash	0	0	0	0	0	+++ <sup>e</sup>
Retro-ocular pain	+	+++	++	++	0	0
Conjunctivitis, non-purulent	+	0	0	+++	0	+/0 <sup>d</sup>
Lymphadenopathies	++	++	+	+	0/+	++++/0 <sup>d</sup>
Hepatomegaly	++	0	+	0	+++	0
Leukopenia/ thrombocytopenia	++	++++	++	0/+ <sup>c</sup>	+++	Leukocytosis/ Thrombocytopenia++
Haemorrhages	+	+++	0	0/+ <sup>c</sup>	++++	+/0 <sup>d</sup>
Headache	+	+++	+	+	+++	++/0 <sup>d</sup>
Lumbago	++	+	+	0	+++	0
Asthenia	+	++	+	0	++	+++/0 <sup>d</sup>

CHIK, chikungunya; DEN, dengue; MA, mayaro; ZIKA, Zika; YELLOW, yellow fever; MONKEY, Monkeypox.

Bold indicates which of the arboviruses is the highest frequency of the clinical finding.

<sup>a</sup>Depends on the geography and phylogeny of the virus, in some areas, patients do not present fever.

<sup>b</sup>Pruriginous (mild to severe).

<sup>c</sup>In some cases, these findings have been reported.

<sup>d</sup>In the 2022 clinical phenotype, such a finding may not be present.

<sup>e</sup>In these cases, with intense pruritus and pain.

## After SARS-CoV-2, will H5N6 and other influenza viruses follow the pandemic path?

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### SUMMARY

While the world is focused on attending, controlling, and mitigating the current pandemic of COVID-19, caused by the SARS-CoV-2, other viral threats are possibly emerging and reemerging especially in Asia, posing a risk for the spread in that region and beyond. A predictable threat is the avian influenza virus, especially H5N6, which has recently led to significant outbreaks in China and the Philippines, deserving more attention and control. In the current review, we assess the histo-

ry of this highly pathogenic reemerging virus, as well as the contemporary implications of poultry outbreaks occurring in some Asian countries. We also look at outbreaks due to other strains not only in Asia but also across Europe and Africa, according to recent reports from the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE).

**Keywords:** Avian influenza, H5N6; SARS-CoV-2, emerging, pandemic, emergency.

### INTRODUCTION

Avian Influenza (AI) is a highly contagious viral respiratory disease that affects all species of birds, including commercial, wild, and pet

birds [1-3]. Its causal agent, the Avian influenza virus (AIV) is a single-stranded segmented negative-sense RNA virus. Classification is based on the antigenic properties of their Hemagglutinin (HA) and Neuraminidase (NA) [4, 5]. According to the ability of the virus to cause significant disease, the different strains could be further divided into Non-Pathogenic AIV (NPAIV), Low-Pathogenic AIV (LPAIV), and Highly-pathogenic AIV

(HPAIV) [6]. Spillover to human beings and other animal species may occur, leading to an infection that may be life-threatening [1].

Throughout history, most AIV did not infect humans. However, sporadic cross-species infections did occur, triggering mild outbreaks, and even pandemics (Spanish flu, 1918-1920 caused by H1N1) [7]. From 2010 to date, over 400 cases and more than 150 human deaths by an HPAI have been reported in Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Canada [8, 9]. The threat of a new HPAI strain has been latent over the years, with occasional outbreaks in poultry associated with severe consequences on livelihoods, international trade, and also severely impacting public health systems [2, 10]. Recently, lineages of the H5Nx (H5N1, H5N2, H5N6, H5N8) have proven to pose a severe risk

to the veterinarian and human health due to the capacity for the zoonotic spread and the genomic interactions amongst this viral group (Figure 1) [11]. One example was the 2003 H5N1 epidemic, spreading from Asia to Europe and Africa, causing millions of animal deaths and hundreds of people infected, with reported case fatality rate close to 60% [2, 12].

The AIV H5N6 was an LPAIV first reported decades ago [11]. However, the first reported case of human infection with a novel HPAIV H5N6 dates from 2014 in China, with symptoms that included fever and sore throat [4, 12, 13]. The association with live bird markets (LBM) or wet markets was established, confirming once more the threat that these markets pose to public health as they provide a perfect scenario for the spread, but also the modification of the AIV genes due to the close

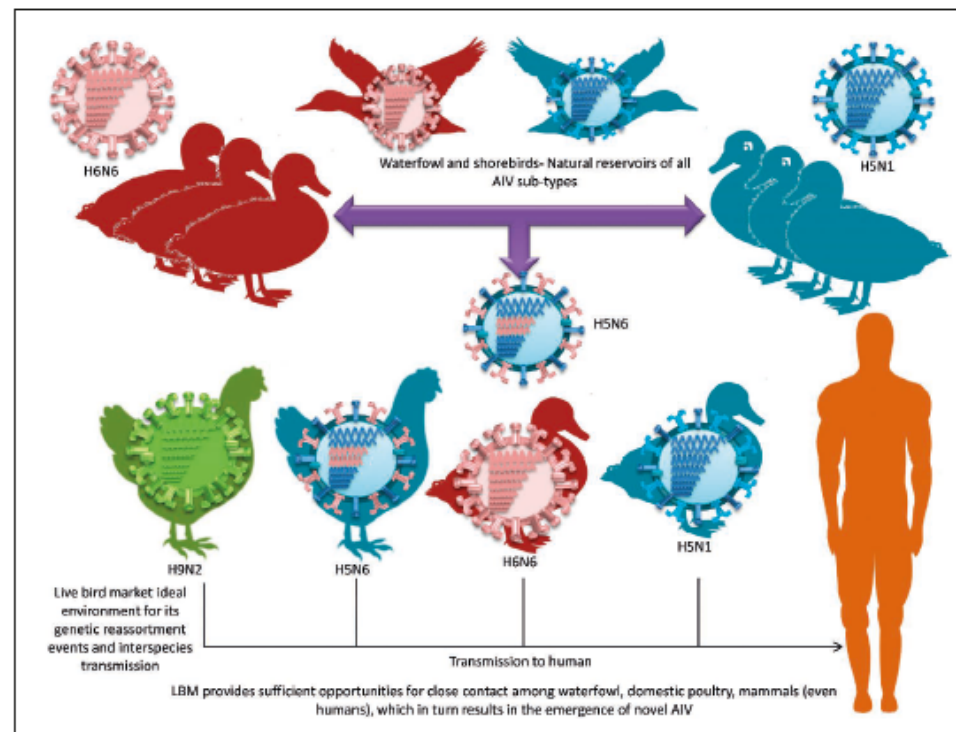


Figure 1 - Origin of H5N6 and other Avian Influenza viruses.

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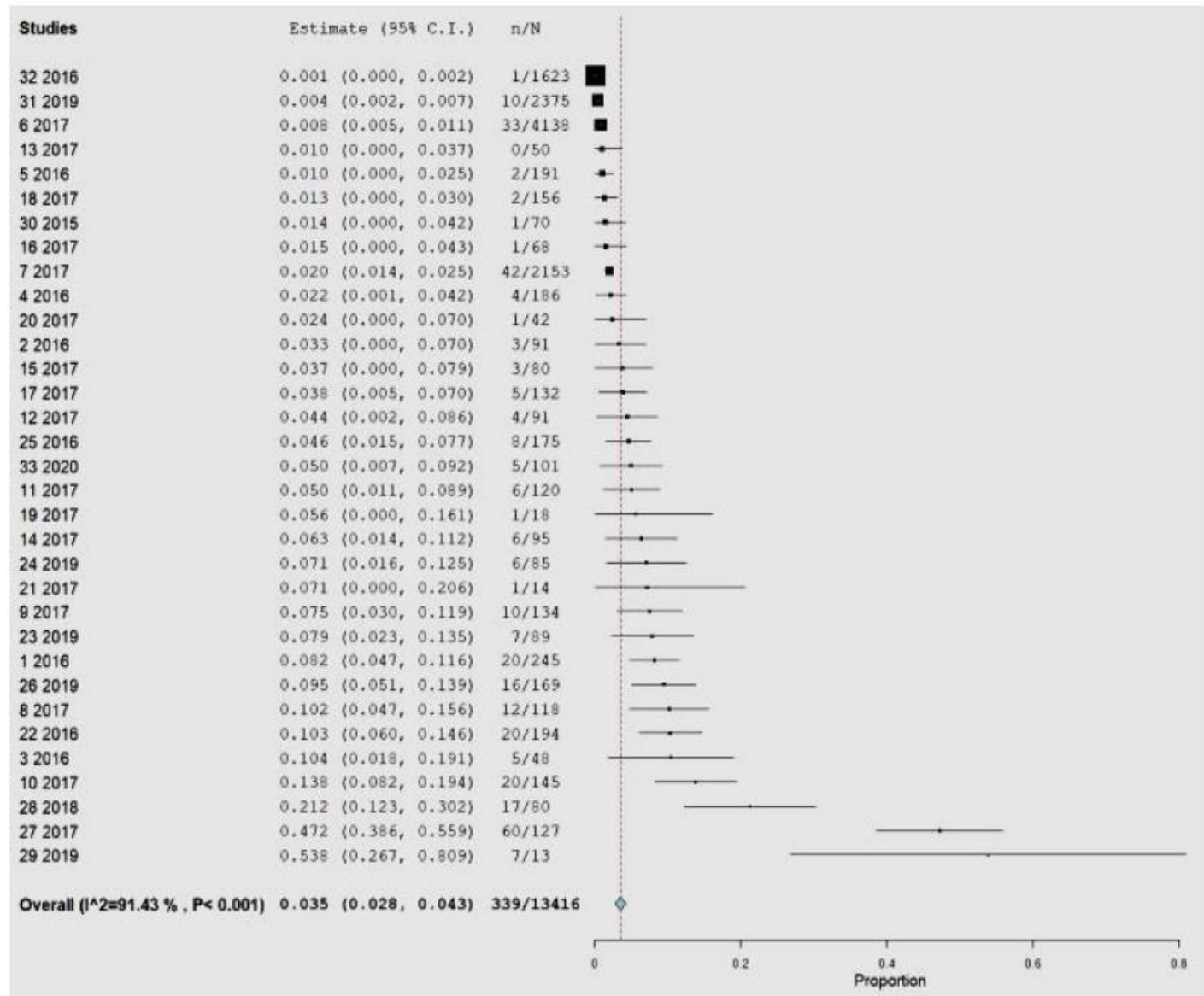
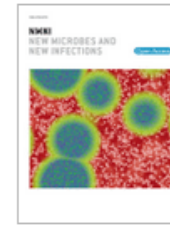






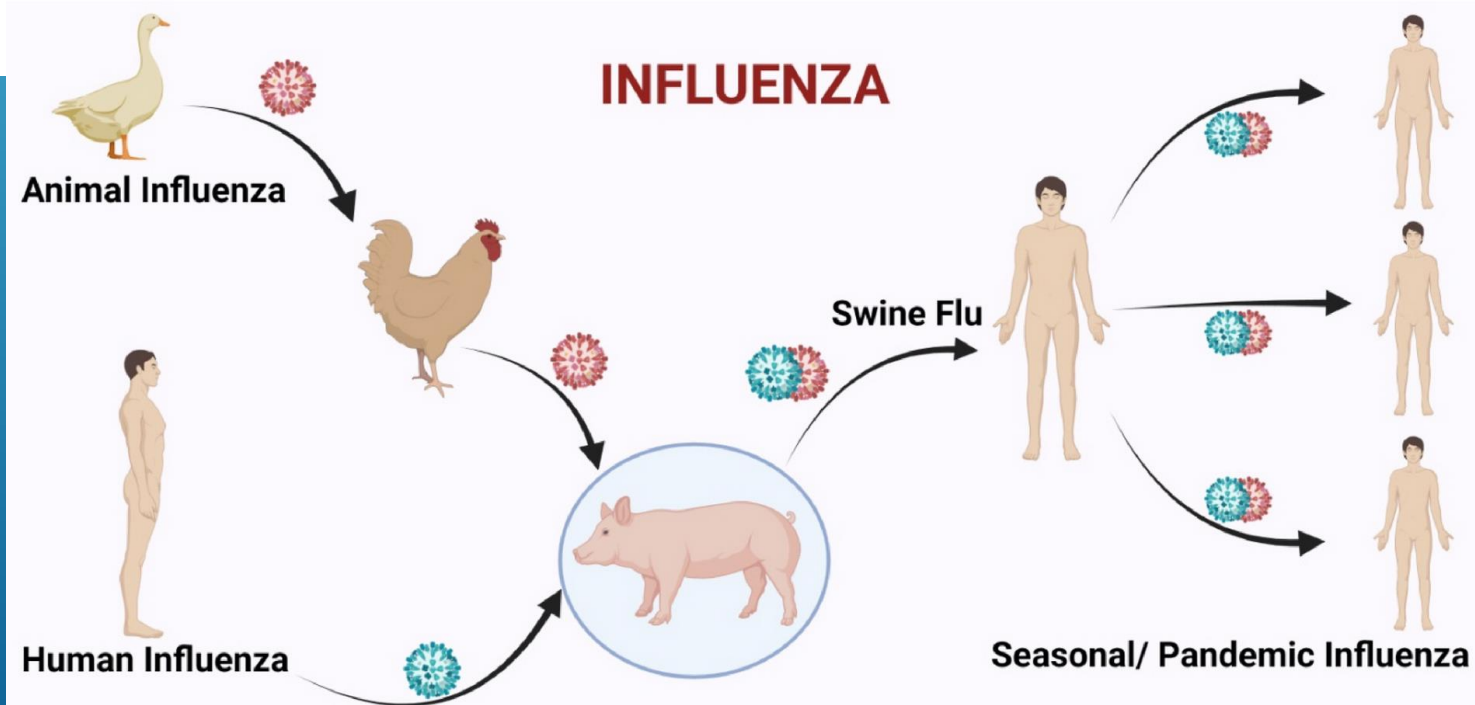
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## REPORT PREVIEW

### Colombia - Influenza A viruses of high pathogenicity (Inf. with) (non-poultry including wild birds) (2017-) - Immediate notification

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**COUNTRY/TERRITORY OR ZONE**

ZONE

**DISEASE**

Influenza A viruses of high pathogenicity (Inf. with) (non-poultry including wild birds) (2017-)

**REASON FOR NOTIFICATION**

First occurrence in the country

**END DATE**

-

**ANIMAL TYPE**

TERRESTRIAL

**CAUSAL AGENT**

Highly pathogenic avian influenza virus

**DATE OF LAST OCCURRENCE**

-

**SELF-DECLARATION**

NO

**DISEASE CATEGORY**

OIE-listed

**GENOTYPE / SEROTYPE / SUBTYPE**

H5N1

**CONFIRMATION DATE**

2022/10/18

## MEASURING UNIT

Animal

Species		Susceptible	Cases	Deaths	Killed and Disposed of	Slaughtered/ Killed for commercial use	Vaccinated
Blue winged teal (WILD)	NEW	5	0	0	5	0	0
	TOTAL	5	0	0	5	0	0
Birds (DOMESTIC)	NEW	194	136	86	108	0	0
	TOTAL	194	136	86	108	0	0
All species	NEW	199	136	86	113	0	0
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## DIAGNOSTIC DETAILS

### CLINICAL SIGNS

YES

### METHOD OF DIAGNOSTIC

Diagnostic test

Test name	Laboratory	Species sampled	Outbreaks	First result date	Last result date	Result
Real-time polymerase chain reaction (real-time PCR)	Laboratorio nacional de diagnóstico veterinario (LNDV)	Birds	1	2022/10/18	2022/10/18	Positive



## After SARS-CoV-2, will H5N6 and other influenza viruses follow the pandemic path?

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### SUMMARY

While the world is focused on attending, controlling, and mitigating the current pandemic of COVID-19, caused by the SARS-CoV-2, other viral threats are possibly emerging and reemerging especially in Asia, posing a risk for the spread in that region and beyond. A predictable threat is the avian influenza virus, especially H5N6, which has recently led to significant outbreaks in China and the Philippines, deserving more attention and control. In the current review, we assess the histo-

ry of this highly pathogenic reemerging virus, as well as the contemporary implications of poultry outbreaks occurring in some Asian countries. We also look at outbreaks due to other strains not only in Asia but also across Europe and Africa, according to recent reports from the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE).

**Keywords:** Avian influenza, H5N6; SARS-CoV-2, emerging, pandemic, emergency.

### INTRODUCTION

Avian Influenza (AI) is a highly contagious viral respiratory disease that affects all species of birds, including commercial, wild, and pet

birds [1-3]. Its causal agent, the Avian influenza virus (AIV) is a single-stranded segmented negative-sense RNA virus. Classification is based on the antigenic properties of their Hemagglutinin (HA) and Neuraminidase (NA) [4, 5]. According to the ability of the virus to cause significant disease, the different strains could be further divided into Non-Pathogenic AIV (NPAIV), Low-Pathogenic AIV (LPAIV), and Highly-pathogenic AIV

(HPAIV) [6]. Spillover to human beings and other animal species may occur, leading to an infection that may be life-threatening [1].

Throughout history, most AIV did not infect humans. However, sporadic cross-species infections did occur, triggering mild outbreaks, and even pandemics (Spanish flu, 1918-1920 caused by H1N1) [7]. From 2010 to date, over 400 cases and more than 150 human deaths by an HPAI have been reported in Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Canada [8, 9]. The threat of a new HPAI strain has been latent over the years, with occasional outbreaks in poultry associated with severe consequences on livelihoods, international trade, and also severely impacting public health systems [2, 10]. Recently, lineages of the H5Nx (H5N1, H5N2, H5N6, H5N8) have proven to pose a severe risk

to the veterinarian and human health due to the capacity for the zoonotic spread and the genomic interactions amongst this viral group (Figure 1) [11]. One example was the 2003 H5N1 epidemic, spreading from Asia to Europe and Africa, causing millions of animal deaths and hundreds of people infected, with reported case fatality rate close to 60% [2, 12].

The AIV H5N6 was an LPAIV first reported decades ago [11]. However, the first reported case of human infection with a novel HPAIV H5N6 dates from 2014 in China, with symptoms that included fever and sore throat [4, 12, 13]. The association with live bird markets (LBM) or wet markets was established, confirming once more the threat that these markets pose to public health as they provide a perfect scenario for the spread, but also the modification of the AIV genes due to the close

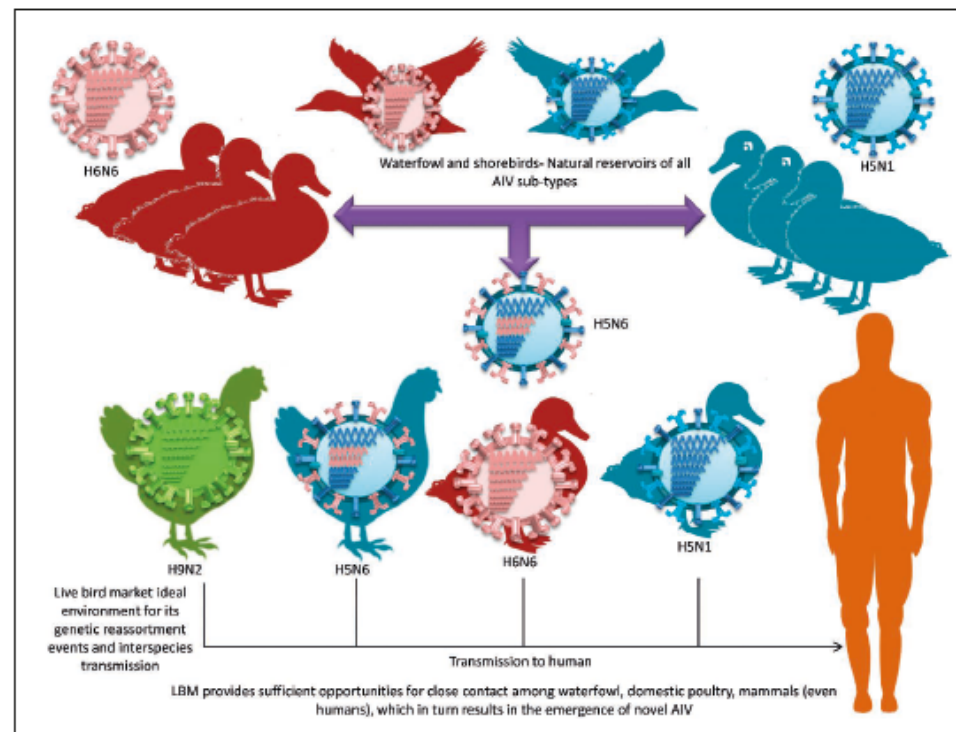


Figure 1 - Origin of H5N6 and other Avian Influenza viruses.

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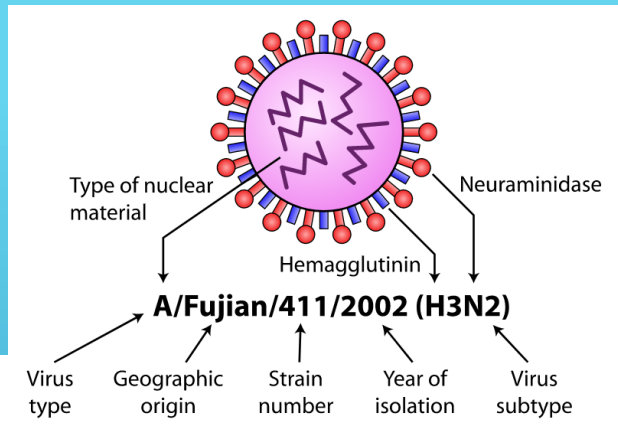
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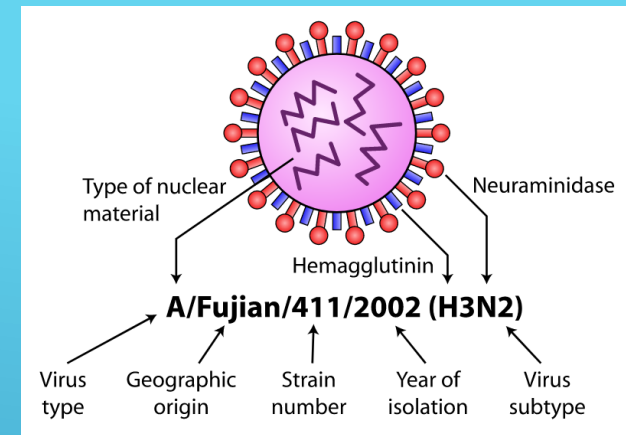
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A(H5) Virus Infections



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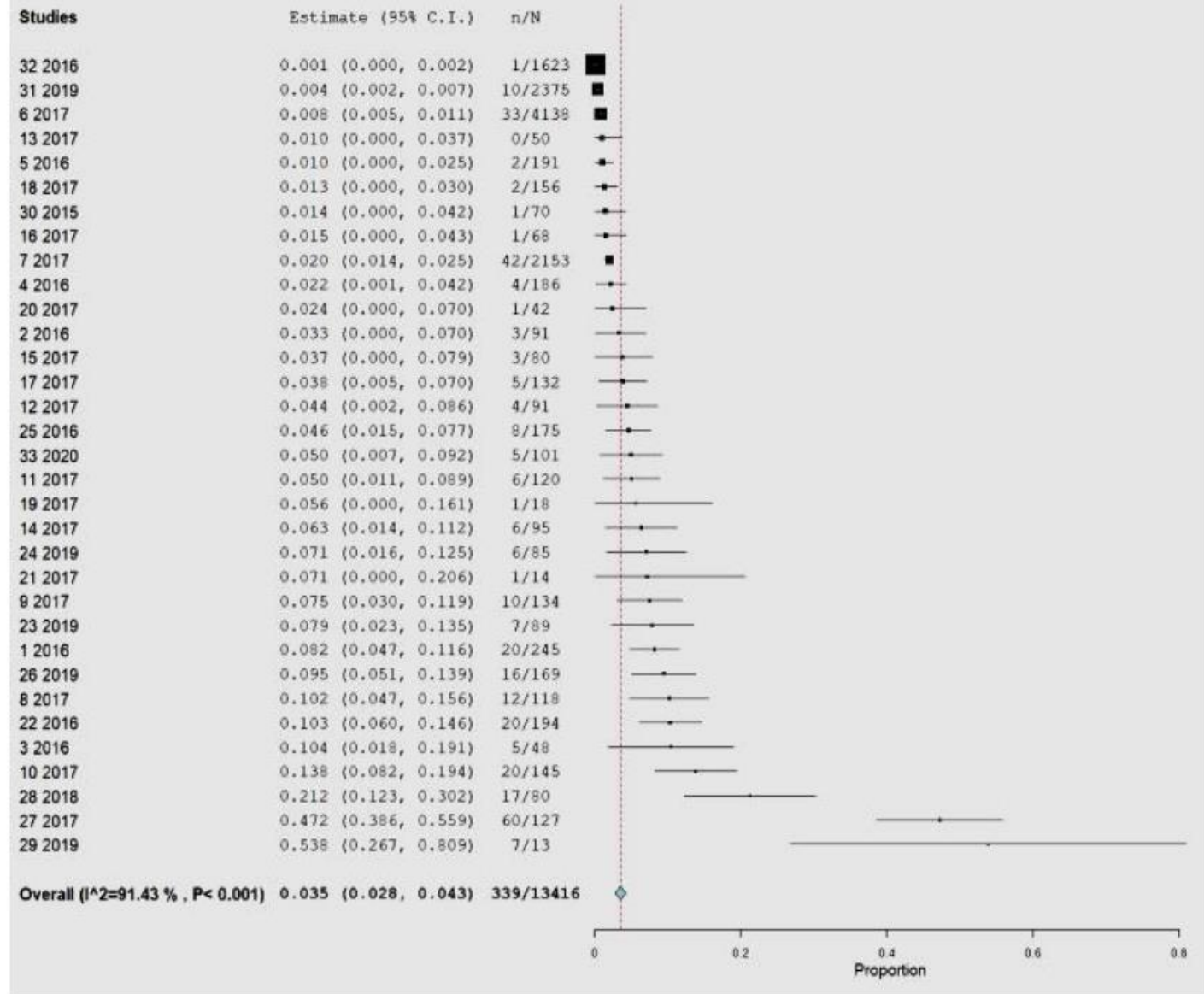


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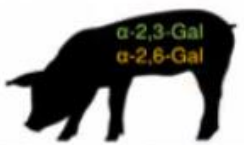


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# Influenza A H5N1

Virus	H5N1	H7N9	H9N2
Host & sialic acid			
 $\alpha$ -2,3-Gal	Mild Moderate	Mild	Mild
 $\alpha$ -2,3-Gal	Severe	Mild	Mild Moderate
 $\alpha$ -2,3-Gal $\alpha$ -2,6-Gal	Moderate	Mild	Mild
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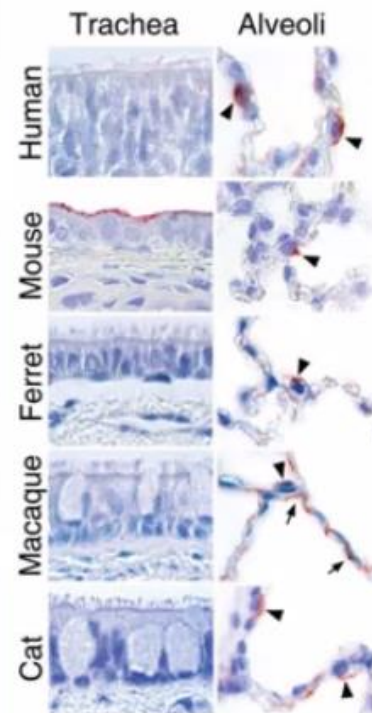
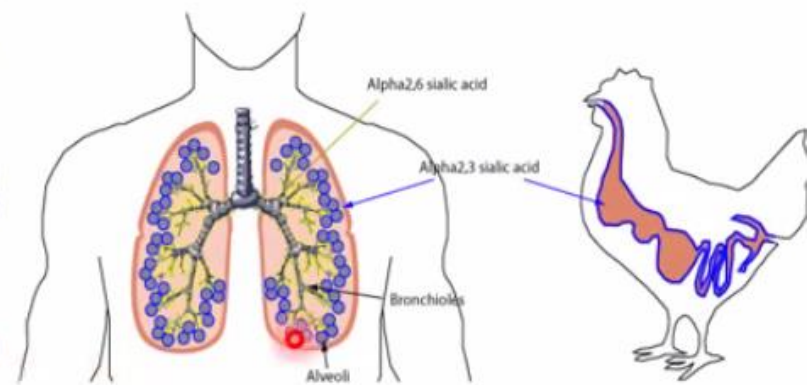


Fig. 1. Attachment of H5N1 virus to respiratory tissues of humans and four animal species. In the trachea, H5N1 virus—visible as red-brown staining—



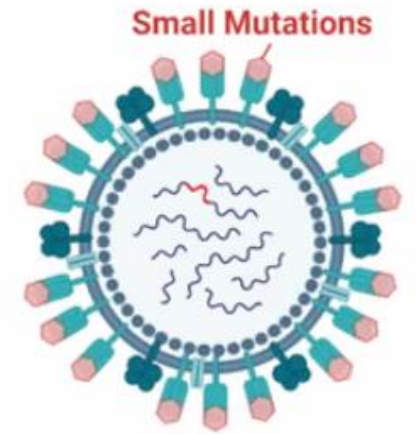
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FIGURE 1 | Zoonotic influenza pathology is linked to host biology. H5N1, H7N9, and H9N2 avian influenza (AI) viruses causing varying c

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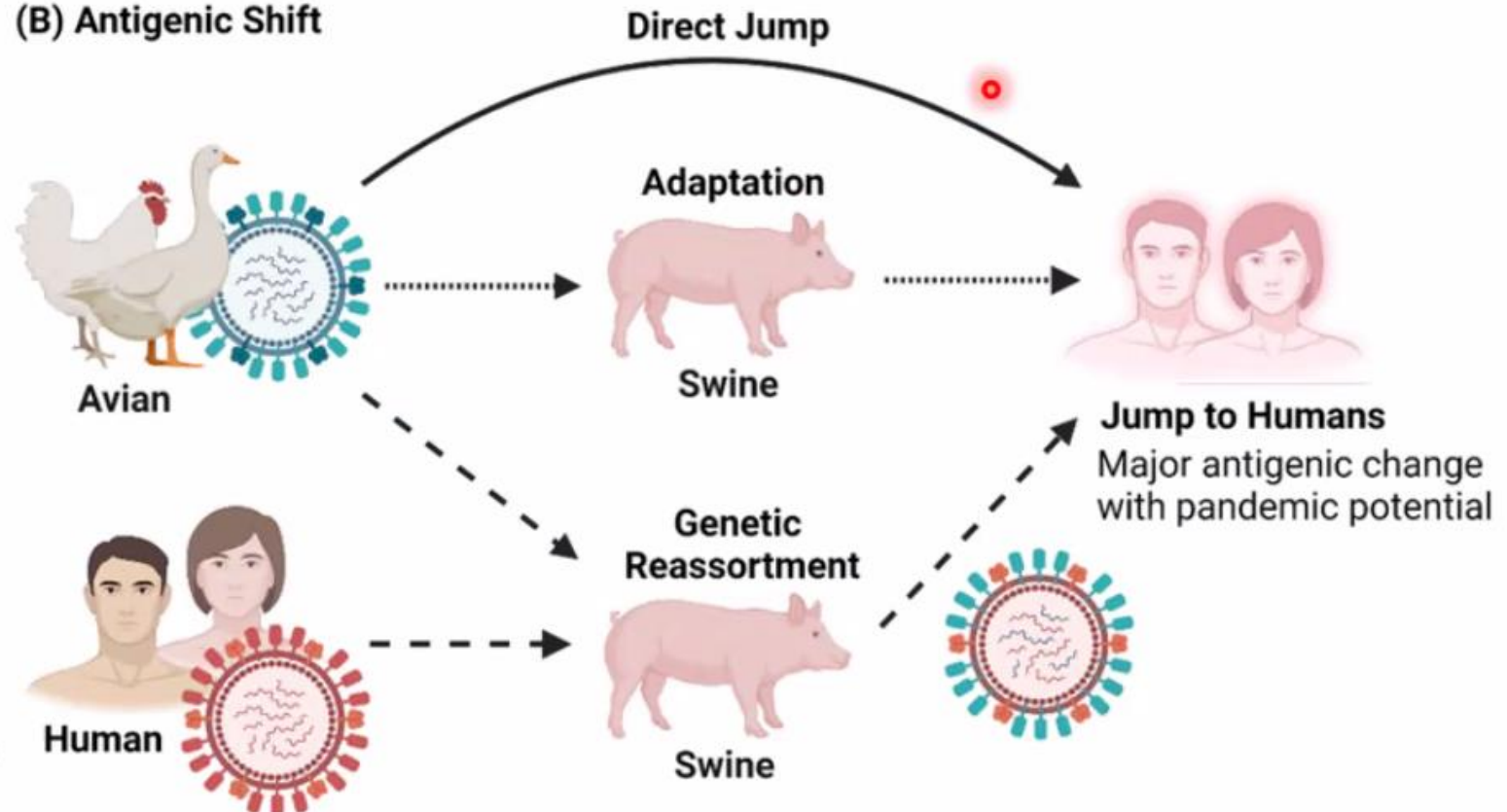
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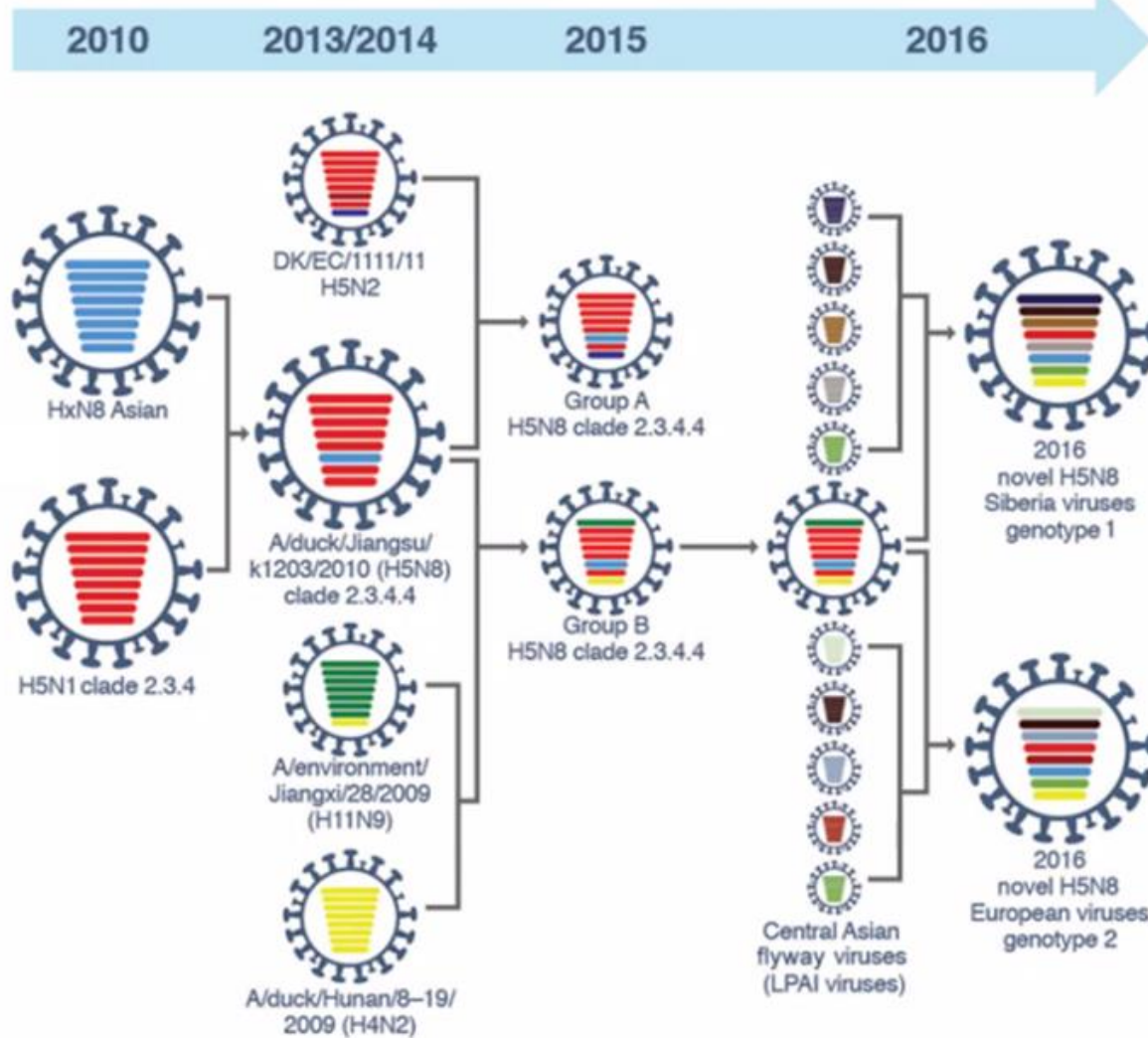
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Minor antigenic change with epidemic potential

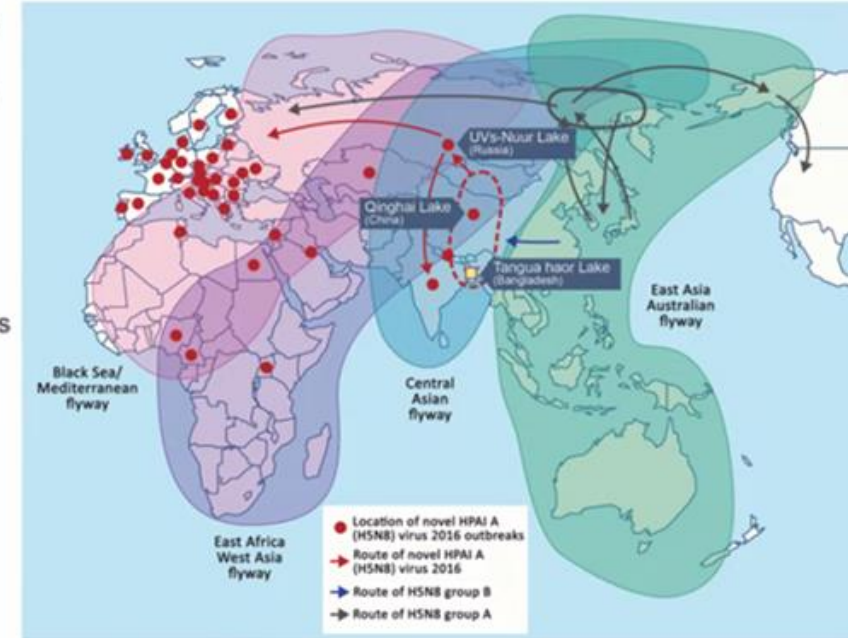
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# Influenza A H5N1



**Figure 2.** Illustration of original reassortment events of novel highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N8) viruses isolated from Siberia and Europe in 2016. The 8 gene segments (from top to bottom) in each virus are polymerase basic 2, polymerase basic 1, polymerase acidic, hemagglutinin, nucleoprotein, neuraminidase, matrix, and nonstructural. Each color indicates a separate virus background. In 2010, HPAI A(H5N1) clade 2.3.4 viruses reassorted with subtype N8 viruses from Eurasia and produced A/duck/Jiangsu/k1203/2010(H5N8). Until late 2013, HPAI viruses with H5N8 subtypes circulated in eastern China and South Korea. In 2014, HPAI A(H5N8) viruses reassorted with A/duck/Hunan/8-19/2009(H4N2) and A/environment/Jiangxi/28/2009(H11N9) to generate group B viruses. The subsequent reassortment between HPAI A(H5N8) group B viruses and low pathogenicity (LPAI) viruses circulating along the central Asian flyway led to generation of the novel HPAI A(H5N8) genotype 1 and 2 viruses.



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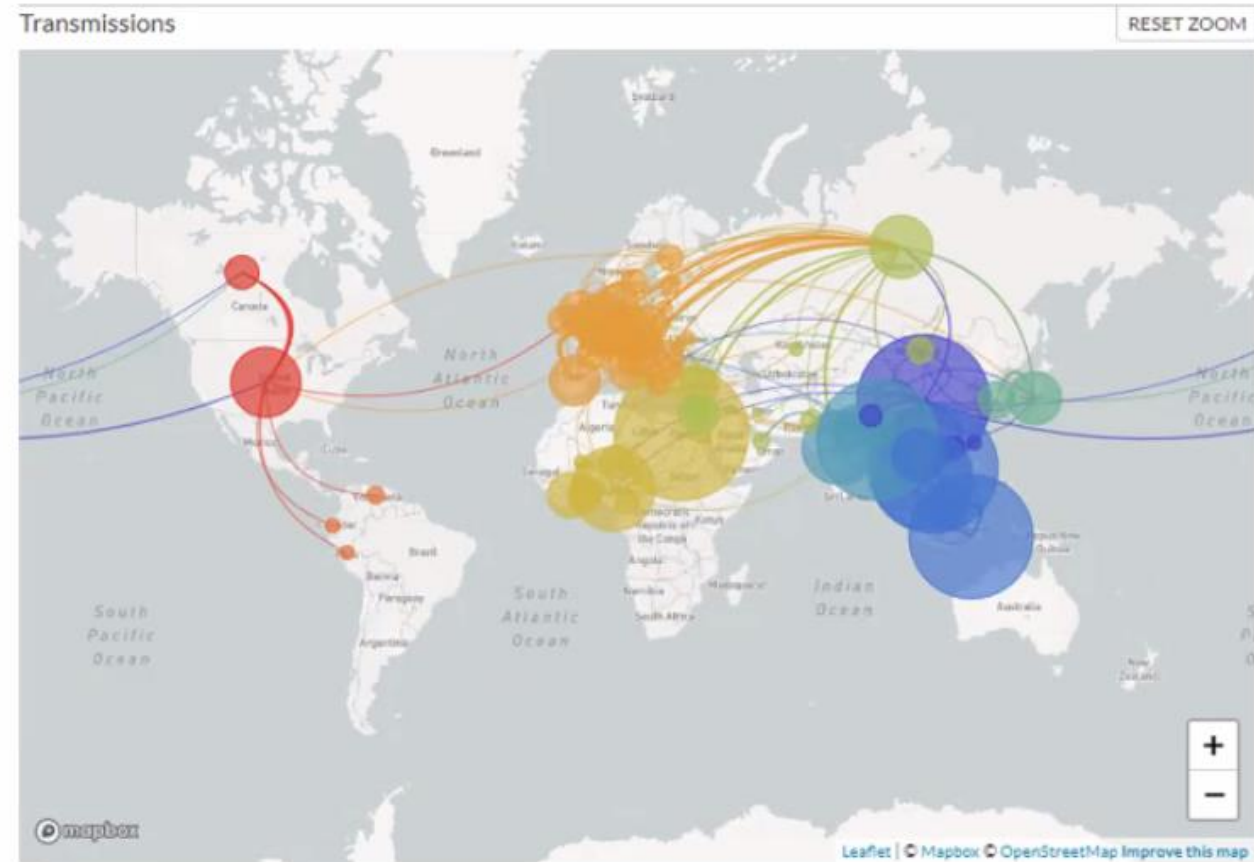
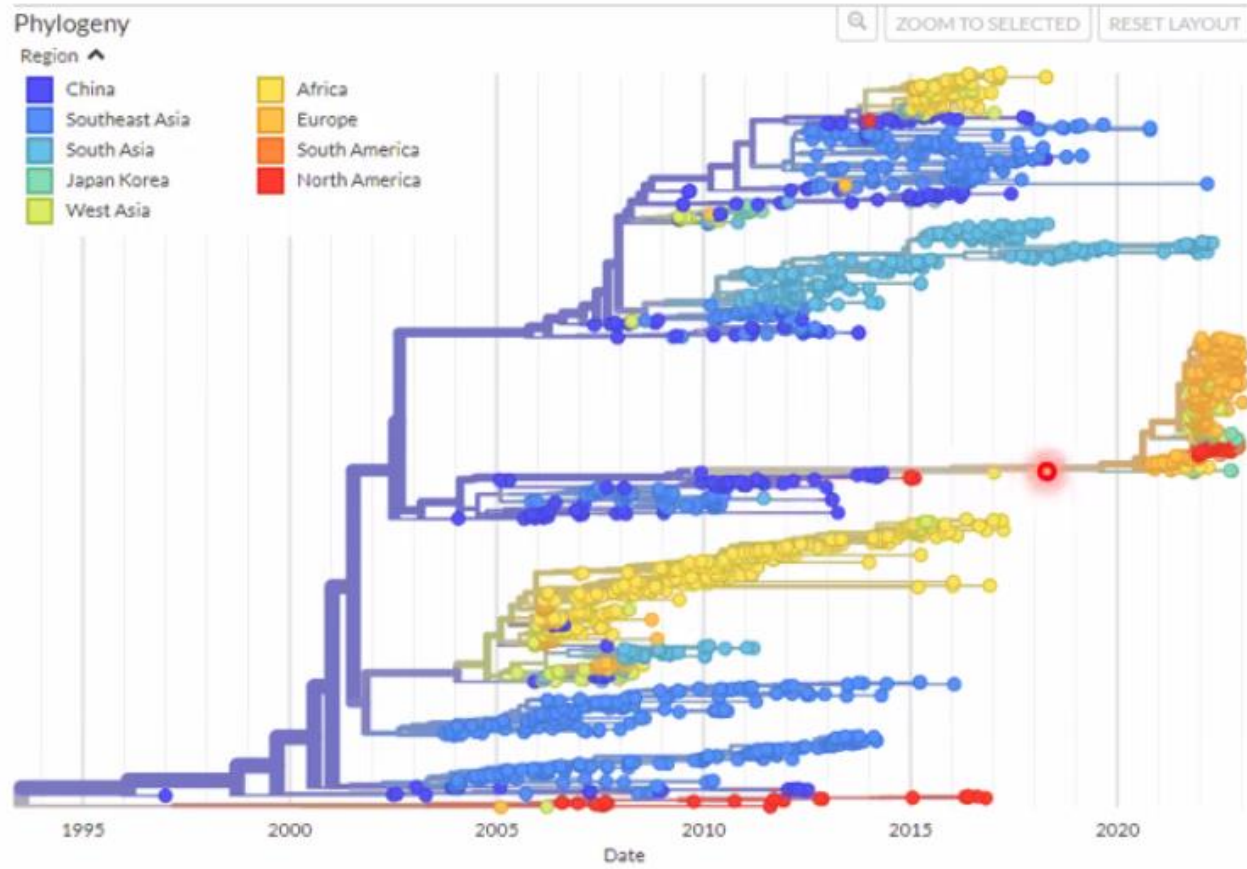


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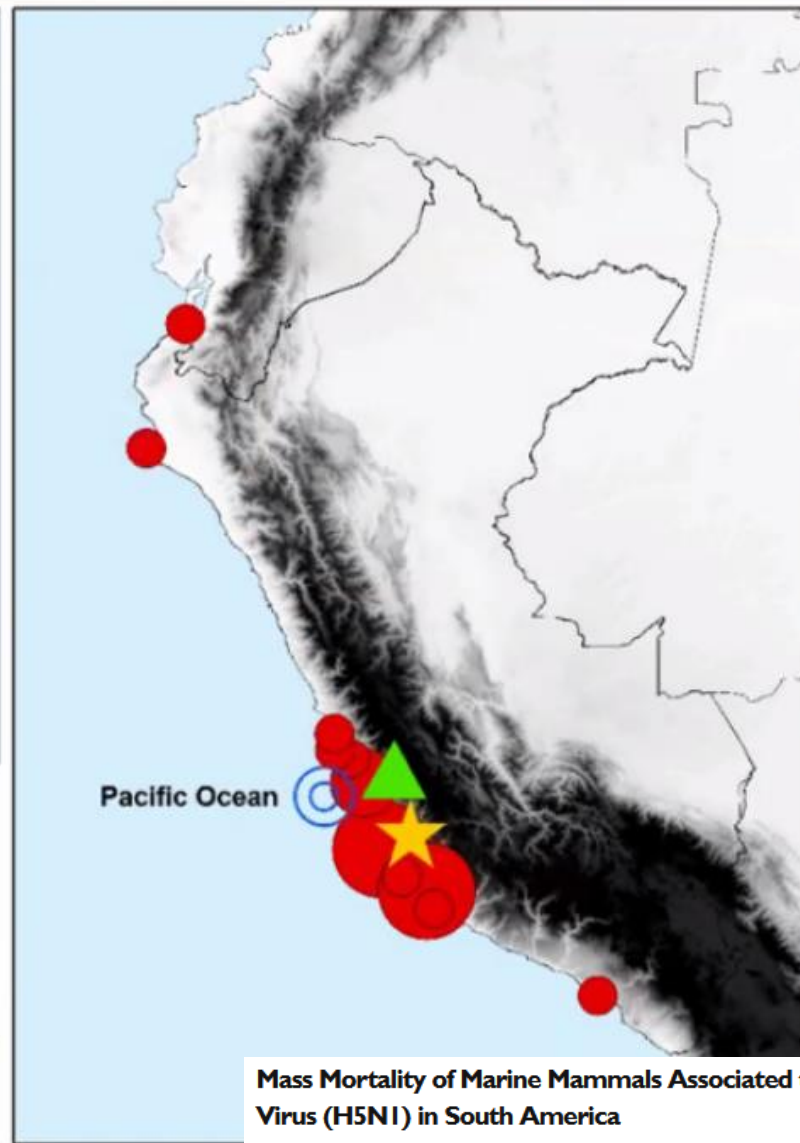
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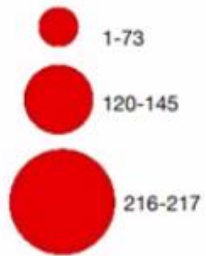
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# Influenza



Sea lion mortality  
(number of individuals)



## Mass Mortality of Marine Mammals Associated to Highly Pathogenic Influenza Virus (H5N1) in South America

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## Concerns on H5N1 avian influenza given the outbreak in U.S. dairy cattle

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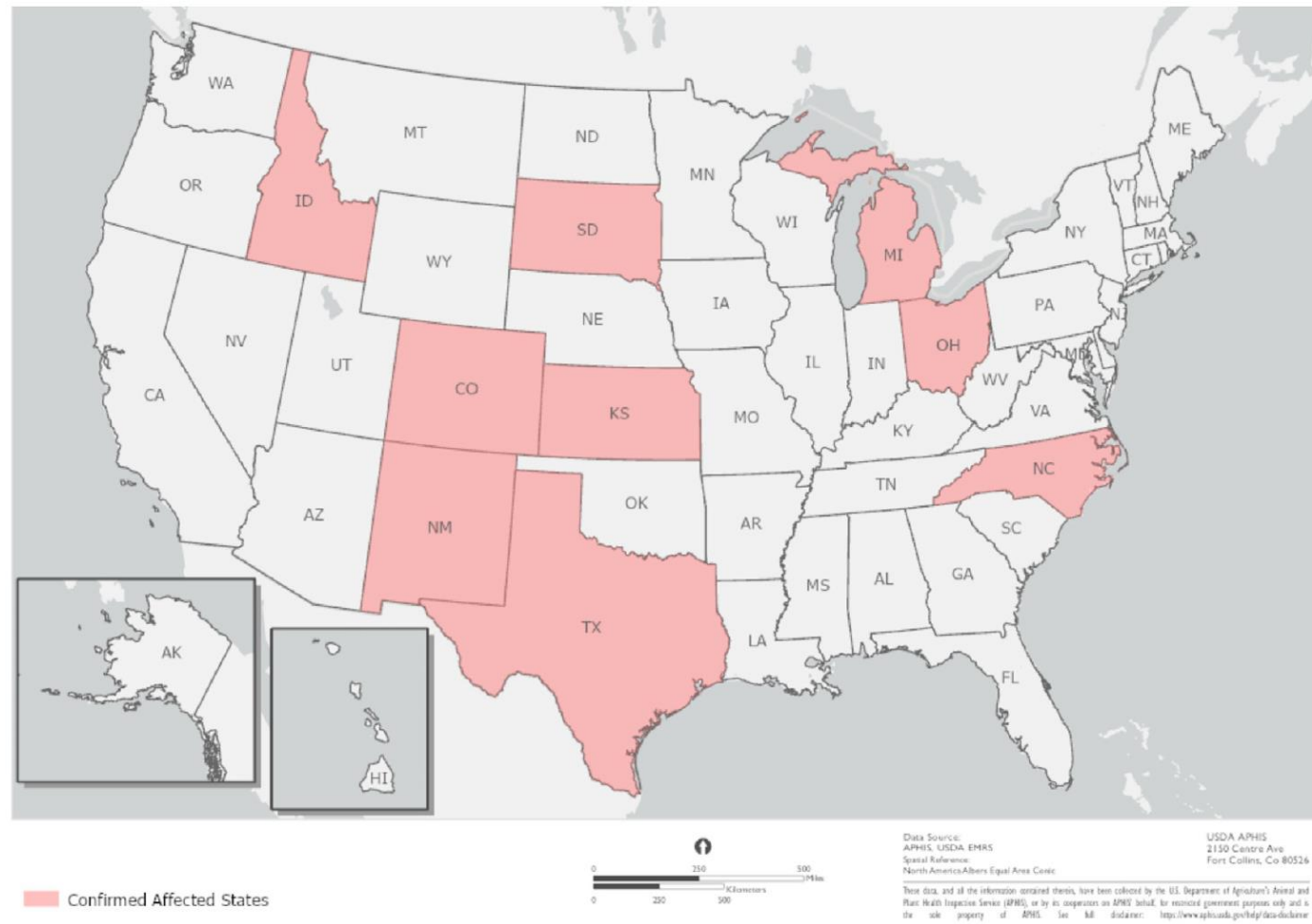
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**Fig. 1:** Confirmed cases of HPAI in domestic livestock in the USA, May 16, 2024, according to the animal and plant health inspection service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of agriculture (USDA). Reproduced from <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock>.

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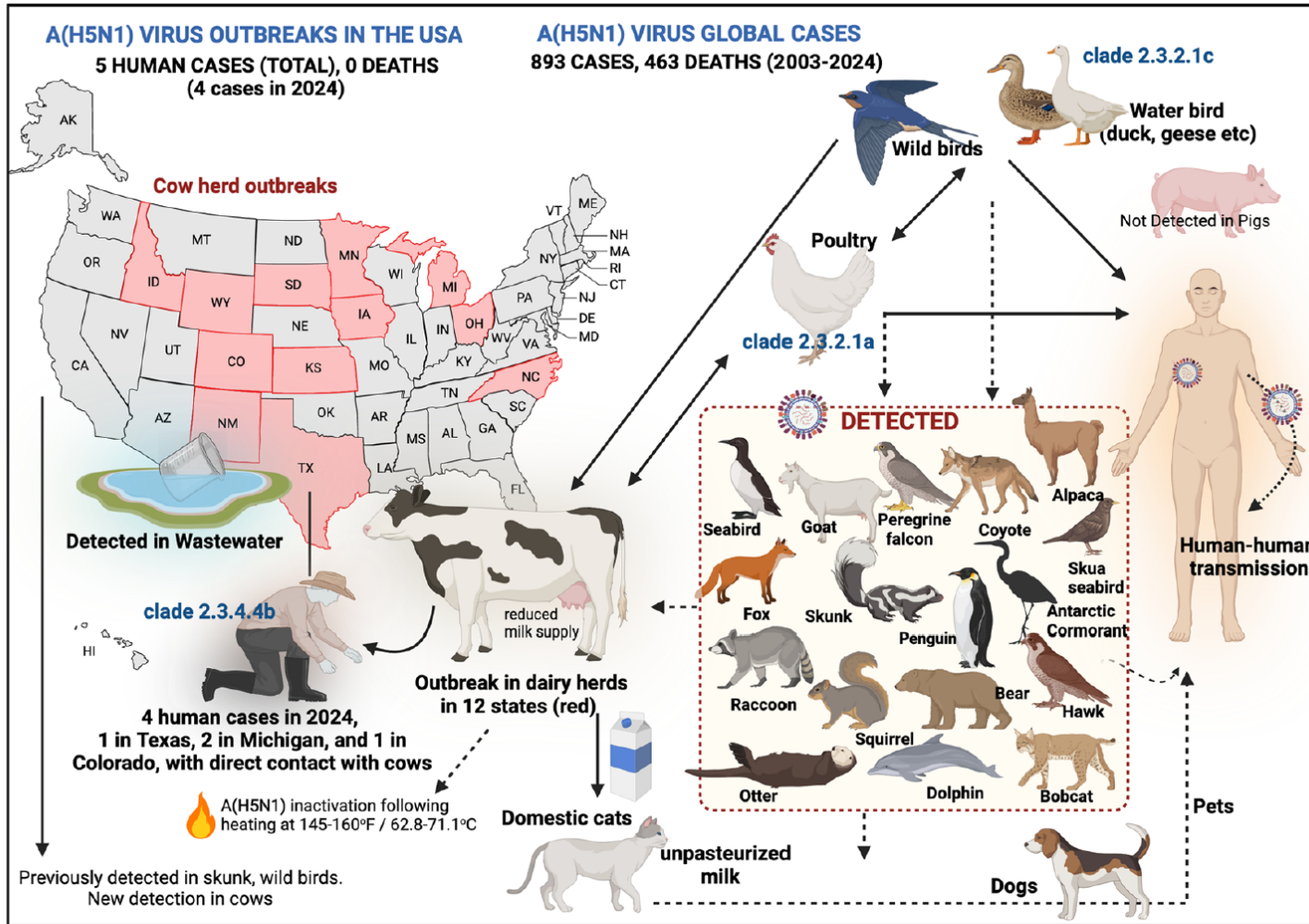
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Case summary	Description
Human case	01
Age	18 Year
Date of report	March 25, 2024
Location	United States, Texas
Virus strain	Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) A (H5N1)
Symptoms	Eye redness (consistent with conjunctivitis)
Genetic clade	Clade 2.3.4.4b
Detection method	Throat swab, Unpasteurized milk samples
Detection in dairy cattle	Texas, Kansas, Michigan, Idaho, South Dakota, New Mexico, Ohio, North Carolina and Colorado.
Treatment	Isolation, Antiviral medication
Vaccine availability	Candidate vaccine viruses (CVVs) available for manufacturing if necessary
Prevention	Avoidance of unprotected exposures to infected animals, raw milk products, use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
Public health assessment	Low for the general public, Increased risk for those with close or prolonged, unprotected exposures to infected birds or animals

**Table 1: Analysis of HPAI avian influenza A (H5N1) human case and outbreak dynamics.<sup>3,4</sup>**



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**Figure 1.** Is H5N1 the next pandemic? Since 2003, A(H5N1) has accounted for 893 global human cases with 463 deaths in 24 countries, including 11 cases in 2024. Antarctica has seen the first-ever cases of A(H5N1) virus in animals. In 2024, a man in Texas, two in Michigan, and one in Colorado, contracted H5N1 after contact with dairy cattle. H5N1 has been detected in several states across United States in wastewater, and there have been 145 cowherd outbreaks in 12 states across the United States (as of 8 July 2024), as shown. Cats contracted H5N1 from infected cow's milk, and hunting dogs have also been found to be positive after retrieving wild waterfowl. The virus's ability to infect pets is concerning, as wild birds transmit it to poultry and cattle. Other animals, as shown in the inset, have also been detected with A(H5N1) virus infection, but their role in transmission remains unclear. Solid lines depict confirmed transmission routes, while dotted lines depict uncertain transmission pathways.  
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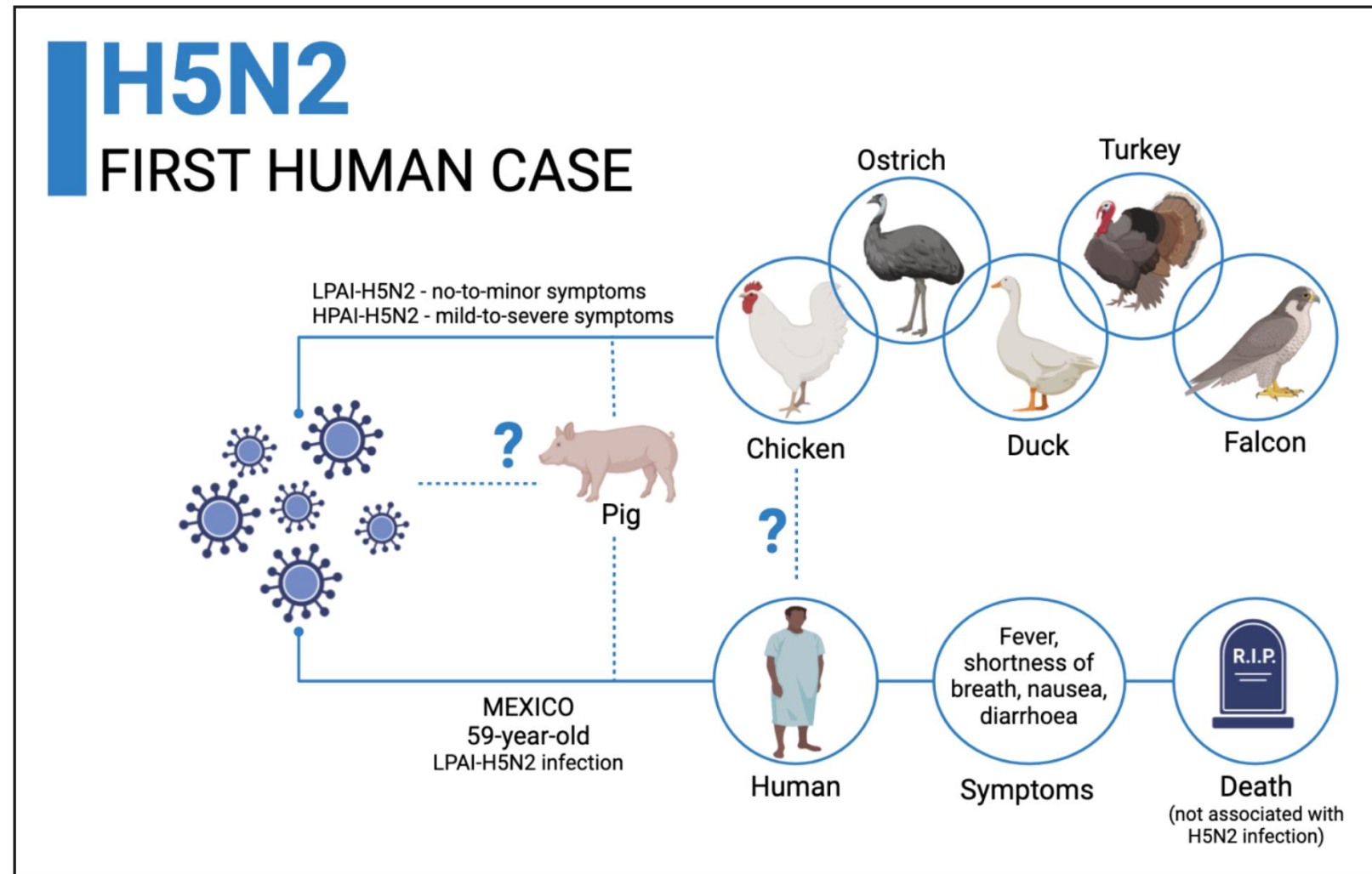
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**Figure 1**

The first recorded H5 virus was in Mexico, and the first globally recorded human H5N2 infection was on May 23, 2024. In Mexico, a 59-year-old who presented with shortness of breath, fever, and diarrhoea was admitted to the hospital on April 24, 2024, and died the same day; an LPAI-H5N2 virus infection was confirmed but not associated with the death. This infection highlights a potential new zoonotic threat to humans. Figure made using biorender.com.

**Abbreviations:** HPAI-H5N2, highly pathogenic avian influenza virus subtype H5N2; LPAI-H5N2, low pathogenic avian influenza virus subtype H5N2.







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## Avian influenza spillover to humans: Are we prepared to deal with another potential pandemic?

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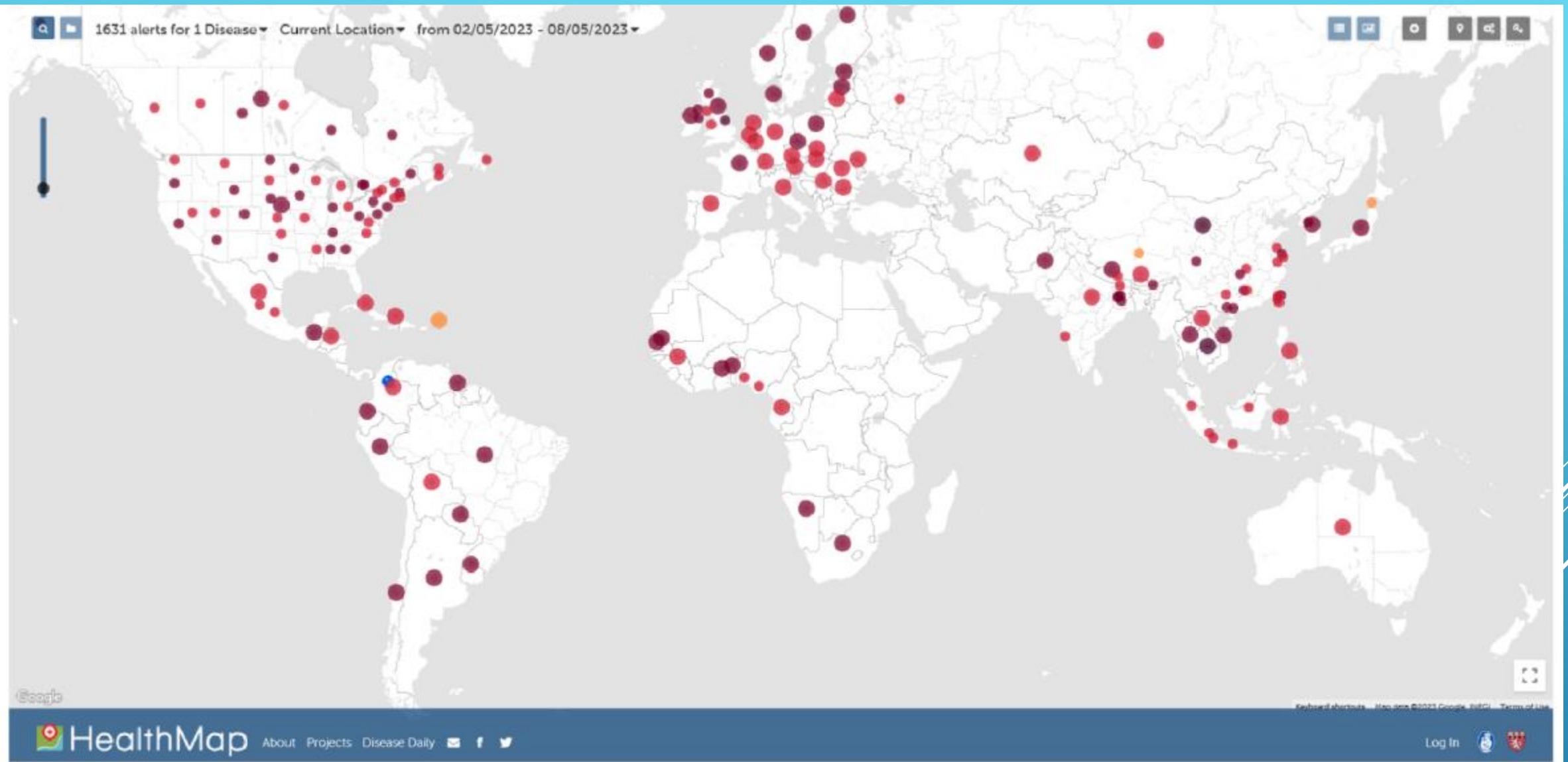



Fig. 1. Global alerts on avian influenza at HealthMap during the last six months (February–August, 2023).

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# The Constant Threat of Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Emerging Tropical Diseases: Living on the Edge

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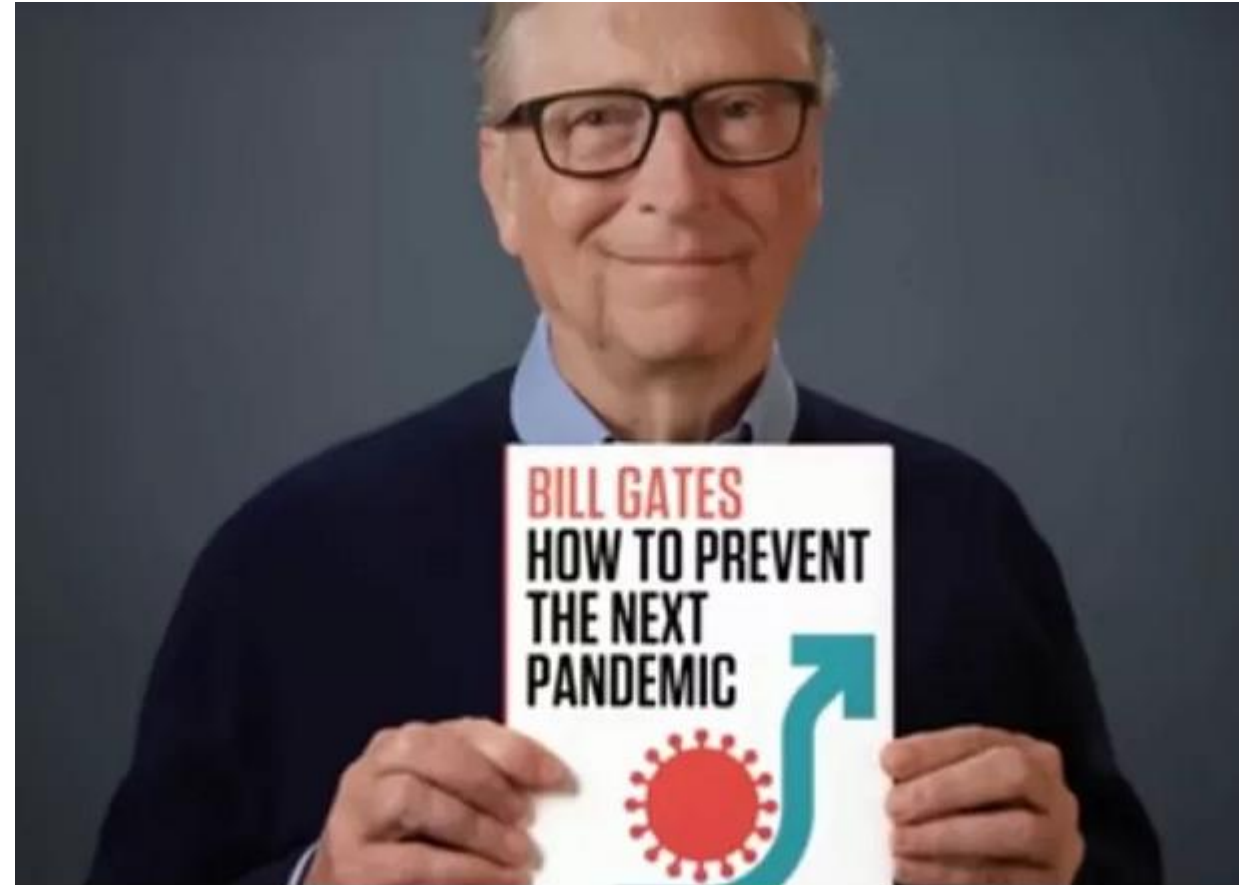


# Some conclusions - mitigation

- Evolving epidemiology of old and new foes
  - Prone social and environmental conditions for transmission
  - Socio political crisis, everywhere
  - Migration, including forced one, refugees, going North, South, and beyond, including Europe and abroad
  - More cocirculation and coinfections, not just differential diagnoses
  - Need for enhanced surveillance (including entomological), lab diagnosis improvements (available molecular tools), appropriate response and preparedness
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# Conclusions

- *Question is not if we will have more pandemics!*
- *Question is, when?*
- We should be more prepared
- Systems, HCW, society
- We may control it

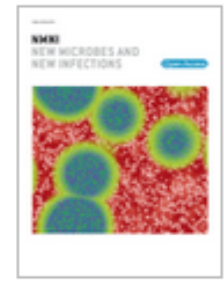




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## The next pandemic catastrophe: can we avert the inevitable?

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# Gate's proposals



- **1. Improve Health systems in the world.**
- **2. A global pathogen surveillance system.**
- **3. Improve, innovation at detection, treatment and prevention.**

# More vaccines!!!

- This chapter can be summarized in two key points.
- **First**, as horrible as the COVID-19 pandemic is, the world is fortunate to have been able to create vaccines at the speed that has been made.
- **Second**, we've only scratched the surface of how good vaccines can be. Since we can't assume we'll be so lucky next time (and because they also give us the great opportunity to save lives even when there's no pandemic threat), the world should set an **ambitious plan to make vaccines even better**.





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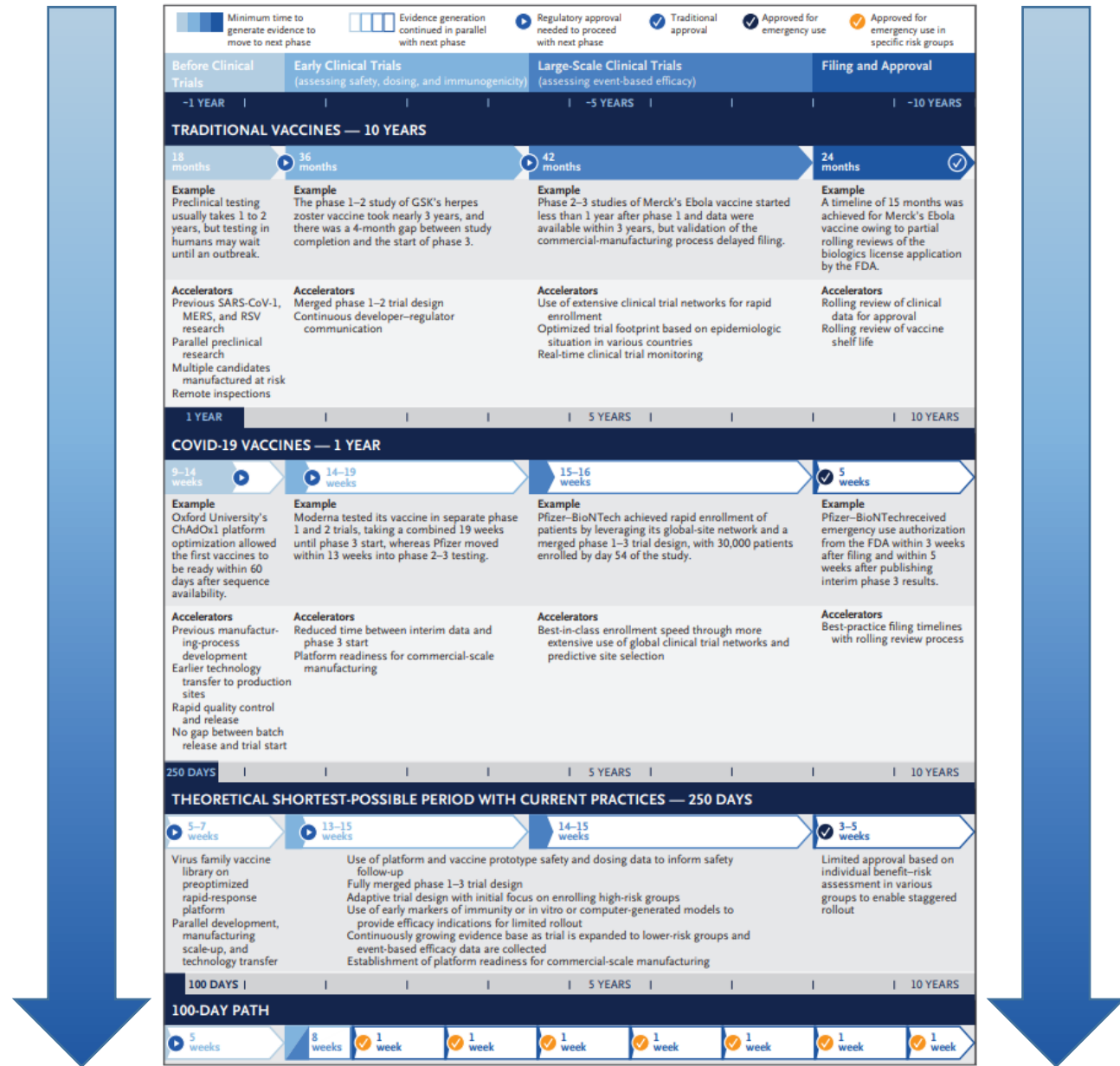
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## Delivering Pandemic Vaccines in 100 Days — What Will It Take?

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**T**he development of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines in less than 1 year was a scientific triumph. Yet, during the 326 days between the viral sequence becoming available in January 2020 and emergency

gens and development technologies, supporting innovation in the vaccine-development process, using advanced analytics to inform development and manufacturing



**Strategies for Achieving Faster Vaccine Development.**  
 Shown are critical activities on the path to condensing vaccine-development timelines and further changes that would be needed to reach the 100-day goal. MERS denotes Middle East respiratory syndrome, RSV respiratory syncytial virus, GSK GlaxoSmithKline, and FDA Food and Drug Administration.



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