



Mosquito & pathogens



Diptera

Molte famiglie di interesse sanitario

- *Culicidae* (mosquitoes)
- *Muscidae* (flies)
- *Sarcophagidae* e *Calliphoridae* (blowflies)
- *Tabanidae* (horseflies)
- *Simuliidae* (black flies)

Inoltre i generi

- *Culicoides* (biting midges)
- *Phlebotomus* (sandflies)



Mosquito , family *Culicidae*

- Mosquitoes are dipterans of the Nematocera suborder, all placed within the Culicidae family.
- About 3200 species and subspecies of mosquitoes are recognized, divided into 42 genera.
- The medically more relevant species in Europe belong to the genera *Anopheles*, *Culex*, and *Aedes*.
- Evidence for the ability of the *Wuchereria bancrofti* worm (the agent of human lymphatic filariasis) to develop in mosquitoes was provided in 1877, while in 1898, the *Anopheles* mosquitoes was demonstrated to transmit malaria plasmodia to humans, and in 1900, *Aedes aegypti* was confirmed to transmit yellow fever

Mosquito , family *Culicidae*

- The definition of the composition of the mosquito fauna in a particular area is not always simple, because of the presence of sibling species grouped in complex, morphologically indistinguishable or hardly distinguishable.
- This is particularly true for the Anopheles mosquito: among the 460 species within the genus, 70 are known to transmit malaria and about 40 are important vectors. Several malaria vectors are grouped in closely related species that are morphologically similar but differ in biology, and hence in their capacity to transmit malaria.

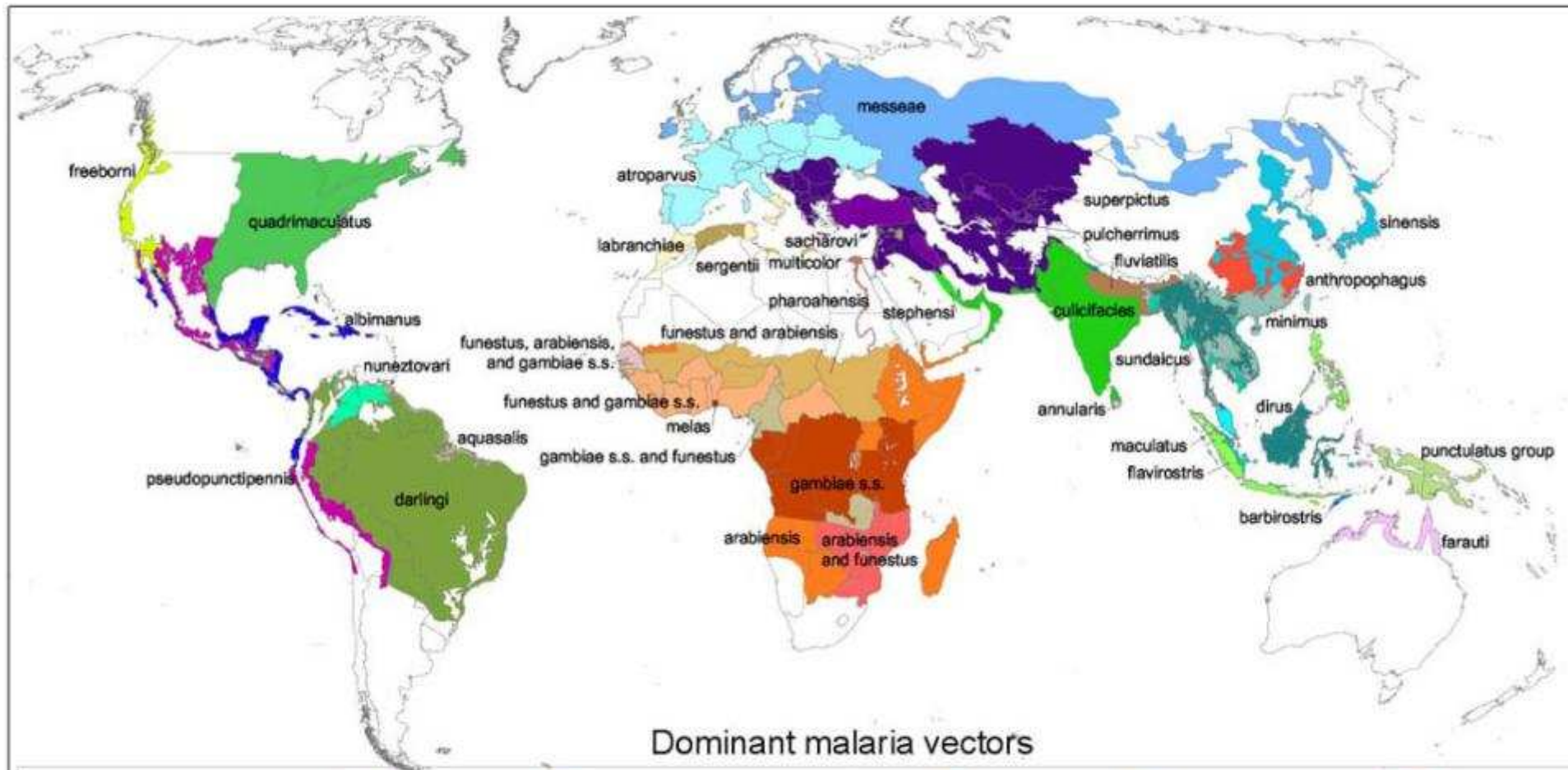
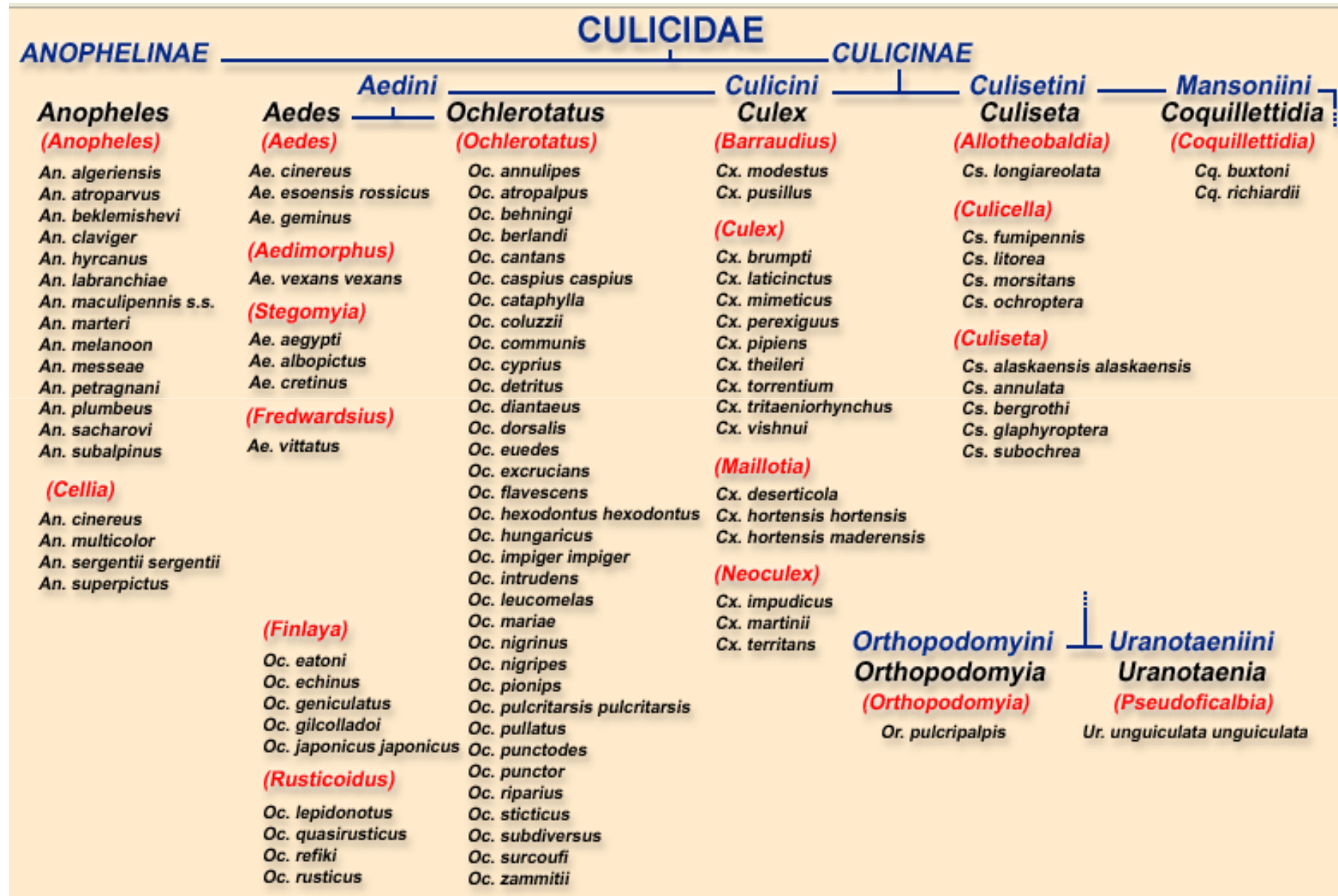


Figure 1 from Anthony Kiszewski, Andrew Mellinger, Andrew Spielman, Pia Malaney, Sonia Erlich Sachs, and Jeffrey Sachs. A Global Index Representing The Stability of Malaria Transmission. *Am J Trop Med Hyg* 2004 70:486-498.

European mosquitoes



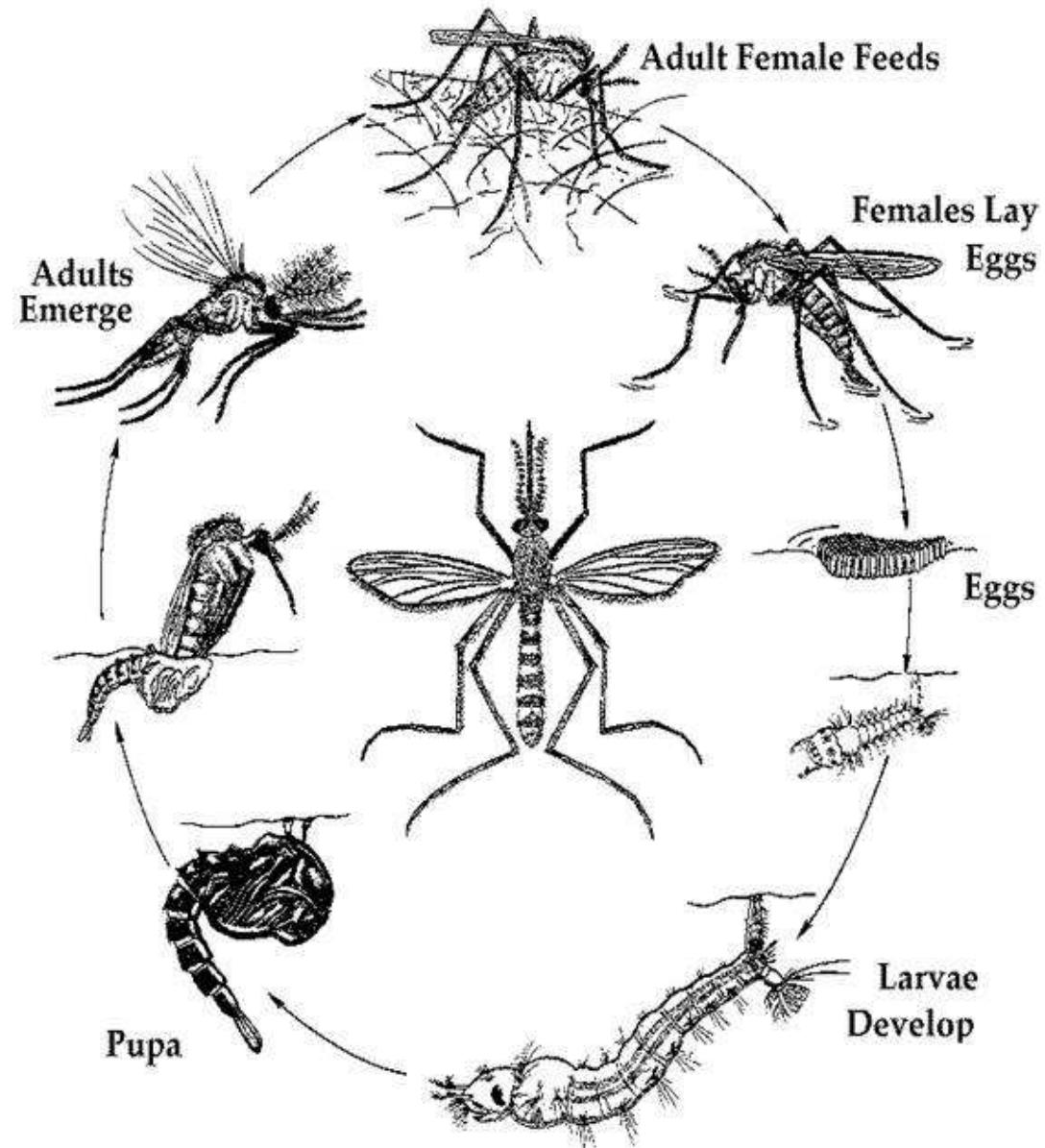
European vector of viruses

<i>Aedes albopictus</i>	CHIKV DEN YF vector WN lab	<i>Culex torrentium</i>	SIN vector
<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	CHIKV DEN YF vector WN lab	<i>Culex tritaenorrhynchus</i>	WN in nature Asia, SIN nat Arabia
<i>Aedes cinereus</i>	SIN vector TAH in nature	<i>Culex vishnui</i>	WN in nature Asia
<i>Aedes vexans</i>	TAH vector, Lednice WN nat	<i>Ochlerutatus annulipes</i>	TAH nat
<i>Aedes vittatus</i>	YF vector Africa	<i>Ochlerutatus atropalpus</i>	WN lab
<i>Anopheles atroparvus</i>	WN in nature	<i>Ochlerutatus caspius</i>	TAH vector, WN in nature
<i>Anopheles claviger</i>	TAH vector, BATAI in nature	<i>Ochlerutatus communis</i>	BATAI Inkoo in nature, TAH lab
<i>Anopheles plumbeus</i>	WN lab	<i>Ochlerutatus cantans</i>	TAH WN in nature
<i>Anopheles maculipennis</i>	BATAI	<i>Ochlerutatus dorsalis</i>	TAH in nature
<i>Coquilletidia richiardii</i>	BATAI, Lednice WN in nature	<i>Ochlerutatus excrucians</i>	BATAI TAH WN in nature
<i>Culiseta annulata</i>	TAH in nature	<i>Ochlerutatus flavescens</i>	TAH lab
<i>Culiseta longiareolata</i>	WN lab	<i>Ochlerutatus geniculatus</i>	YF WN lab
<i>Culiseta morsitans</i>	Sin nature	<i>Ochlerutatus hexodontus</i>	INKOO in nat
<i>Culex mimeticus</i>	WN in nature	<i>Ochlerutatus japonicus</i>	JE vector, WN lab e in nature
<i>Culex modestus</i>	WN TAH vector, SIN LED nat	<i>Ochlerutatus punctor</i>	INKOO in nat TAH WN lab
<i>Culex perexiguus</i>	WN SIN vector (medioriente)	<i>Ochlerutatus sticticus</i>	INKOO tah in nat
<i>Culex pipiens</i>	WN SIN vector, TAH lab, BATAI in nature		
<i>Culex theileri</i>	WN SIN in nature Africa		

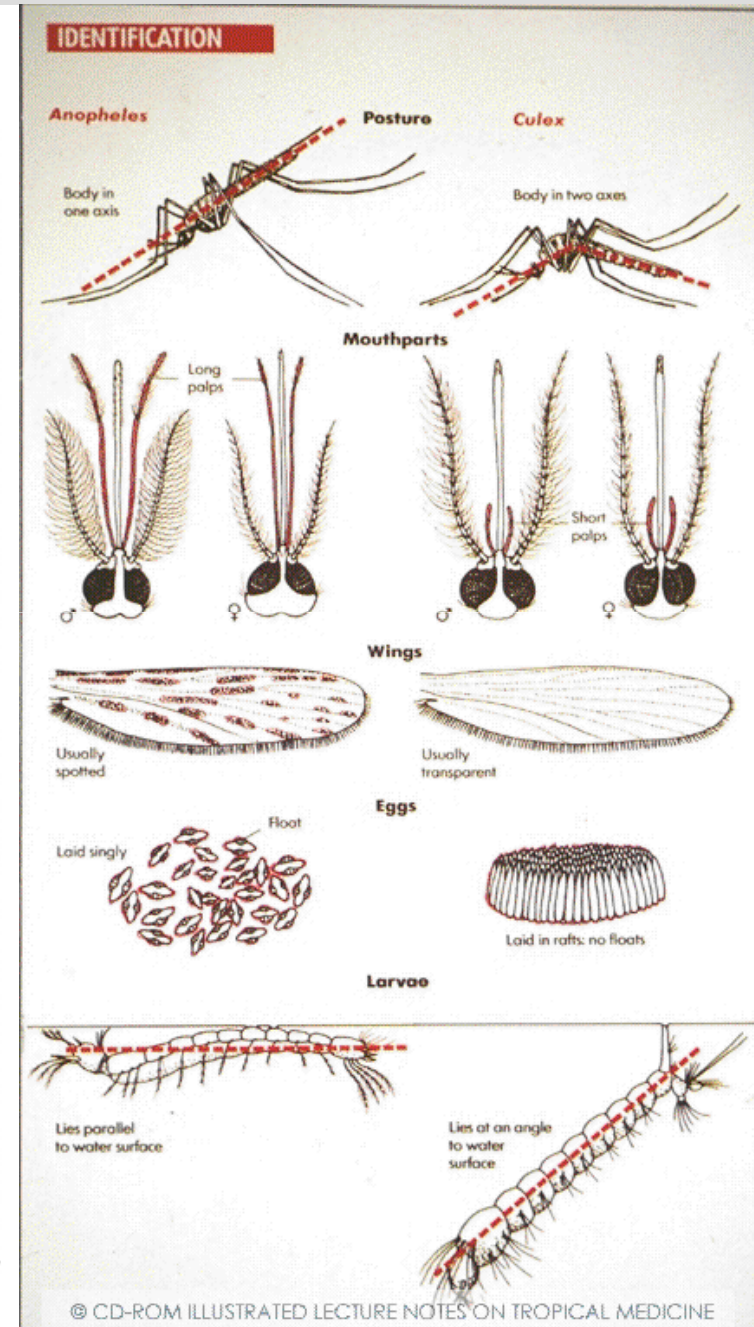
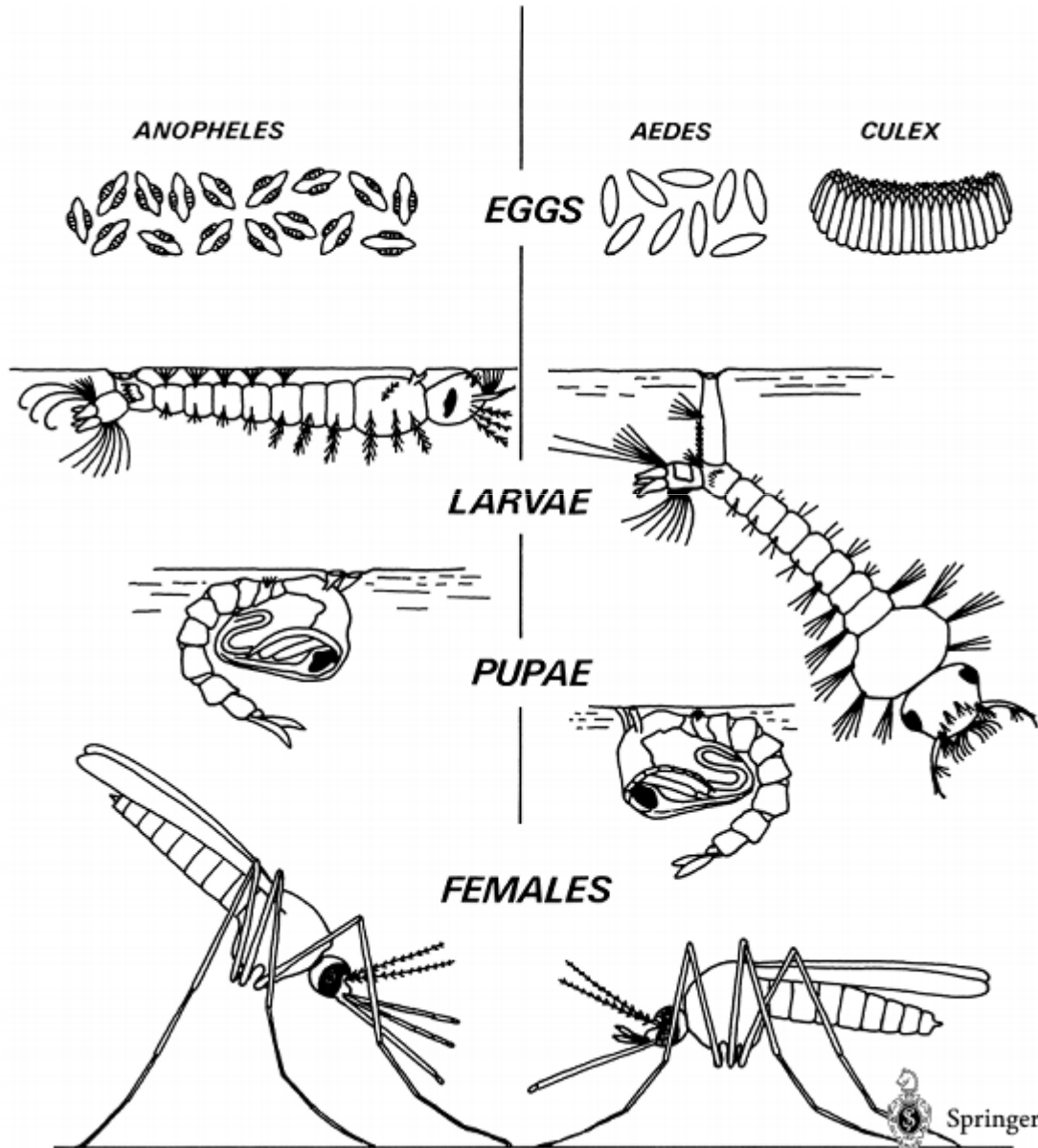
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Life cycle

MOSQUITO LIFE CYCLE



Genera characteristic



Bionomics

- These insects have great adaptability to different environments. Since the immature stages are aquatic, they are linked to fresh or brackish water.
- Depending on the species, mosquitoes are capable of breeding in a wide variety of aquatic environments: man-made containers of variable dimensions (e.g., used cans, plastic containers, flowerpot saucers, etc.), manholes, cesspits, catch basins, snow-melt ponds, tree holes, leaf axils, ditches, flooded basements, flooded meadows, fountains, marshes, peat bogs, ponds, rice fields, river banks, springs, wells, and marshes.
- Mosquito larvae usually do not occur in running or open waters; they prefer edges that provide shelter and minimal running water.

Development time

- Larvae feed on detritus, algae, and aquatic micro-organisms, and after three molts, they become pupae.
- The larval duration is variable, depending primarily on temperature and food sources, and, in good conditions, it could last 7–10 days.
- The larvae can also survive as an overwintering stage
- The duration of the pupae, a stage unable to feed, can last from 2–3 days up to a week.
- Total development time, from egg to adult, can last 10 days for certain *Culex* and *Aedes* mosquitoes, while *Anopheles* species have longest development time, and *Mansonia* and *Coquillettidia* show protracted life cycle.

Overwintering

- Some mosquitoes overwinter as adults (such as *Anopheles* and *Culex* species); this provides a possible way of overwintering for pathogens, through the infected female. In other species (*Aedes* genus), the eggs are the stage that survive the unfavorable season; the production of diapausing eggs can allow the overwintering of pathogens through vertical transmission.



Nutrition

- Adult mosquitoes feed on sugary liquids (e.g., nectar, damaged fruits, vegetative tissues and honey dew); only the females need a blood meal to mature their eggs. These insects can deposit hundreds of eggs per oviposition.



Gonotrophic cycle

- The time between the blood meal and the maturation of the eggs ranges from 2–3 days in hot conditions to up to 1–2 weeks at lower temperatures this interval is known as **gonotrophic cycle**, a mosquito may have different gonotrophic cycles during her life.

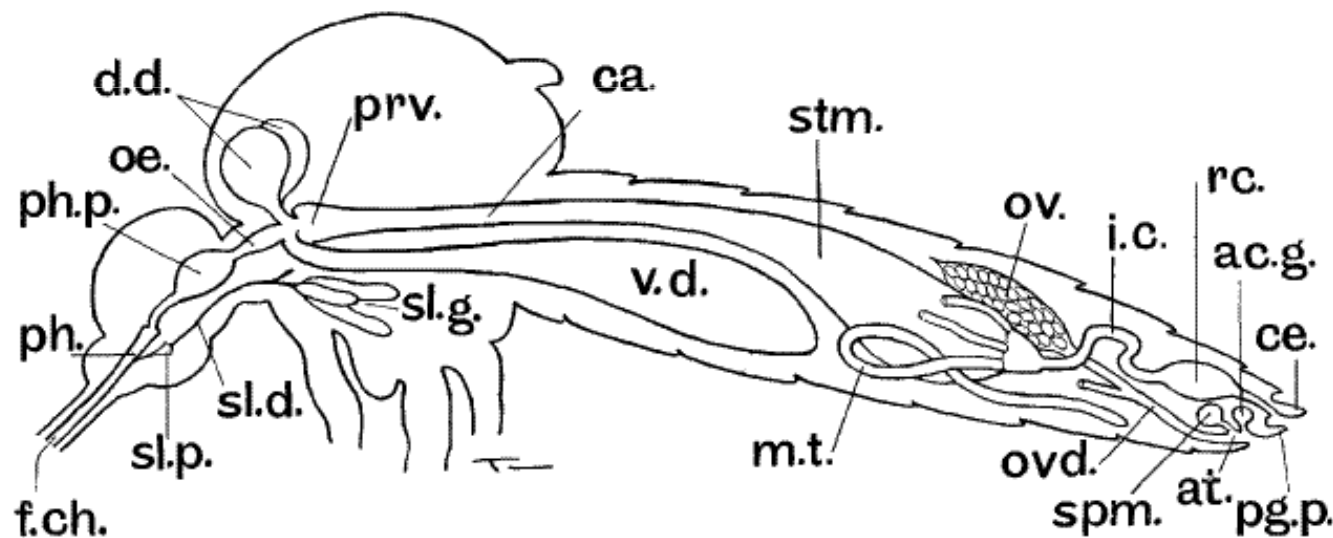


FIG. 56.—Diagram showing certain internal organs of a female mosquito.

ac.g., accessory gland; *at.*, atrium; *ca.*, cardia; *ce.*, cercus; *d.d.*, dorsal diverticula; *f.ch.*, food channel; *i.c.*, ileum-colon; *m.t.*, Malpighian tube (one of five); *oe.*, oesophagus; *ov.*, ovary; *ovd.*, oviduct; *ph.*, pharynx; *ph.p.*, pharyngeal pump; *pg.p.*, postgenital plate; *prv.*, proventriculus; *rc.*, rectum; *sl.d.*, salivary duct; *sl.g.*, salivary glands; *sl.p.*, salivary pump; *spm.*, spermatheca; *stm.*, stomach; *v.d.*, ventral diverticulum.

Host preference

- Regarding the host preference, mosquitoes can be more generalists or bait preferentially a particular group of animals, such as mammals or birds.
- Some species have a strict preference for one species only, such as the yellow fever mosquito (*Ae. aegypti*) which is an anthropophilic mosquito.
- The host preference is an important mosquito characteristic that strongly influences the vector capacity of the species.

Flying distance lifespan

- Some mosquito species do not fly away from their larval breeding sites (hundreds of meters for *Aedes albopictus* and *Ae. aegypti*), while other species may travel over great distances, such as *Culex* mosquitoes, which can fly about 2 km away from its breeding sites, and even greater distances, especially if carried by the wind (distances over 20 km are reported for *Aedes vexans*).
- Adult females live 1–2 weeks in the tropics, but in temperate countries they may live 1–2 months.

Invasive species

- Mosquitoes can be transported for long distances by cars, trains, ships, and airplanes. If these specimens are infected, then the pathogen could travel with the mosquito. Eggs or immature stages of mosquitoes could be also transported with commercial products. Several invasive species within the *Aedes* genus (e.g., *Ae. albopictus*, *Ae. japonicas*, *Ae. atropalpus*, *Ae. koreicus*, *Ae. triseriatus*, and *Ae. aegypti*) are transported primarily by humans, and have been increasingly reported in Europe since 1990.

Invasive species

- The more impressive case is the tiger mosquito (*Ae. albopictus*), whose eggs were transported in used tires, a good breeding site for this mosquito, and traded worldwide, likely arising from infested deposits in Japan. Tiger mosquito eggs were also transported with ornamental plants as lucky bamboos.
- Today, this species is diffused throughout several countries outside its native area (Asia) and is expanding its home range to Europe and North and South America. That this species could have such expansion and be so often regarded with indifference by people and authorities is surprising, given that *Ae. albopictus* is a competent vector of several arboviruses.^{6, 7, 17, 21}

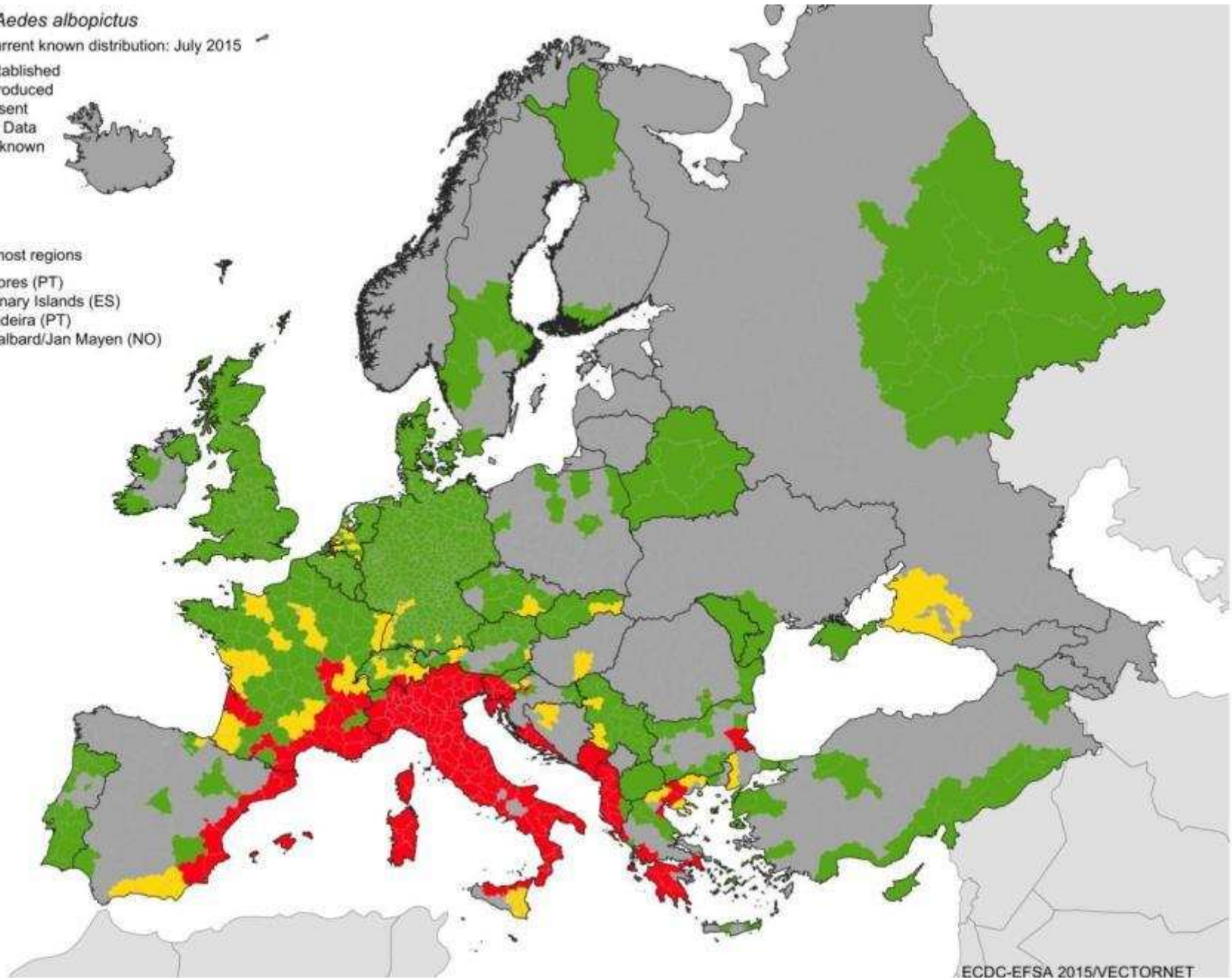
Aedes albopictus

Current known distribution: July 2015

- Established
- Introduced
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- No Data
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Outermost regions

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Aedes aegypti



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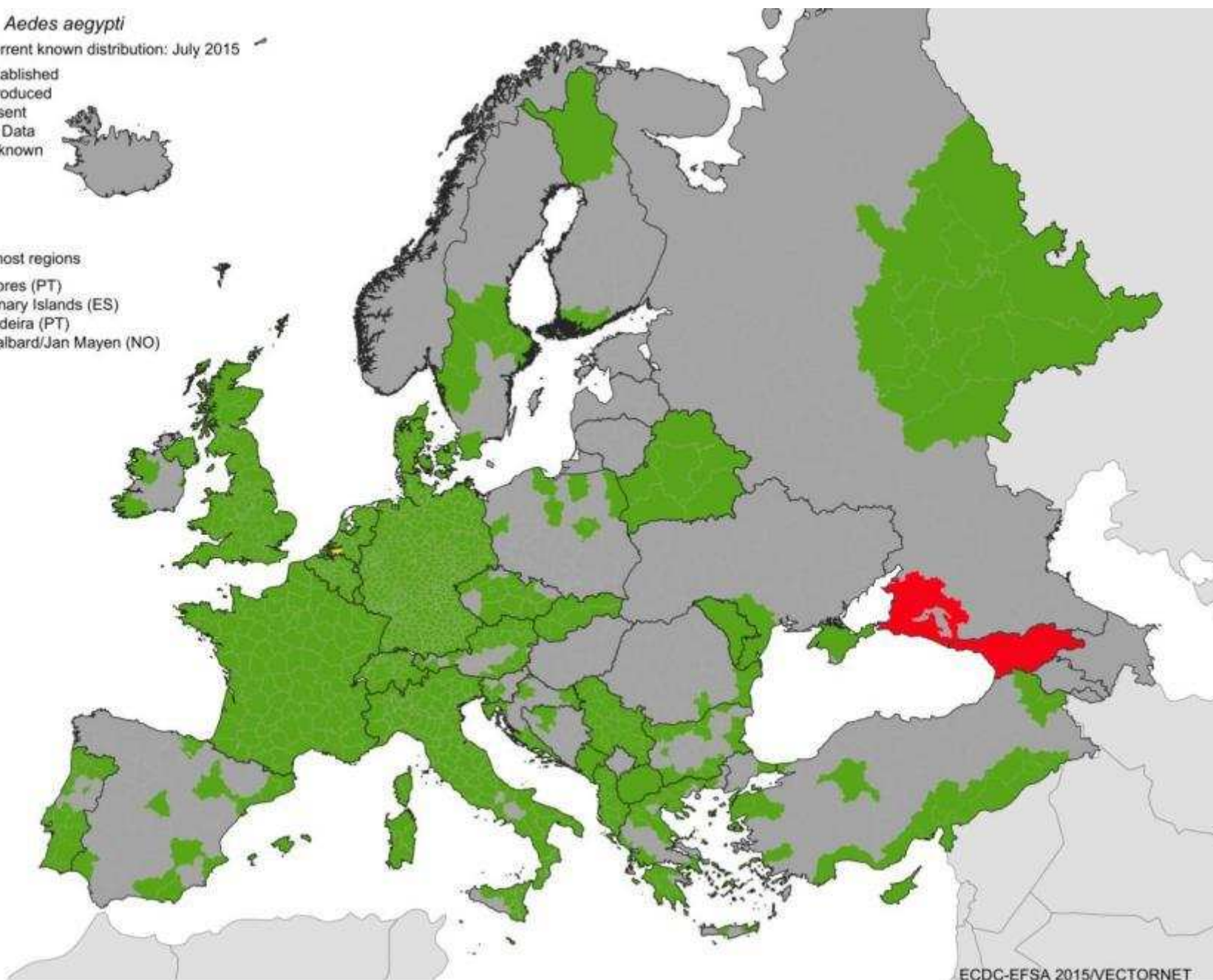
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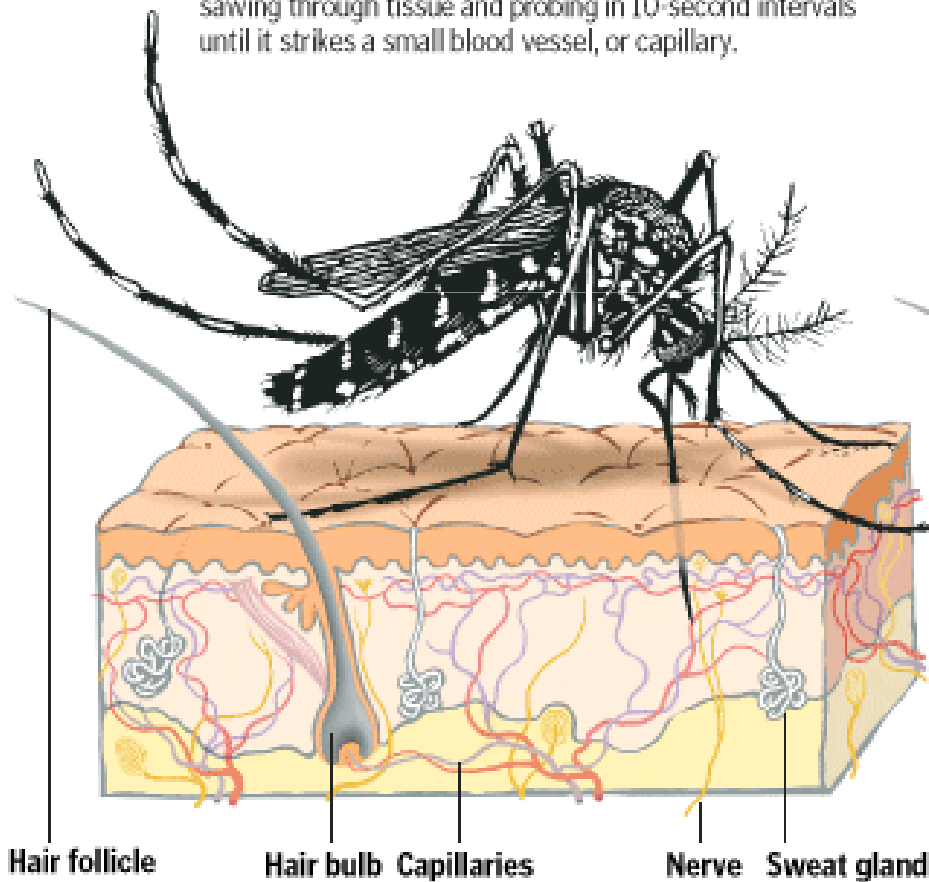


Bites

Less than 5 percent of skin is blood vessel, so when a mosquito comes for lunch, it has to fish. It casts its **proboscis** back and forth under the skin, sawing through tissue and probing in 10-second intervals until it strikes a small blood vessel, or capillary.

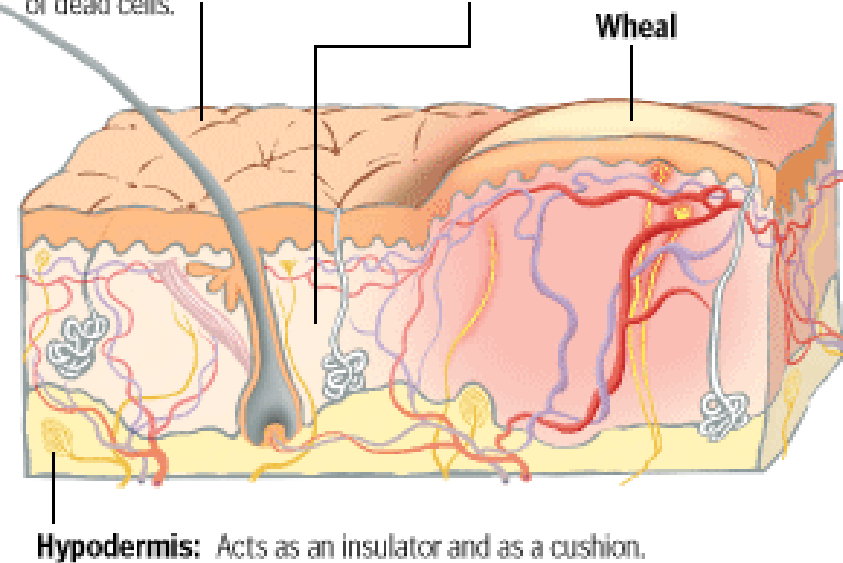
Saliva from the mosquito contains an anticoagulant to keep the blood from clotting so the mosquito can feed easily.

To combat the foreign substance, the immune system releases a chemical called histamine. Histamine causes blood vessels near the bite to enlarge. This causes a **wheel** (a red, swollen area) to form on the skin. Histamine also irritates nerve endings in the skin and makes you itch.



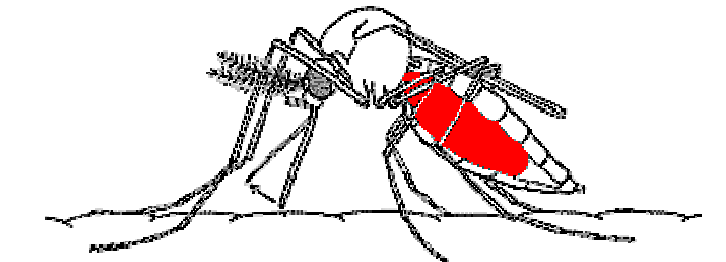
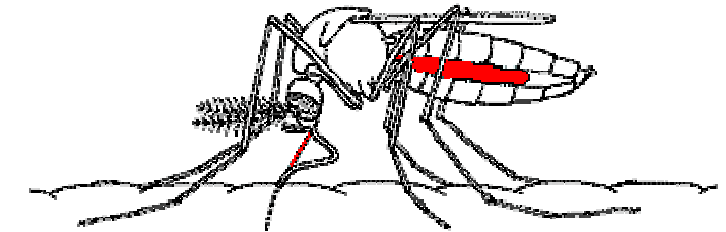
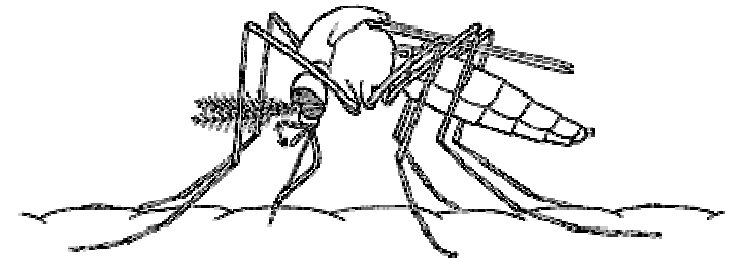
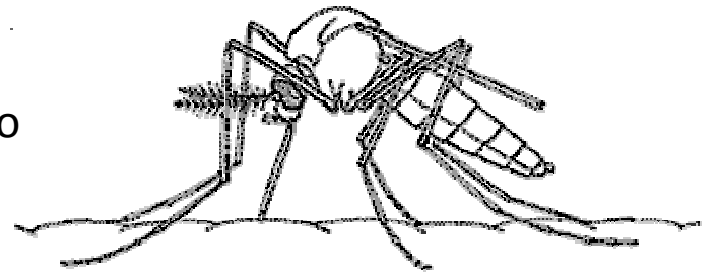
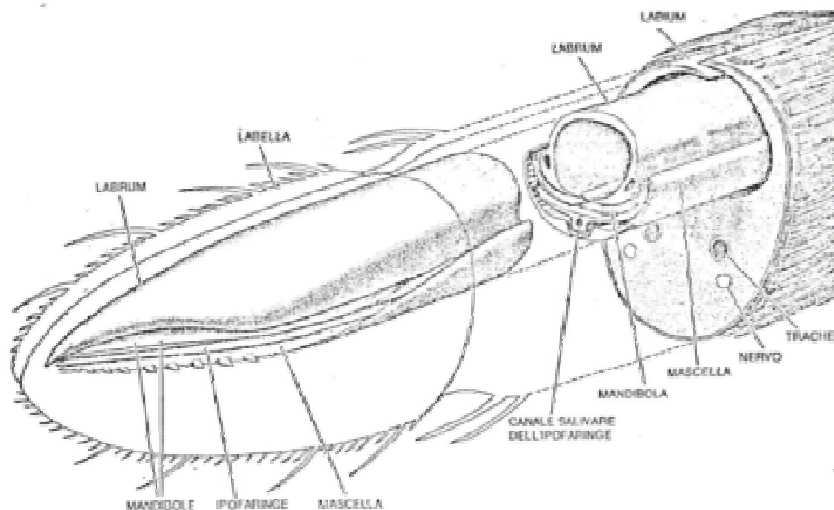
The mosquito must pierce the **epidermis**, a thin upper layer of the skin made of several layers of living cells topped by sheets of dead cells.

Bundles of tough fibers that give the skin its elasticity, firmness and strength help make up the **dermis**. Blood vessels and nerves are here.



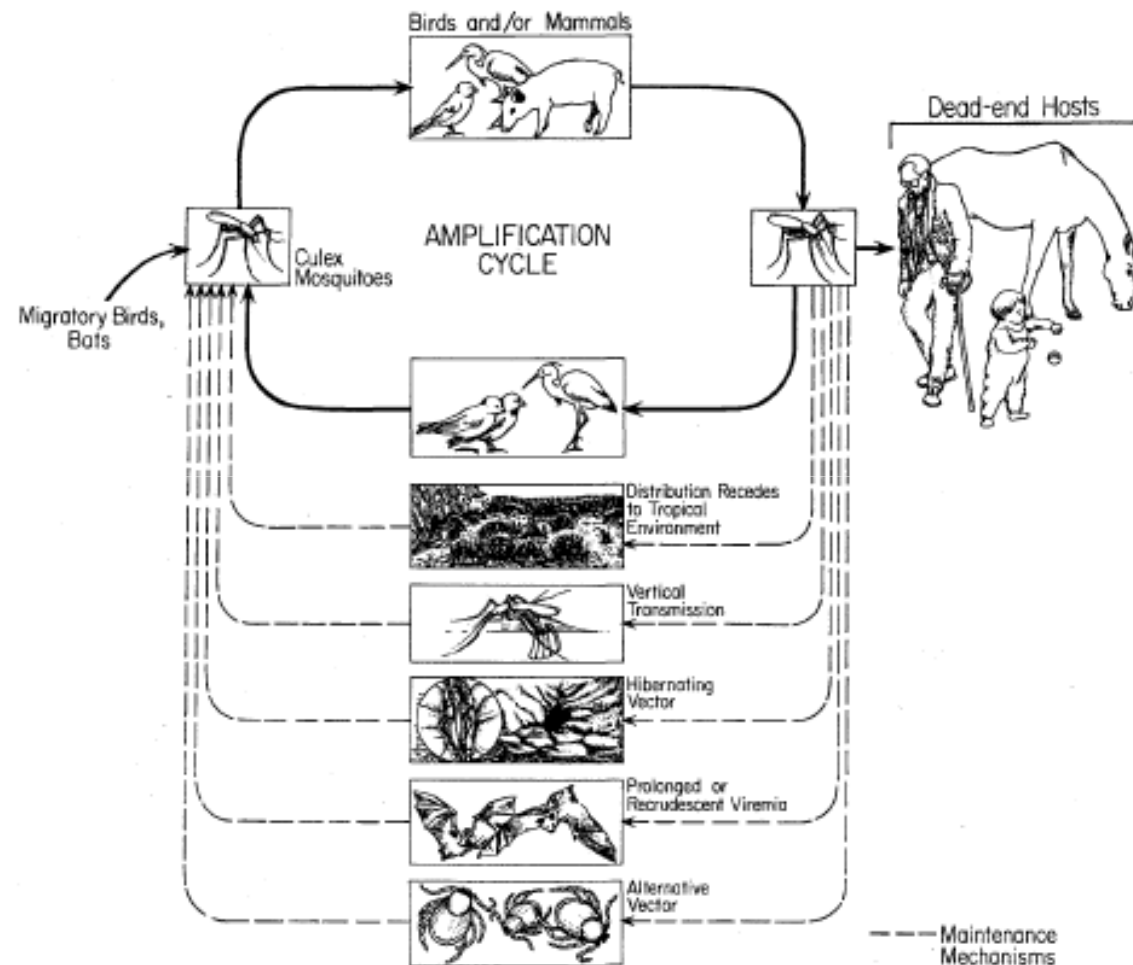
Bites

- Vector-borne diseases (VBD) are illnesses transmitted between an infected person, or animal (reservoir host), to another person, or animal, by another living organism (vector).
- Mosquitoes are the best-known disease vectors. Unlike mechanical transmission, VBD transmission involves the biological transmission of the pathogen, and its reproduction, or development, in the vector before transmission to the next vertebrate host.



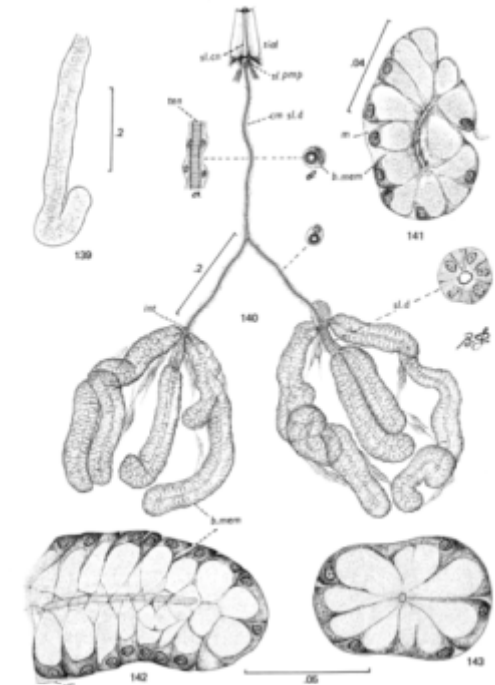
Other transmission routes

- In addition to this mechanism, arboviruses can be transmitted by other routes, such as horizontal transmission during mating, trans-ovarian transmission, co-feeding transmission, and vertical transmission to the eggs during oviposition.



Saliva

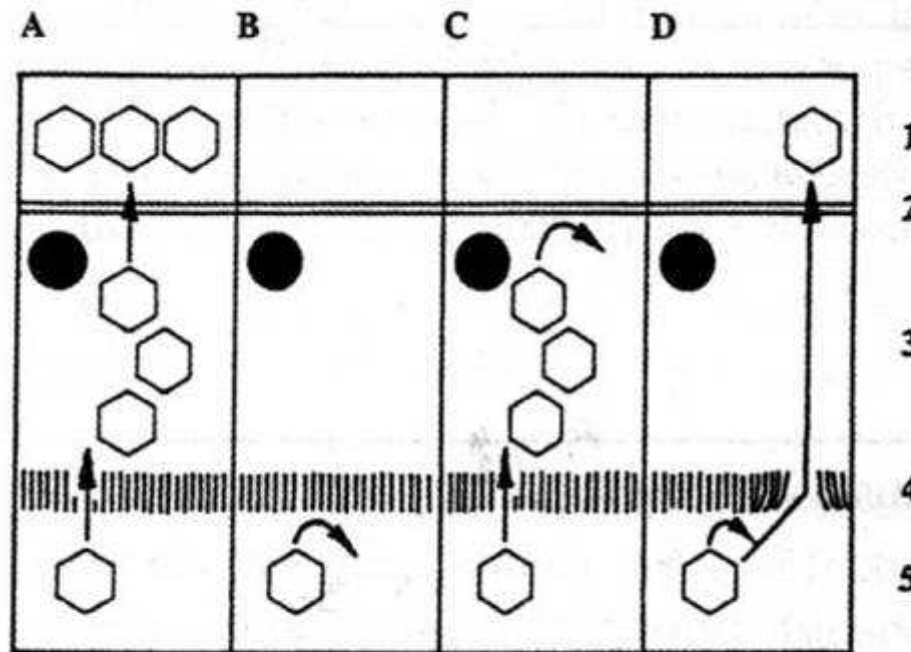
- Mosquito saliva contains anticoagulants, antiplatelet, vasodilatory substance, antimicrobial agents, enzymes
- Saliva can alter the immune response favoring the pathogenicity of the virus
- Itching and swelling caused by the bite of a mosquito is due to allergic reaction to the saliva



Figs 139-143. *Aedes aegypti*, ♀. 139, salivary gland immediately after emergence of mosquito from pupa; 140, salivary glands of three-day-old mosquito; and longitudinal and transverse sections of common salivary canal; 141, section of middle gland showing intracellular ducts and its supporting disc; 142, 143, longitudinal and transverse sections of lateral gland.

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A = PERMISSIVE
 B = INFECTION BARRIER
 C = DISSEMINATION BARRIER
 D = LEAKY

MIDGUT

1 = Hemocoel
 2 = Basement membrane
 3 = Midgut epithelium
 4 = Brush border
 5 = Gut lumen

SALIVARY GLAND

1 = Salivary duct
 2 = Secretory surface
 3 = Secretory cell
 4 = Basement membrane
 5 = Hemocoel

OVARY

1 = Follicle
 2 = Secretory surface
 3 = Follicular epithelium
 4 = Ovarian sheath
 5 = Hemocoel

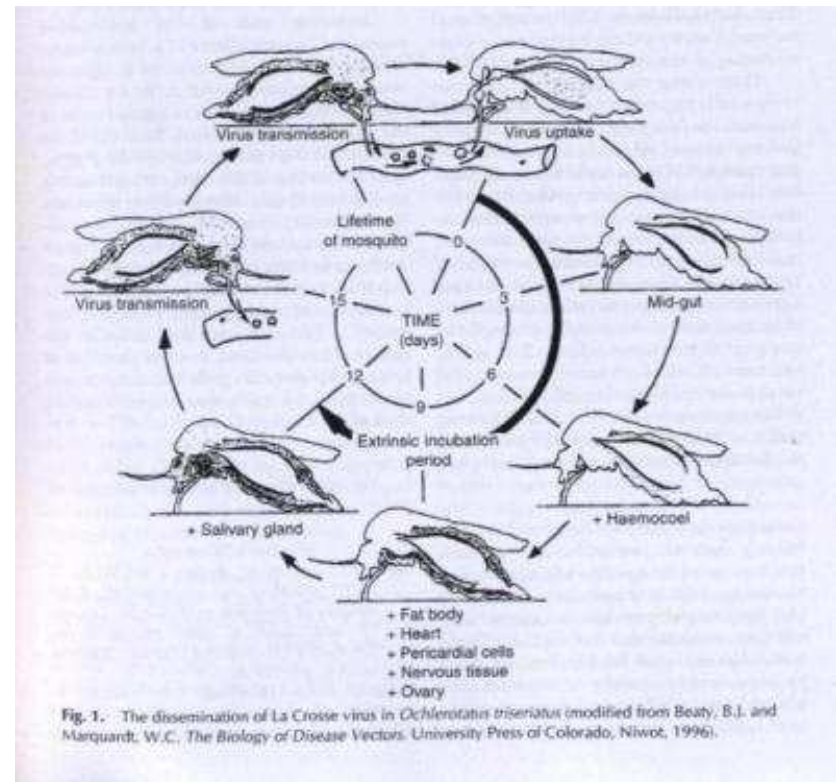
FIGURE 14.8 Barriers to biological transmission.

Vectorial competence

Vector competence refers to the intrinsic capability of a vector to transmit a pathogenic agent.

It results from a series of biological characteristics, such as the permissiveness of host barriers to penetration of the agent, since the pathogenic agents have to cross the gut and reach the salivary glands of the mosquito to be transmitted to another host. Every mosquito has a particular competence for a pathogen; sometimes distinct populations of the same mosquito have a different vector competence.

Vector capacity is the overall ability of a vector species in a given location and specific time to transmit a pathogen. It is influenced by factors such as vector population abundance, longevity, feeding behavior, and gonotrophic cycle lengths and numbers. The most competent vector in laboratory conditions is not always the principal vector in field conditions.



European vectors

The most relevant vector species of mosquito in Europe.

Species	Distribution	Pathogens transmitted in Europe
<i>Aedes caspius</i>	All Europe	Tahyna virus, <i>Dirofilaria</i> spp.
<i>Aedes vexans</i>	All Europe	Tahyna virus
<i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Signaled in 1991 in Italy, now established in Southern Europe	Dengue virus, Chikungunya virus
<i>Aedes communis</i>	Eastern Europe (rare in western Europe)	Inkoo virus, Sindbis virus
<i>Culiseta morsitans</i>	All Europe	Sindbis virus
Culex Pipiens Complex	<i>Cx. pipiens</i> All Europe, more spread in Southern Europe	West Nile virus <i>Dirofilaria</i> spp.
	<i>Cx. torrentium</i> All Europe, more spread in Northern-Central Europe	Sindbis virus
Anopheles Maculipenni Complex ^a	<i>An. labranchiae</i> Southeastern Europe	<i>Plasmodium</i> spp.
	<i>An. atroparvus</i> Mainly Continental Europe	
	<i>An. sacharovi</i> Southern Europe (Mediterranean)	
	<i>An. maculipennis s.l.</i>	Batai virus

^a *An. labranchiae*, *An. atroparvus*, *An. sacharovi*, *An. melanoon*, *An. subalpinus*, *An. messeae*, *An. maculipennis s.s.*, *An. beklemishevi*.

Mosquito borne diseases

The more relevant MBDs worldwide, and relative DALYs estimation (in thousands).²³ DALYs (Disability-adjusted life years) are the sum of years of healthy life lost to premature death and years lived with disability. DALYs (Disability-adjusted life years) are the sum of years of healthy life lost to premature death and years lived with disability

	DALYs 2013
Malaria	65493.1
Lymphatic filariasis	2022.1
Dengue	1142.7
Yellow fever	30.7

Arboviruses transmitted by mosquitoes causing (or suspected to cause) disease in humans.

In italic virus of clinical importance ^aspecies reported in according to ICTV⁸⁰ serological criteria reported out of brackets

^{Af}Africa, ^{Am}America, ^{Au}Australia, ^{As}Asia, ^{Eu}Europe, ^pprimates as possible host, ^hhuman viremia suitable for vector transmission

Virus genus	Viruses name
Alphavirus	Babanki ^{Af} , <i>Barmah Forest</i> ^{Au} , <i>Chikungunya</i> ^{Af, As, Am, p, h} , <i>Eastern equine encephalitis</i> ^{Am} , <i>Everglades</i> ^{Am} , <i>Igbo Ora</i> ^{Af} , <i>Mayaro</i> ^{Am, p, h} , <i>O'nyon-nyong</i> ^{Af, p, h} , <i>Ross River</i> ^{Au} , <i>Semliki Forest</i> ^{Af, As, p} , <i>Sindbis</i> ^{Eu, Af, Au} , <i>Tonate</i> ^{Am} , <i>Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis</i> ^{Am, h} , <i>Western equine encephalitis</i> ^{Am}
Flavivirus	Banzi ^{Af} , Bussuquara ^{Am, p} , Cacipacore ^{Am} , <i>Dengue (4 serotypes)</i> ^{As, Am, Af, p, h} , Edge hill ^{Au} , Ilheus ^{Am} , <i>Japanese encephalitis</i> ^{As} , Kedougou ^{Af} , Kokobera ^{Au} , Koutango ^{Af} , <i>Murray Valley encephalitis (Alfuy)</i> ^{Au} , <i>Rocio encephalitis</i> ^{Am} , Sepik ^{Au} , Sponsweni ^{Af} , St. Louis encephalitis ^{Am} , Usutu ^{Eu, Af} , Wesselsbron ^{Af} , <i>West Nile fever (Kunjin)</i> ^{Af, As, Am, Au, Eu} , <i>Yellow fever</i> ^{Af, Am, p, h} , <i>Zika</i> ^{Af, As, Au, p, h}
Orthobunyavirus ^a	Bunyawera [Bunyamwera ^{Af} , Germiston ^{Af} , Guaroa ^{Am} , Batai (Calovo) ^{Eu, Af, As} , Ilesha ^{Af} , Tensaw ^{Am} , Maguari ^{Am} , Shokwe ^{Af} , Fort Sherman ^{Am} , Ngari ^{Af}], Bwaba [Bwamba ^{Af, p} , Pongola ^{Af}], California encephalitis [Jamestown Canyon ^{Am} , Inkoo ^{Eu} , <i>La Crosse</i> ^{Am} , <i>Tahyna</i> ^{Eu, As, Af} , Snowshoe hare encephalitis ^{Eu, Am} , Trivittatus ^{Am}], Caraparu [Apeu ^{Am} , Caraparu ^{Am, p} , Ossa ^{Am}], Catu ^{Am, p} , Guama ^{Am, p} , Madrid ^{Am} , Marituba [Marituba ^{Am, p} , Murutucu ^{Am} , Nepuyo ^{Am} , Restan ^{Am}], Nyando ^{Af} , Oriboca [Oriboca ^{Am, p} , Itaqui ^{Am}], Shuni ^{Am} , Tacaiuma ^{Am, p} , Ungrouped [Gan Gan ^{Au} , Tataguine ^{Af} , Tanga ^{Af} , Bangui ^{Af}], Wyeomyia ^{Am}
Phlebovirus	<i>Rift Valley fever</i> ^{Af} , Arumowot ^{Af}
Orbivirus	Lebombo ^{Af} , Orungo ^{Af, p}
Seadornavirus	Banna ^{As}
Vesiculovirus	Piry ^{Am}

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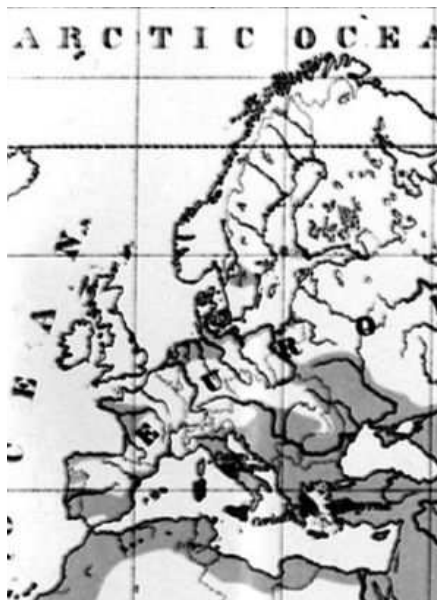
Europe was endemic for malaria, and this disease reached the northern limit of Central England, Southern Norway, Central Sweden and Finland, and Northern Russia, but the Mediterranean and Eastern Europe were the most exposed areas to the disease.

The final disappearance was probably due to the changed ecological conditions linked to elimination of larval breeding sites of *Anopheles* species, to the improvement in health systems, and ultimately to large-scale eradication campaigns.

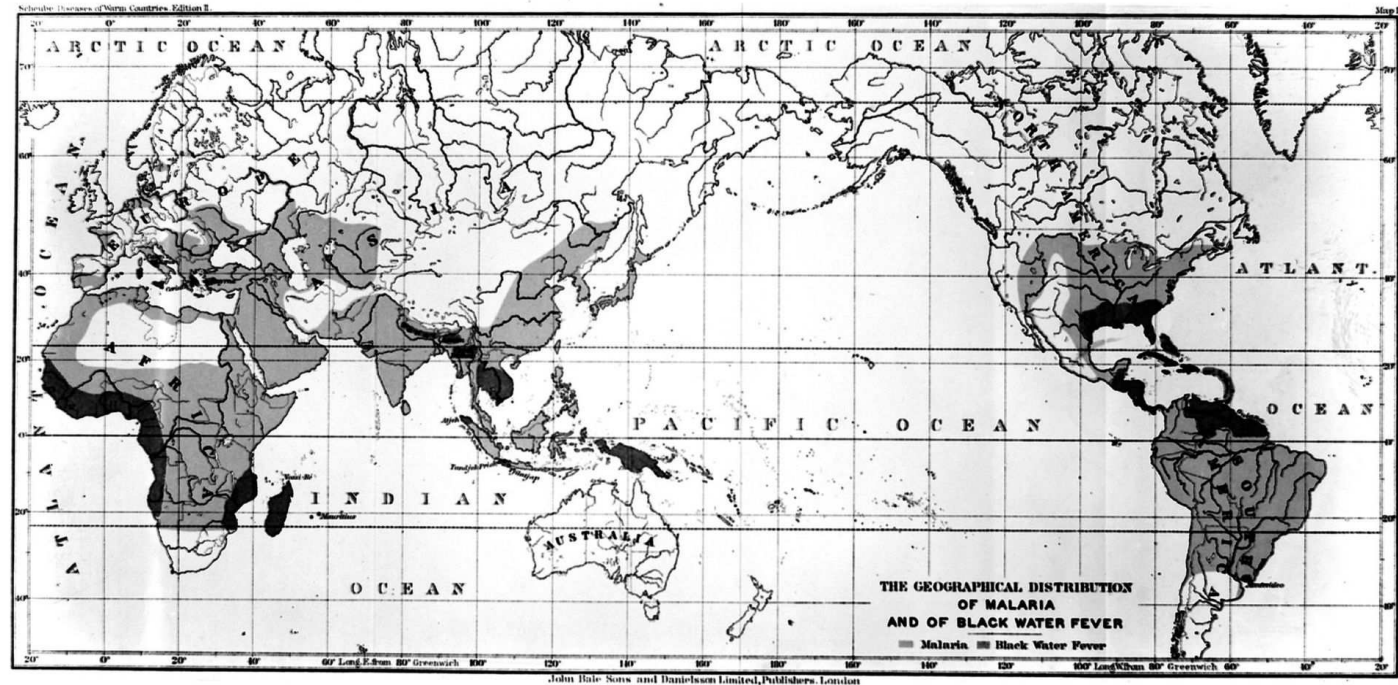
Local populations of *Anopheles* mosquitoes can transmit plasmodia imported by travelers (as migrants, infected tourists, business travelers) and cause autochthonous malaria, malaria is the first imported disease in Europe.



Figure 14: A hut for agricultural workers in Tre Cancelli, in the immediate vicinity of Rome, close to Nettuno. Similar housing was observed in Corsica and Sardinia. The infection rate of the local inhabitants was high (Archives...1925)



The Diseases of warm countries
1903



Several sporadic cases were reported in Europe after the eradication of the disease; the most significant episode was recorded in Greece.

From 2009 to 2013, the Greek Health Authority reported 76 cases (7 in 2009, 4 in 2010, 42 in 2011, 20 in 2012, 3 in 2013) without a travel history in endemic countries. Another localized episode of local transmission of malaria, with 18 cases, was recorded in Bulgaria in 1995–1996. This is an impressive discovery, but due to today's European life habits and health system, the reintroduction of malaria seems to be low.

Deterioration of these parameters may raise this potential, but the importation of a number of plasmodia adequate to re-introduce the disease seems unlikely, episodes of local transmission shall be possible, and malaria surveillance should remain a priority.

PS the mosquito is not an Anopheles

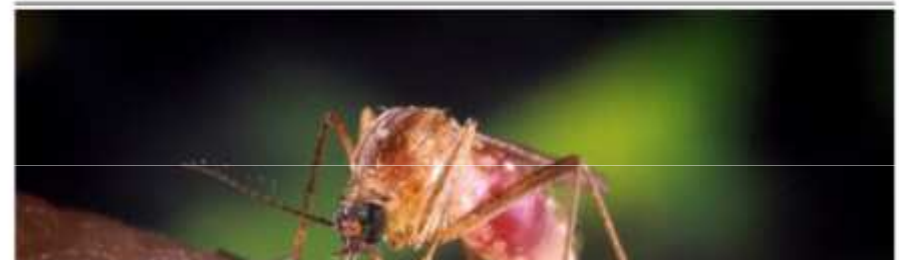
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Malaria returns to crisis-torn Greece

Malaria has returned to Greece as financial cuts contribute to the re-emergence of a once extinct disease.



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Travellers to Greece given malaria warning

Travellers to Greece have been warned to take precautions against mosquito bites following six reported cases of malaria since June.



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Alphavirus

Virus		Vectors	Vertebrate Reservoir	Distribution
Barmah Forest	BF	<i>Ochlerotatus vigilax</i> , <i>O. camptorhynchus</i> , <i>Culex annulirostris</i>	Mammals (humans)	Australia
Chikungunya	CHIK	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Ae. albopictus</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp, <i>Mansonia africana</i>	Primates, humans	Africa, India, SE Asia
Eastern equine encephalitis	EEE	<i>Culiseta melanura</i> , <i>Coquilletidia perturbans</i>	Birds	North America
Western equine encephalitis	WEE	<i>Culex tarsalis</i> , <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	Birds, mammals (rabbits)	South and North America
Venezuelan equine encephalitis	VEE	<i>Culex pipiens</i> , <i>Culex</i> spp	Rodents, horses	South and North America
Mayaro (Uruma)	MAY	<i>Haemagogus janthinomys</i>	Primates, humans	South America
O'nyong nyong	ONN	<i>Anopheles funestus</i> , <i>A. gambiae</i>	Humans	Africa
Ross River	RR	<i>Ochlerotatus vigilax</i> , <i>O. camptorhynchus</i> , <i>Culex annulirostris</i>	Mammals (marsupials)	Australia, South Pacific
Sindbis (Ockelbo, Karelian fever, Pogosta)	SIN	<i>Culex</i> spp, <i>Culiseta</i> spp, <i>Aedes</i> spp	Birds	Europe, Africa, Australia, Middle East

Flavivirus

Virus		Vectors	Vertebrate Reservoir	Distribution
Dengue	DEN	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Ae. albopictus</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp	Humans	Africa, Caribbean, South America, Asia
Murray Valley encephalitis	MVE	<i>Culex annulirostris</i>	Birds	Australia, New Guinea
Japanese encephalitis	JE	<i>Culex tritaeniorhynchus</i> , <i>Culex</i> spp	Birds, pigs	Asia
St Louis encephalitis	SLE	<i>Culex pipiens</i> <i>Culex nigripalpus</i> <i>Culex</i> spp	Birds	South and North America
Yellow fever	YF	<i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes africanus</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp	Primates	Africa, South Central America
Ilheus	ILH	<i>Psorophora ferox</i> , <i>Psorophora</i> spp <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	Birds	South Central America
Kunjin	KUN	<i>Culex annulirostris</i>	Birds	Australia, New Guinea
Rocio	ROC	<i>Ochlerotatus scapularis</i> , <i>Psorophora fero x</i>	?	Brazil
Spondweni	SPO	<i>Mansonia africana</i> , <i>M uniformis</i>	?	South Africa
Usutu	USUV	<i>Culex</i> spp	Birds	Africa, Europe
Wesselsbron	WSL	<i>Aedes</i> spp	Birds, mammals	Africa del Sud
West Nile	WN	<i>Culex</i> spp	Birds	Worldwide
Zika	ZIKV	<i>Aedes africanus</i> , <i>Ae</i> <i>luteocephalus</i> , <i>Ae aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp	Primates	Africa, SE Asia

Bunyavirus

Group	Virus		Vectors	Vertebrate Reservoir	Distribution
	Rift Valley	RVF	<i>Aedes</i> spp, <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp, <i>Culex</i> spp, <i>Mansonia</i> spp, Culicoids, Simulids	Mammals (ovines, bovines)	Africa
California encephalitis group	LaCrosse encephalitis	LAC	<i>Ochlerotatus triseriatus</i>	Rodents	North America
	Inkoo		<i>Aedes</i> spp., <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	?	Europe
	Jamestown Canyon		<i>Aedes</i> spp., <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	Mammals	North America
	Tahyna	TAH	<i>Aedes vexans</i> , <i>Aedes</i> spp, <i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	Rabbits	Europe
	Trivittatus		<i>Ochlerotatus</i> spp	?	North America
Simbu group	Oropouche	ORO	Culicoids <i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	Humanes	South and Central America
Bunyamwera group	Batai		<i>Anopheles</i> spp	Mammals	Europe
	Potosi		<i>Aedes</i> spp, <i>Anopheles</i> spp	Ungulates	North America
	Tensaw		<i>Anopheles crucians</i>	Mammals	North America

NOTA Le tabelle riportano solo alcuni degli Arbovirus più conosciuti e più pericolosi per la salute umana.

Arbovirus pericolosi

Genere	Virus	Vettori	Serbatoio	Distribuzione	Patologia umana
Bunyaviridae					
Bunyavirus	La Crosse	Zanzare	Roditori	USA	Encefalite
	California group (compresa LaCrosse)	Zanzare	Mammiferi	USA	Meningoencefalite
	Tahyna	Zanzare	Lagomorfi	Europa	Febbre, esantema
Phlebovirus	Toscana	Flebotomi		Area mediterranea	Febbre, talora meningoencefalite
	Febbre da pappataci (Napoli, Sicilia)	Flebotomi		Area mediterranea	Febbre dolori articolari
	Febbre della Valle del Rift	Zanzare, altri artropodi	Bestiame	Africa	Febbre emorragica
Flaviviridae					
Flavivirus	Febbre Gialla	Zanzare	Uomo, Primati	Africa, Centro/Sud America	Febbre emorragica, necrosi epatica, ittero
	Dengue	Zanzare	Uomo	Africa, Centro/Sud America	sindeome febbrile, esantema, febbre
	Encefalite st. Louis	Zanzare	Uccelli	America	Encefalite
	Encefalite giapponese	Zanzare	Uccelli, suini	Estremo oriente, India	Encefalite
	Murray Valley	Zanzare	Uccelli	Australia	Encefalite
	West Nile	Zanzare	Uccelli	Ubiquitario	Encefalite
	Rocio	Zanzare	Uccelli	Brasile	Encefalite
Togaviridae					
Alphavirus	Encefalite equina dell'Ovest	Zanzare	Uccelli	America del Nord	Encefalite
	Encefalite equina dell'Venezuelana	Zanzare	Roditori, cavalli	America	Encefalite, sindrome febbrile
	Encefalite equina dell'Est	Zanzare	Uccelli	America	Encefalite
	Cikungunya	Zanzare	Primati, uomo	Africa India Sud-Est Asiatico	Febbre con esantema e artralgie
	Mayaro	Zanzare	Primati, uomo	Sud america, Trinidad	Febbre con esantema e artralgie
	Sindbis	Zanzare	Uccelli	Nord Europa Africa Asia	Febbre con esantema e artralgie
	Semliky Forest	Zanzare	Uccelli	Africa	Sindrome febbrile, encefalite
	O'nyong-nyong	Zanzare	Primati	Africa	Febbre con esantema e artralgie

Modificato da La Placa 2006

Cycles

FORESTAL

RURAL

URBAN

**ANIMAL / MOSQUITO /
MAN**

**MAN / MOSQUITO / MAN
(DEN YF CHIK)**

The agent of mosquito-transmitted disease could circulate in a sylvatic cycle (or enzootic cycle) between the mosquito and wild reservoir hosts, which often act as amplification hosts, and rarely affect humans by the occasional spillover that occurs under certain conditions.

Human can be infected tangentially by "bridge" mosquitoes that occasionally bite humans but usually feed on other animals, such as birds in the case of WNV, SINV. Some arbovirus cycles involve domestic animals as amplifying hosts, exposing humans to the risk of infection (e.g., Venezuelan equine encephalitis, Japanese encephalitis and Rift Valley Fever).

The agent for which humans represent a potential amplification host could also trigger an epidemic cycle. These agents have high pathogenic potential and can be exported from one country to another via a sick person. Some of these are particularly dangerous because they can develop urban cycles upon reaching a densely populated area occupied by a competent vector that is adapted to feeding on humans.

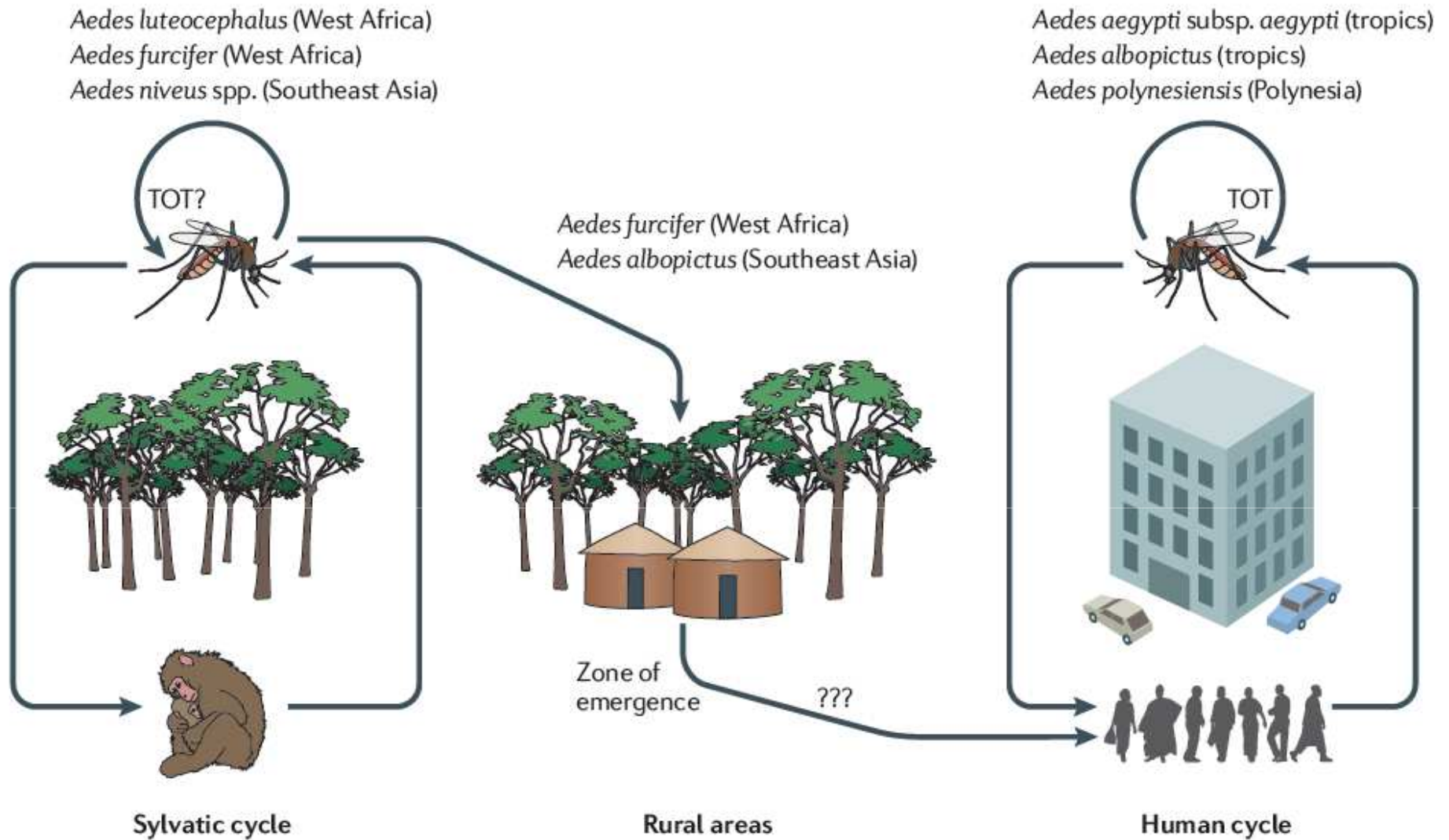


Figure 1 | **The transmission cycles of dengue virus.** The sylvatic origins of dengue virus, and the 'zone of emergence', where sylvatic cycles contact human populations in rural areas of West Africa and Southeast Asia. In addition, dengue virus can persist in mosquito populations by transovarial transmission (TOT), in which virus-infected mosquitoes transfer the virus to their eggs (this has been shown to occur in some species but not in all).

From Vasilakis et al 2011

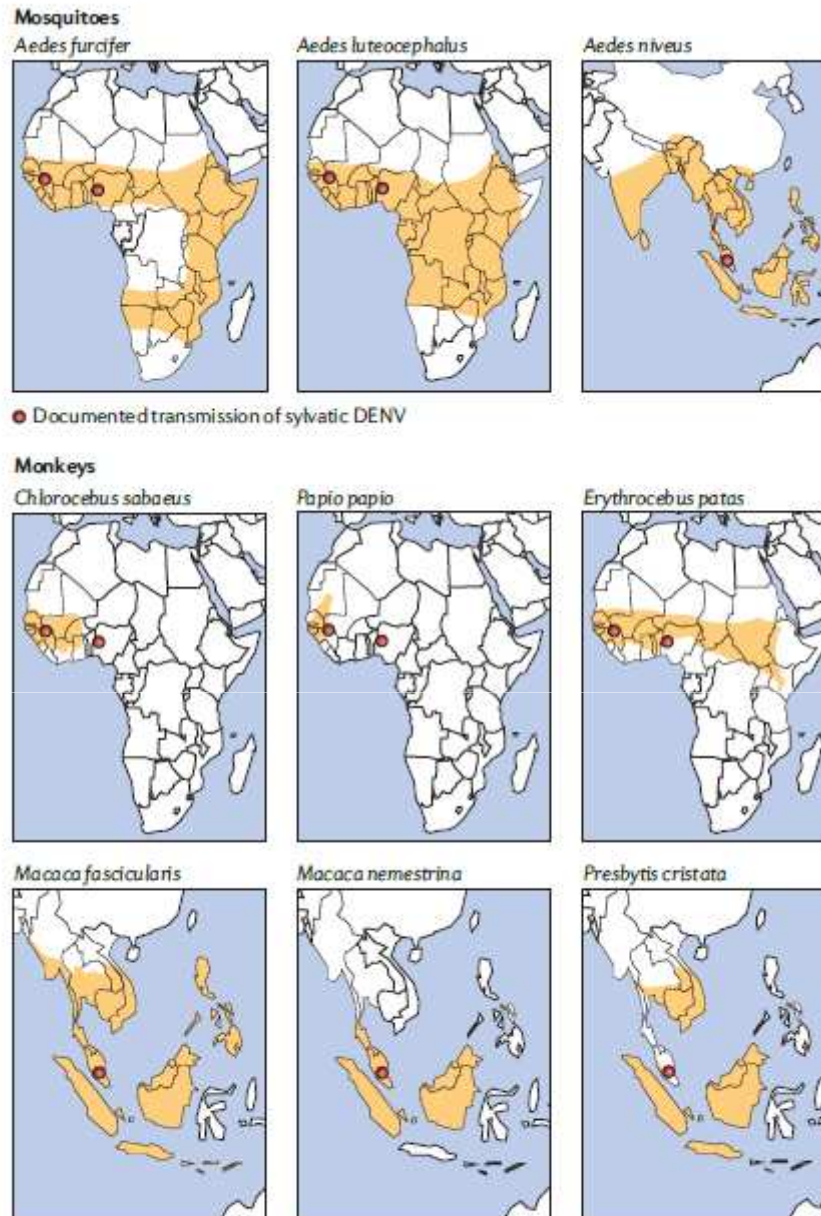
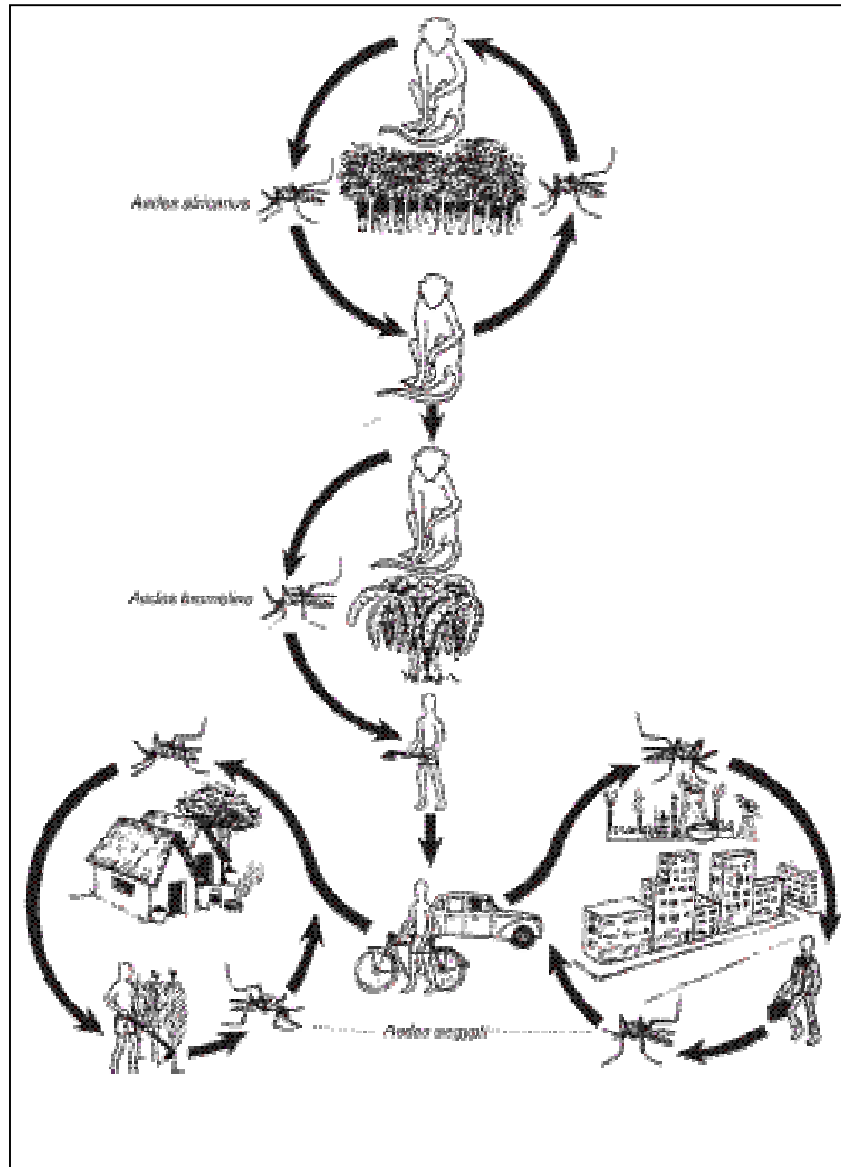


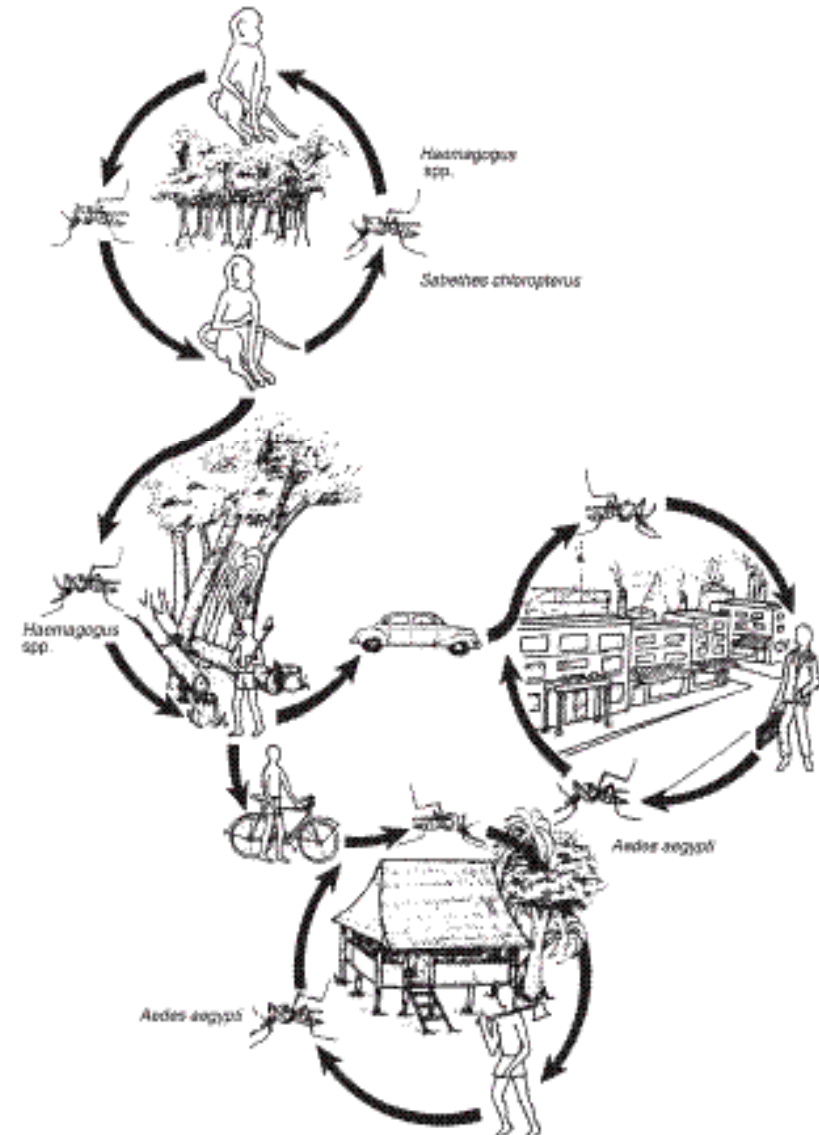
Figure 2 | The geography of sylvatic dengue virus. The geographic range of known and putative mosquito vectors and non-human primate hosts for the transmission cycles of sylvatic dengue virus in Africa and Southeast Asia. Although the range of the guinea baboon (*Papio papio*) is limited to West Africa, closely related species such as *Papio anubis*, *Papio ursinus* and *Papio cynocephalus* are found across the continent and could also be involved in dengue virus transmission.

Jungle, rural and urban transmission cycles of yellow fever

Africa



Central and South America



Urban risk

Arboviruses circulate among wild animals, and cause disease after spillover transmission to humans and/or domestic animals that are incidental or dead-end hosts. Viruses such as dengue (DENV) and chikungunya (CHIKV) that have lost the requirement for enzootic amplification now produce extensive epidemics. Many arboviruses that have evolved and diversified in the tropics have produced virulent and invasive strains that have caused major outbreaks at temperate latitudes.

Scott C. Weaver, , and William K. Reisen Present and future arboviral threats Antiviral Research Volume 85, Issue 2, February 2010, Pages 328-345

Table 1
Characteristics of arboviruses with the risk of urbanization.

Virus	History of temporary urbanization ^a	History of permanent urbanization ^a	Human viremia suitable for vector transmission ^b	Experimental competence of urban vectors ^b	Mutations associated with urban emergence	References
DENV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (except Asian strains of DENV-2; see Fig. 5)	Vasilakis and Weaver (2008)
CHIKV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	E1 envelope glycoprotein mutation enhances <i>Ae. albopictus</i> infection	Schuffenecker et al. (2006), Tsetsarkin et al. (2007), Vazeille et al. (2007)
YFV	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Monath (2001)
ZIKV	Yes	No	Yes (presumed based on Yap outbreak)	No (but isolation from <i>Ae. aegypti</i>)	No	Duffy et al. (2009), Marchette et al. (1969)
VEEV	No	No	Yes	Yes	No (although E2 envelope glycoprotein mutations enhance infection of epidemic vectors and equine amplification hosts)	Anishchenko et al. (2006), Brault et al. (2002a, 2004), Weaver et al. (2004)
MAYV	No	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Tesh et al. (1999), Aguilar and Weaver (unpublished)

^a Urban transmission exceeding 5 years is considered permanent.

^b *Aedes aegypti* and/or *Ae. albopictus*.

CALIFORNIA VIRUSES SEROGROUP

TAHYNA, INKOO , SNOWSHOE HARE

LACROSSE, SAN ANGELO, JAMESTOWN
CANYON

Tahyna

Aedes vexans, Ochlerotatus caspius, Culex spp

Lagomorphs, rodents, insectivores (hedgehogs)

Man, bats

Viremia especially in young lagomorphs (hare), hedgehogs, rodents, carnivores, pigs

Flu-like symptoms "Valtice fever" (fever, malaise, conjunctivitis, pharyngitis, nausea, anorexia, meningitis, non-lethal)

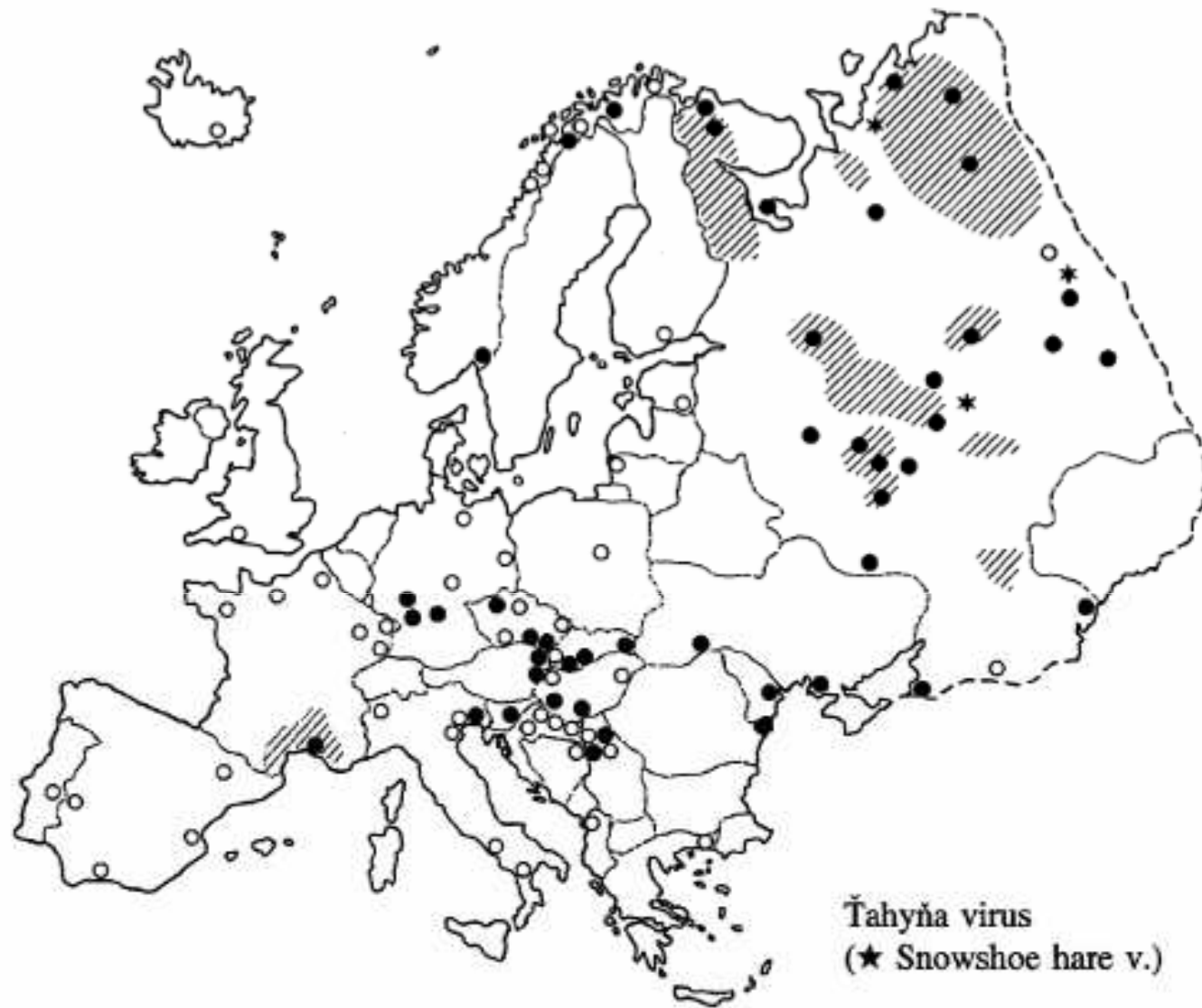


Fig. 3 Geographic distribution of morbilliviruses in Europe. Explanation: *black points*, the virus isolation; *white circles and hachures*, specific antibodies detected

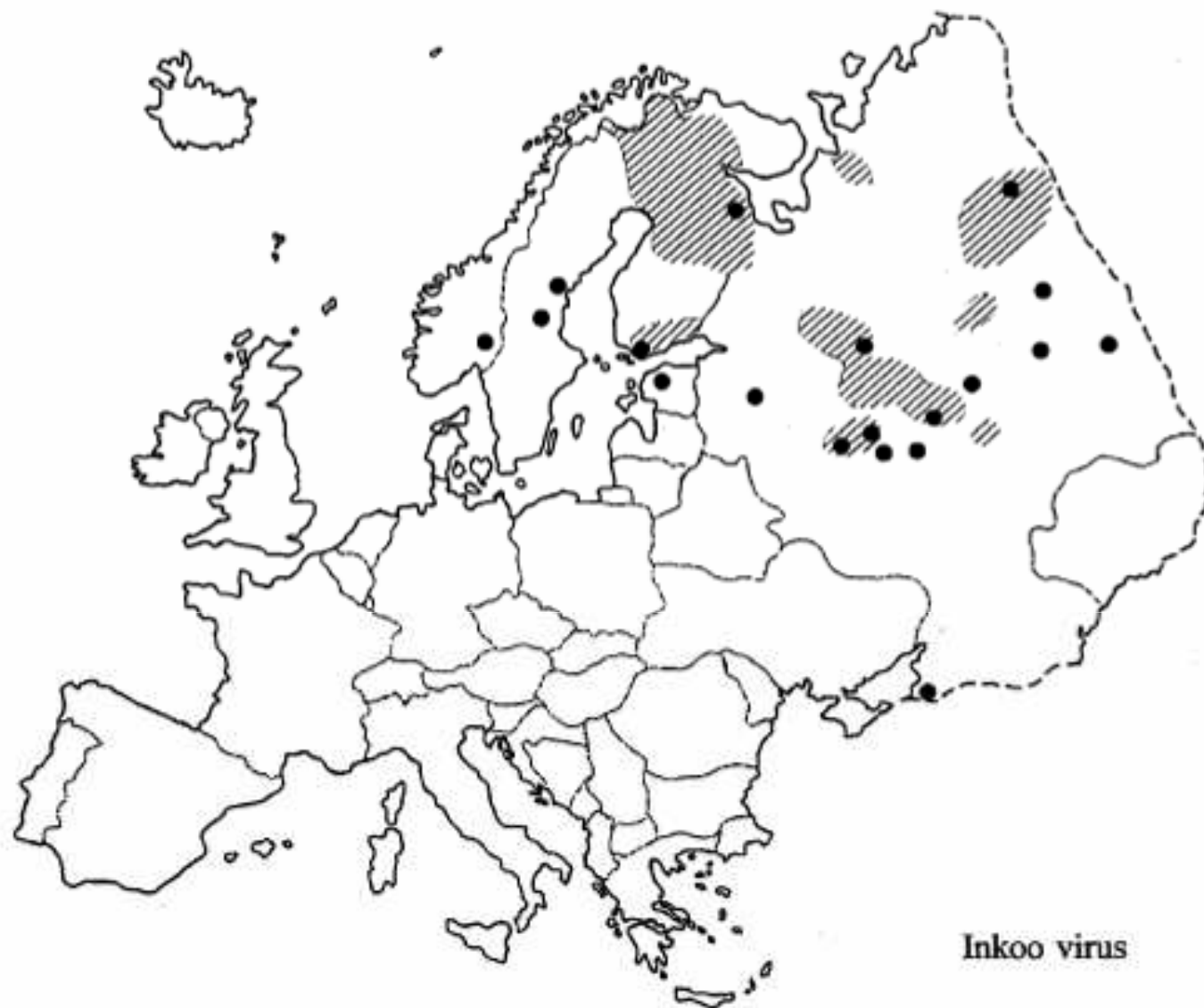


Fig. 4 Geographic distribution of morbilliviruses in Europe. Explanation: *black points*, the virus isolation; *white circles and hachures*, specific antibodies detected

CHITTOOR

BUNYAMWERA GROUP

ILESHA – CHACHE VALLEY

Anopheles maculipennis Aedes vexans et al.;

pigs, man, birds

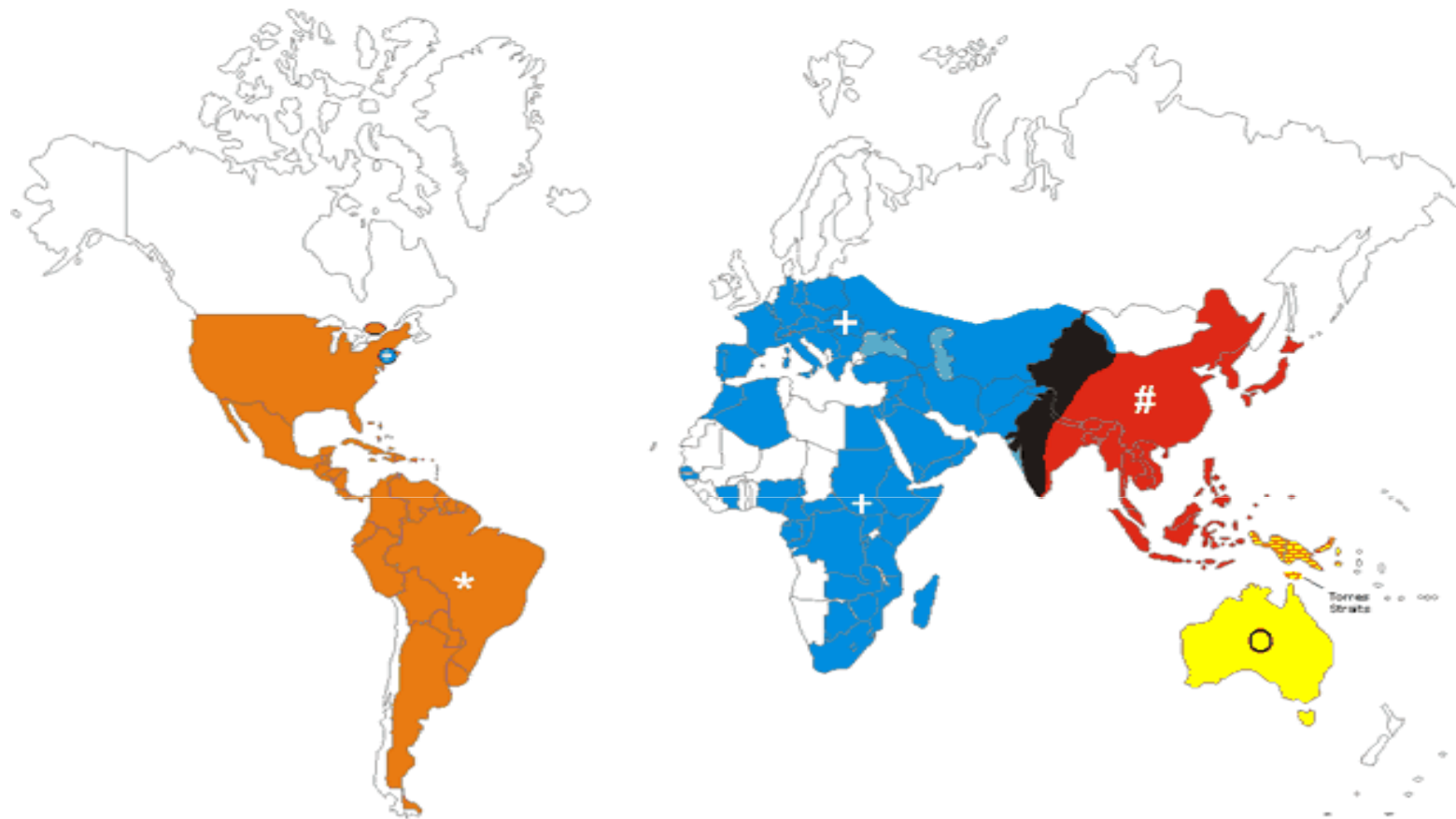
avian persistent infection

ABs in ruminants, horses, rodents, etc., humans
are reported flu-like symptoms



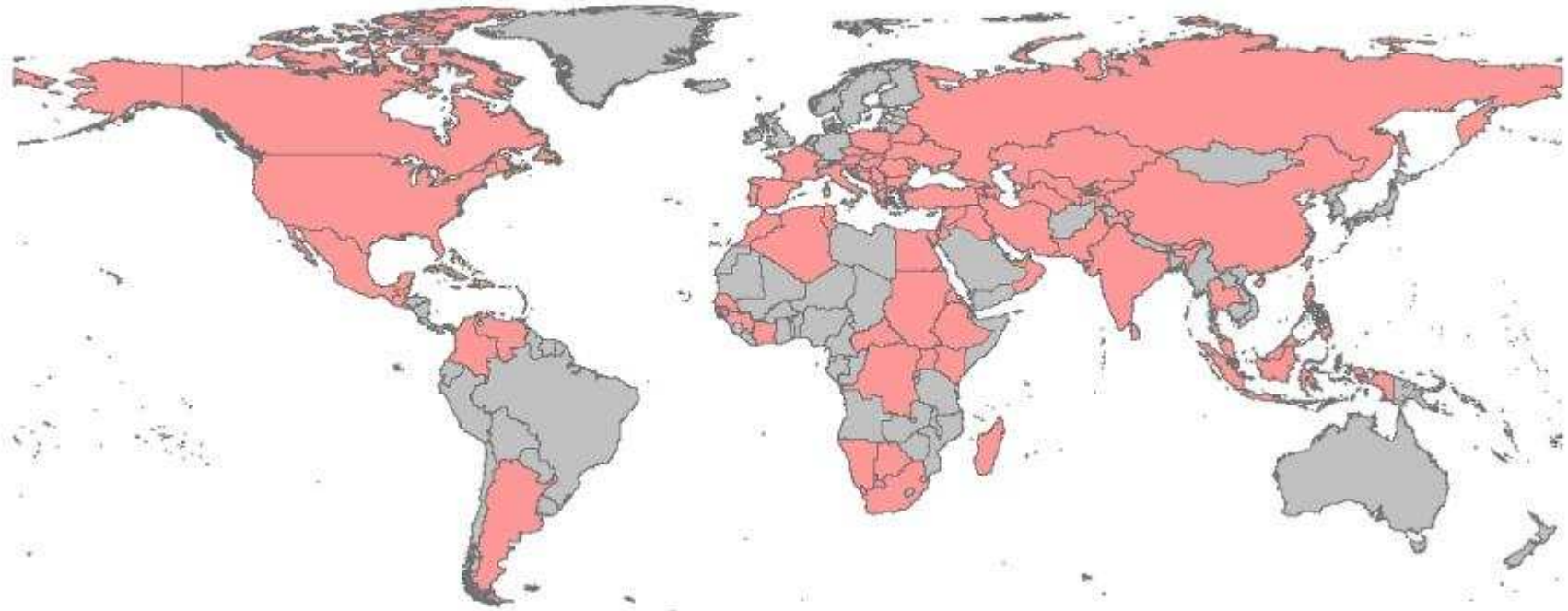
Fig. 5 Geographic distribution of moboviruses in Europe. Explanation: *black points*, the virus isolation; *white circles and hachures*, specific antibodies detected

The Geographic Distribution of the Japanese Encephalitis Serocomplex of the Family Flaviridae, 2000.



- St. Louis encephalitis
- * Rocio and St. Louis (Brazil)
- + West Nile virus
- # Japanese encephalitis
- West Nile and Japanese encephalitis
- Japanese and Murray Valley encephalitis
- Murray Valley and Kunjin

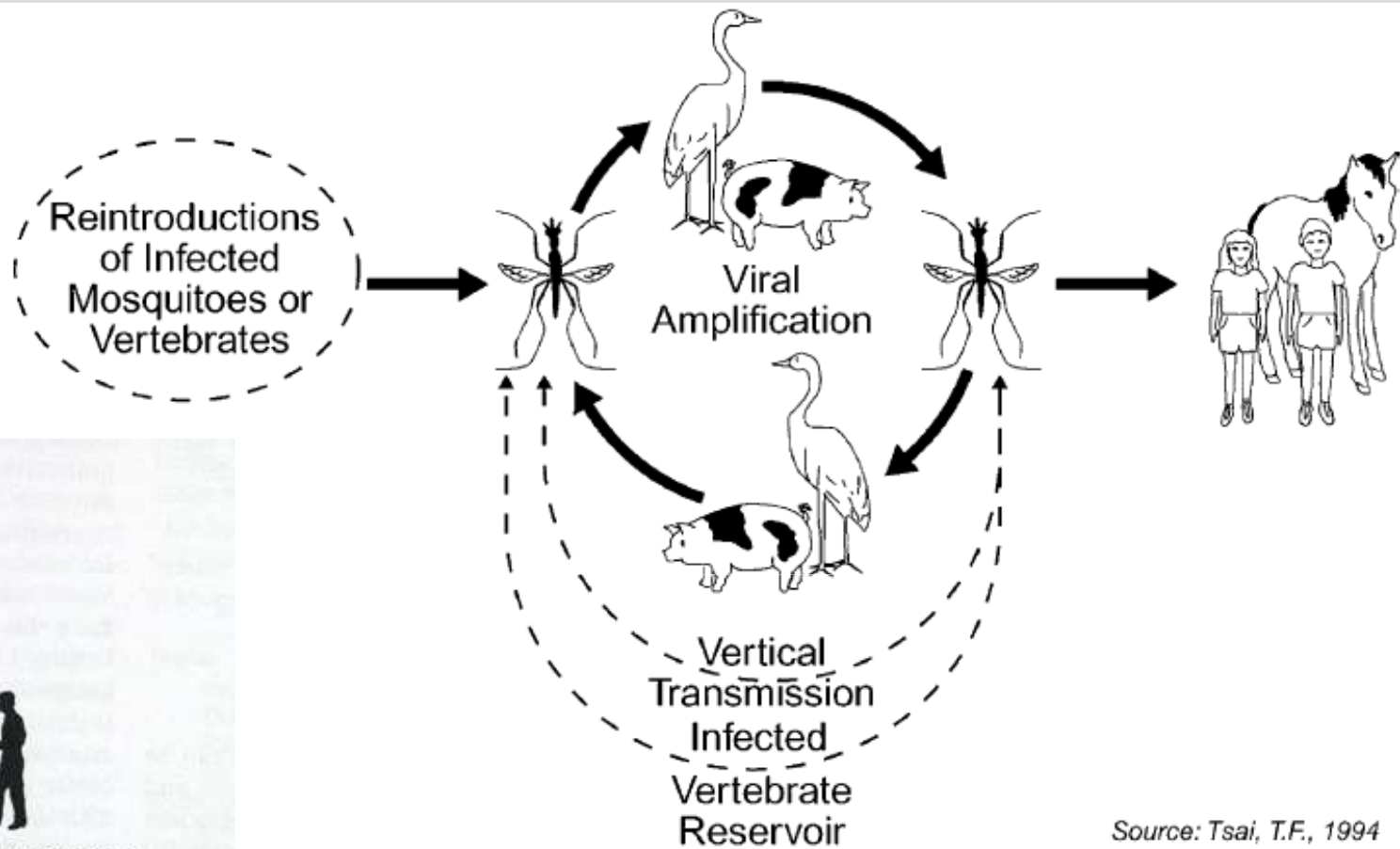
West Nile fever



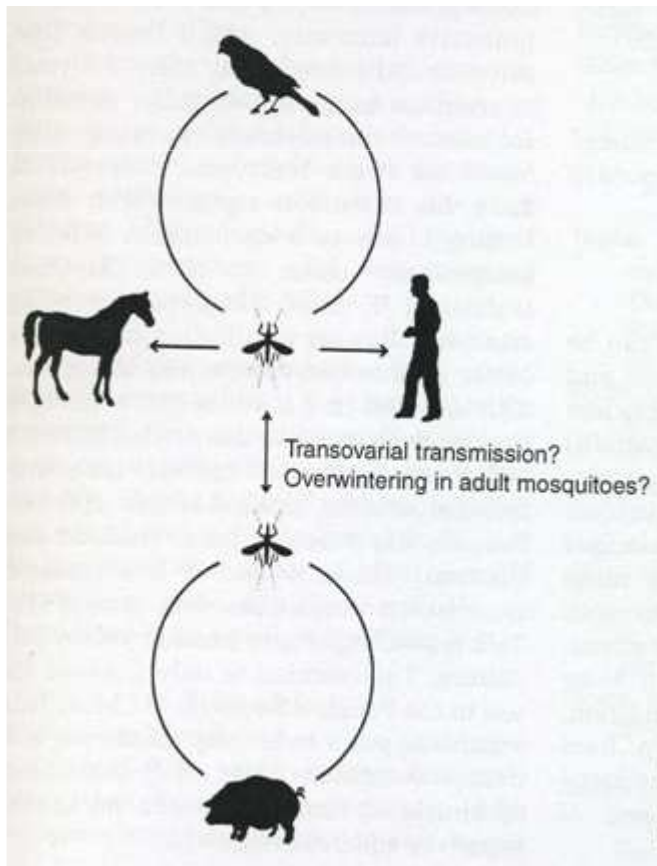
■ Non-endemic ■ Endemic

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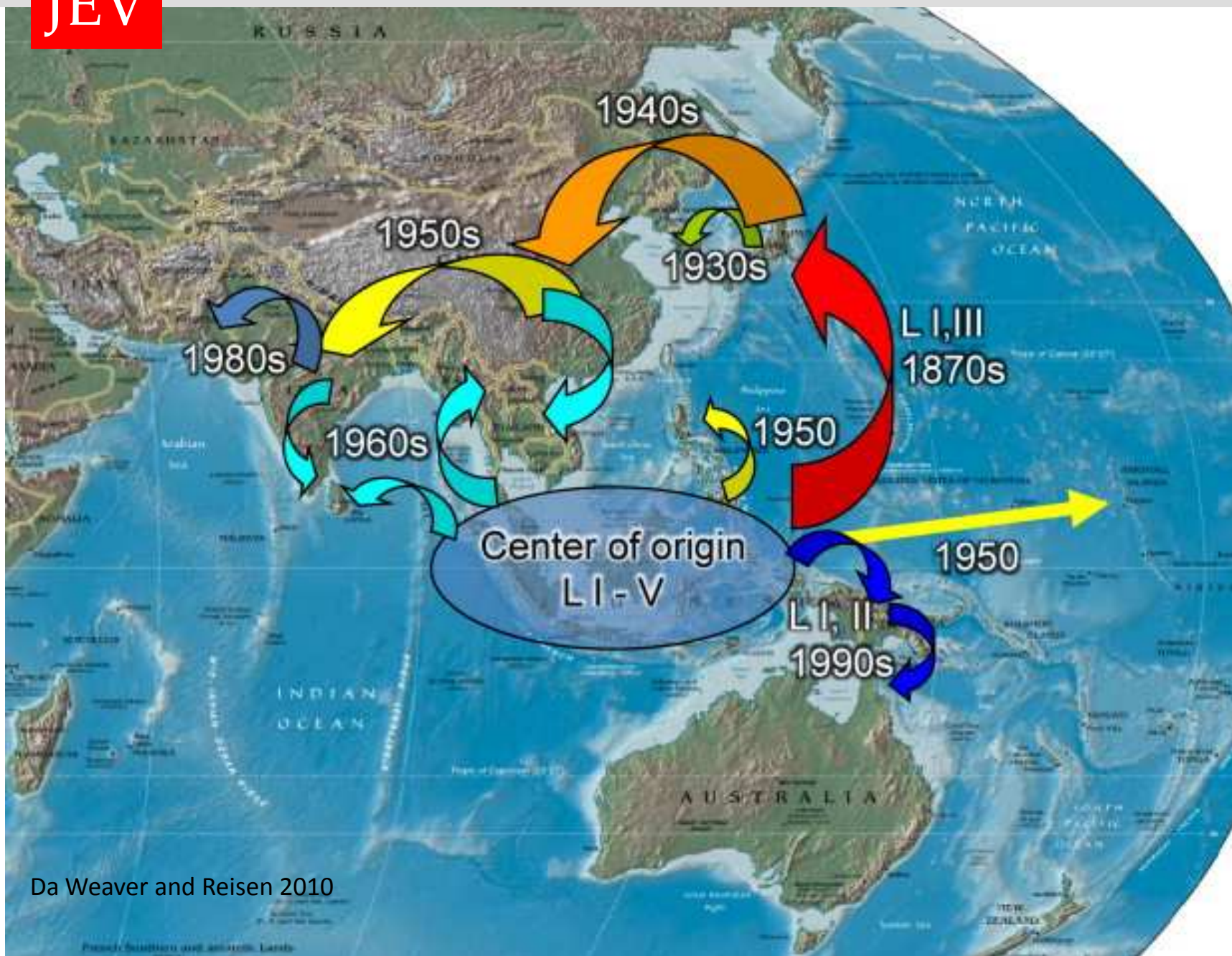




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Japanese encephalitis, countries or areas at risk, 2008

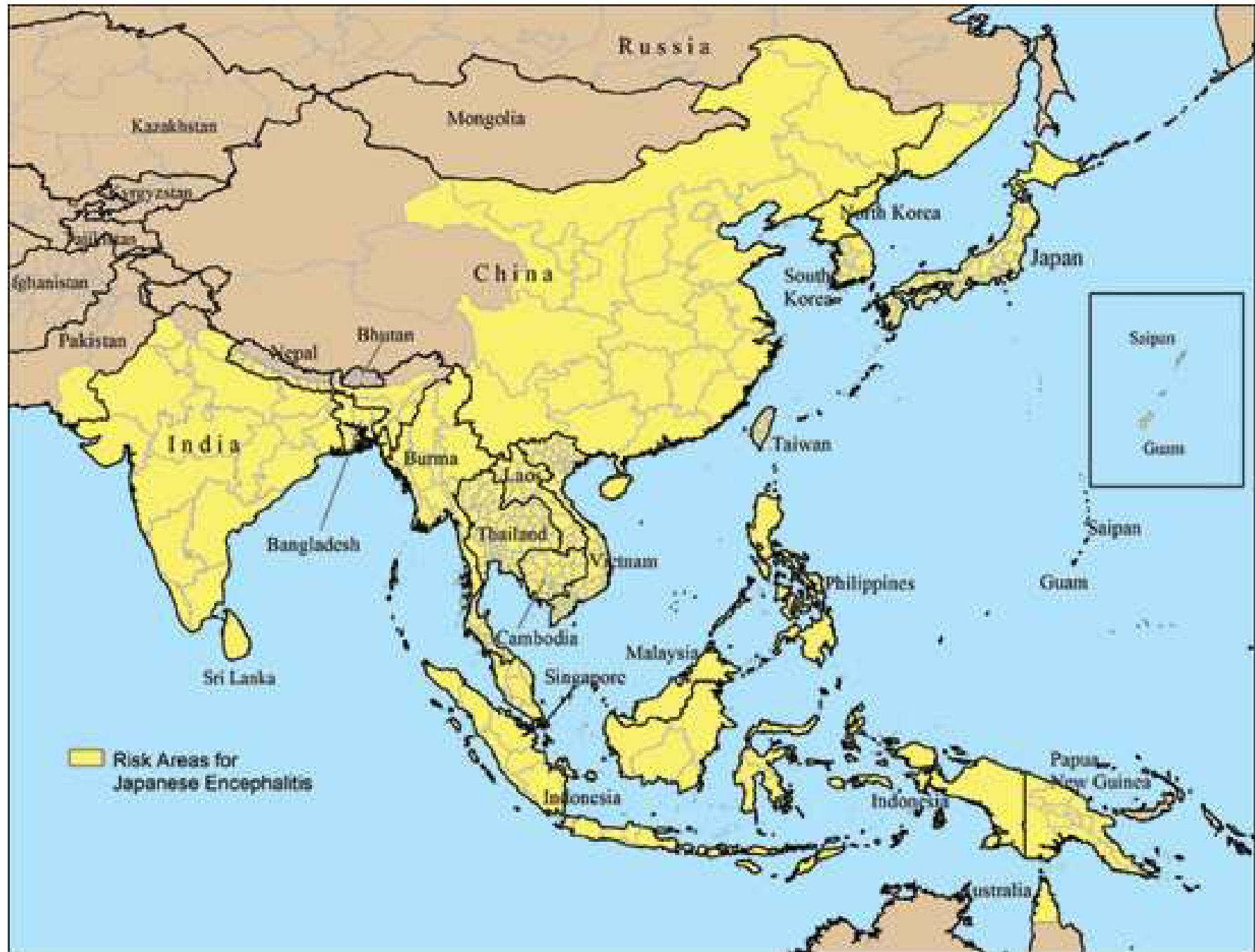


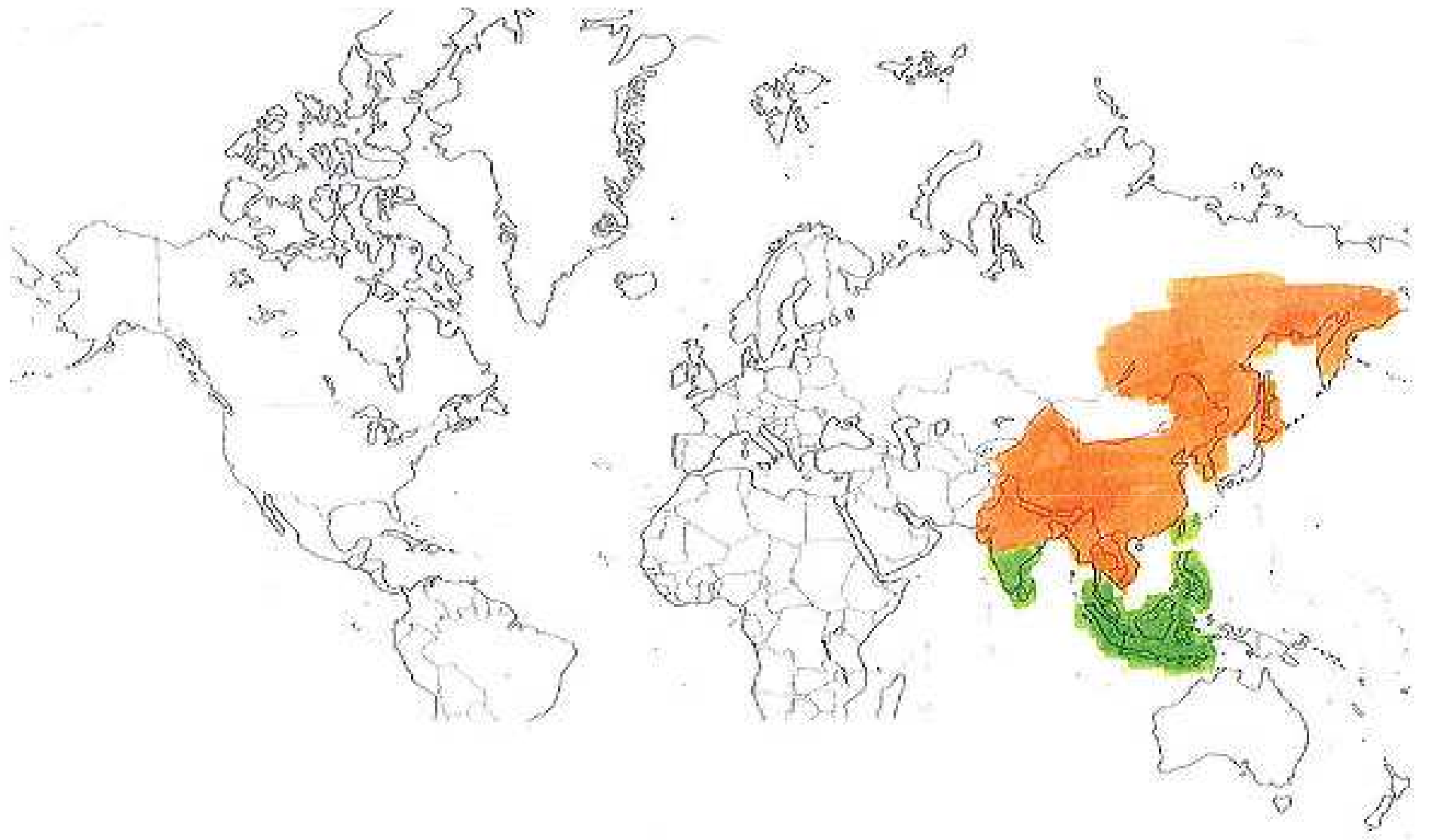
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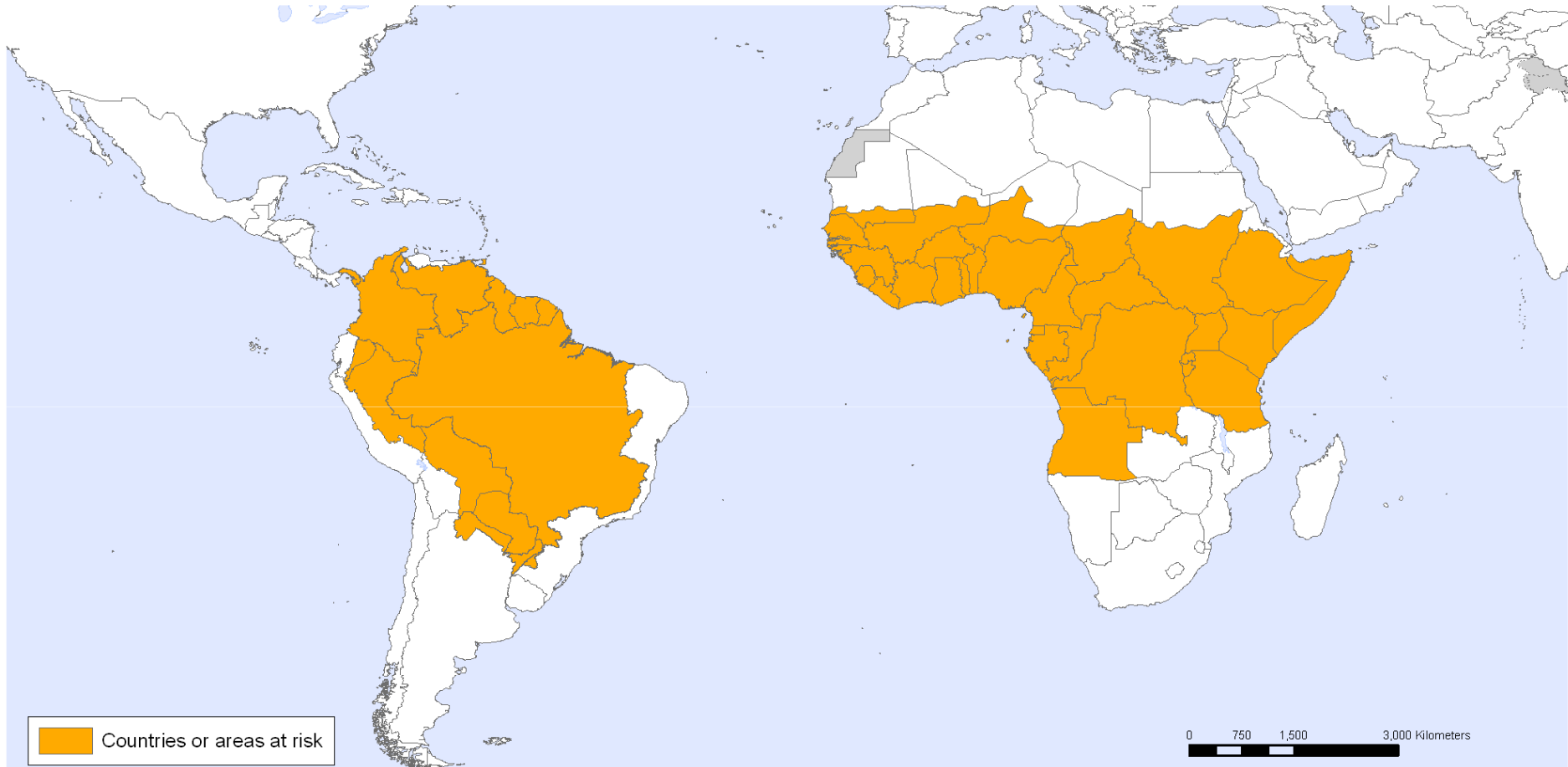


orange: temperate, mostly June thru September
green: tropical, endemic year-round, esp. rainy season

J. Japanese encephalitis

risk is highest in rural, agricultural areas with wet fields and swine:

Yellow Fever, countries or areas at risk, 2008



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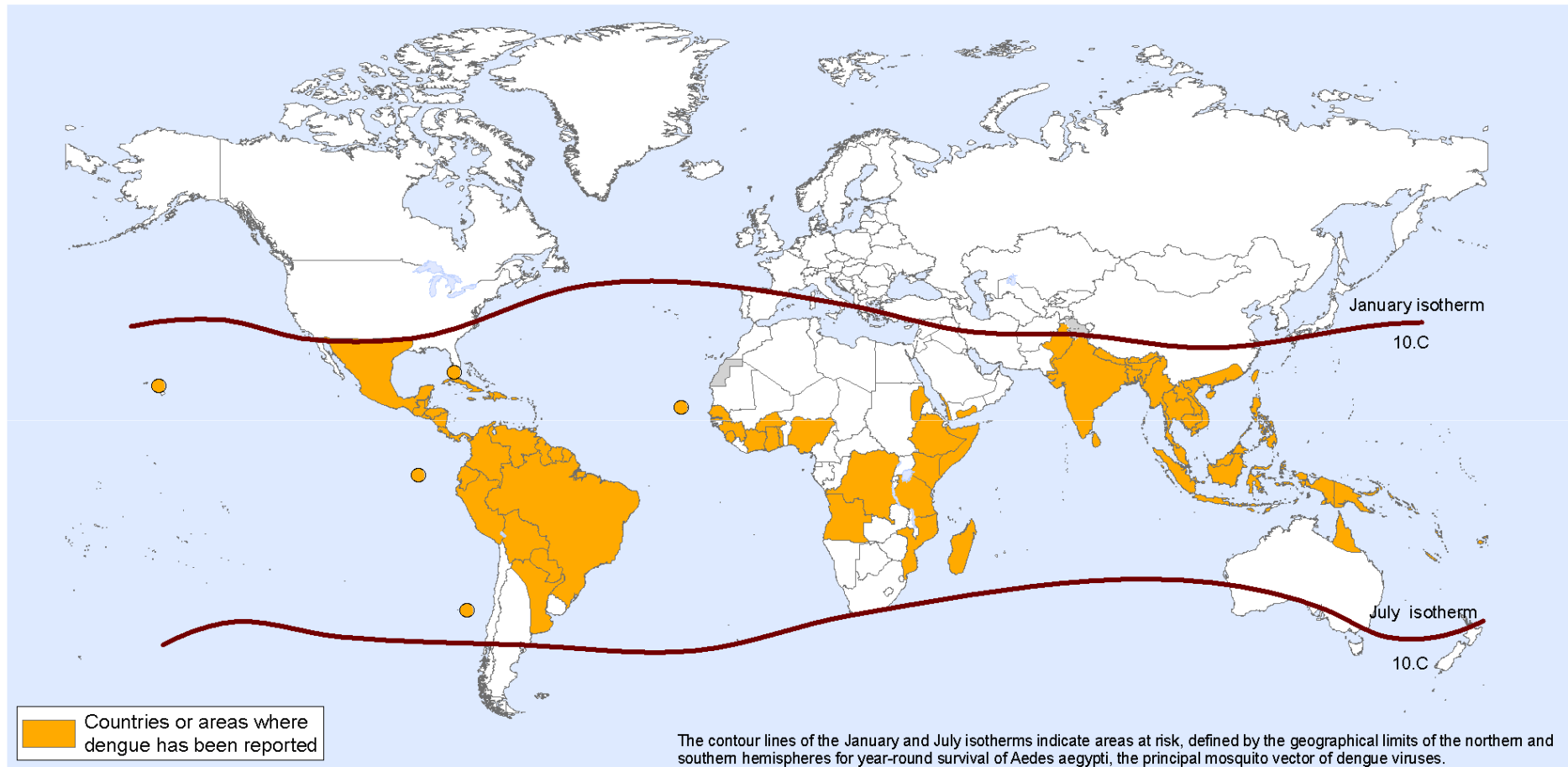


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Dengue, countries or areas at risk, 2009



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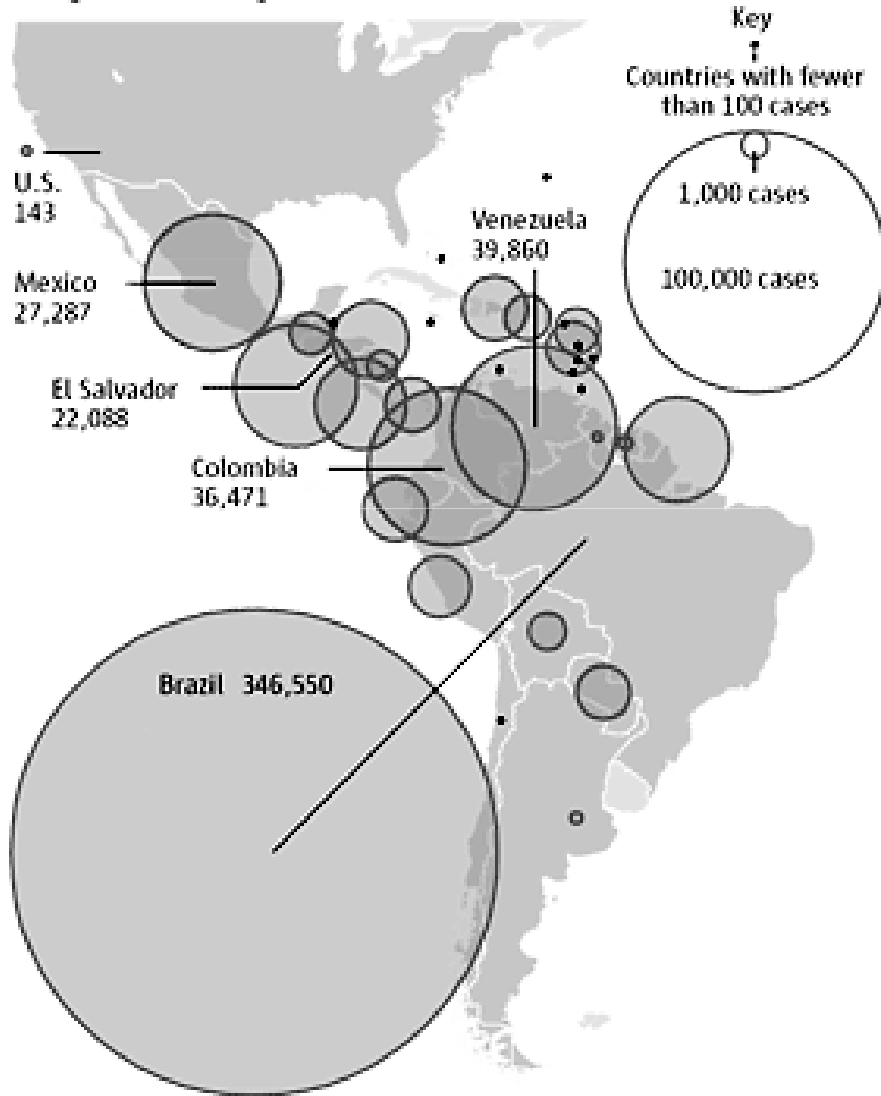
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Outbreaks

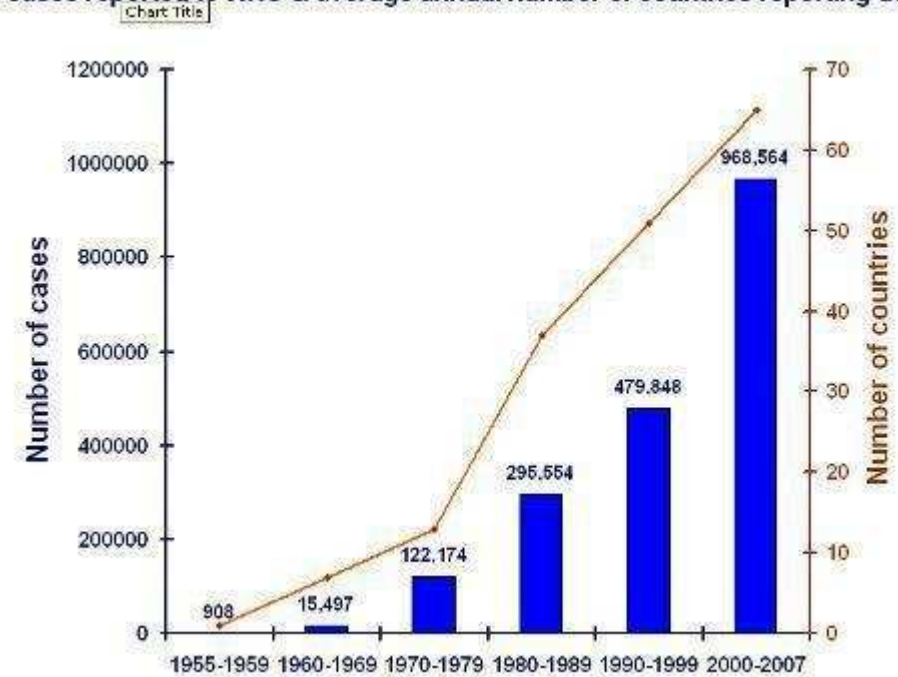
In the Americas, cases of dengue fever have mostly appeared in South and Central America. Reported cases of dengue fever and dengue hemorrhagic fever in 2006:



Source: World Health Organization

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Average annual number of DF/DHF cases reported to WHO & average annual number of countries reporting dengue



Europe experienced hemorrhagic fever outbreaks due mosquito-borne viruses in historical time beginning in eighteenth century.

Although the diagnosis of the pathogen causing historical outbreaks is difficult, at least 20 epidemics, recorded in Europe in the nineteenth century, were attributable to yellow fever, in the 1800, epidemics occurred in Cadiz, Seville, Gibraltar, with an estimated number of 51,000 victims.

Furthermore, epidemics ascribable to dengue were recorded in Europe from the second half of the eighteenth century until 1927-1928 in Greece, with an outbreak that caused more than 1000 deaths.



The Canberra Times
Thursday 30 August 1928, page 1

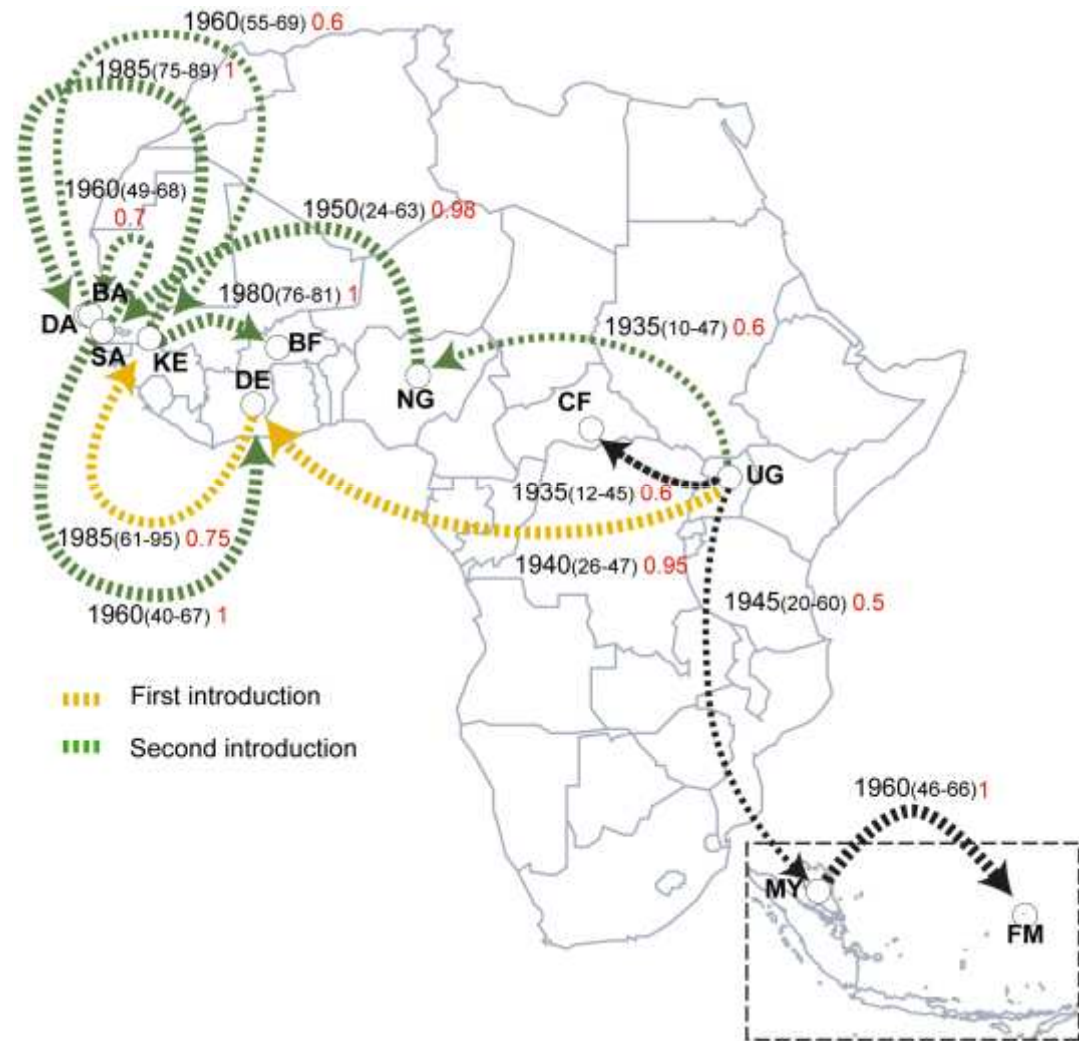


Figure 2: "death of a young noble man". These portraits represent the dramatic evolution of the face during the different steps of yellow fever during the Cadiz outbreak in 1820 (from Parizet, 1820).
A: Beginning of the fever; B: Erythematous period; C: Icteric period; D: Haemorrhagic and terminal period

MORILLON et al 2002

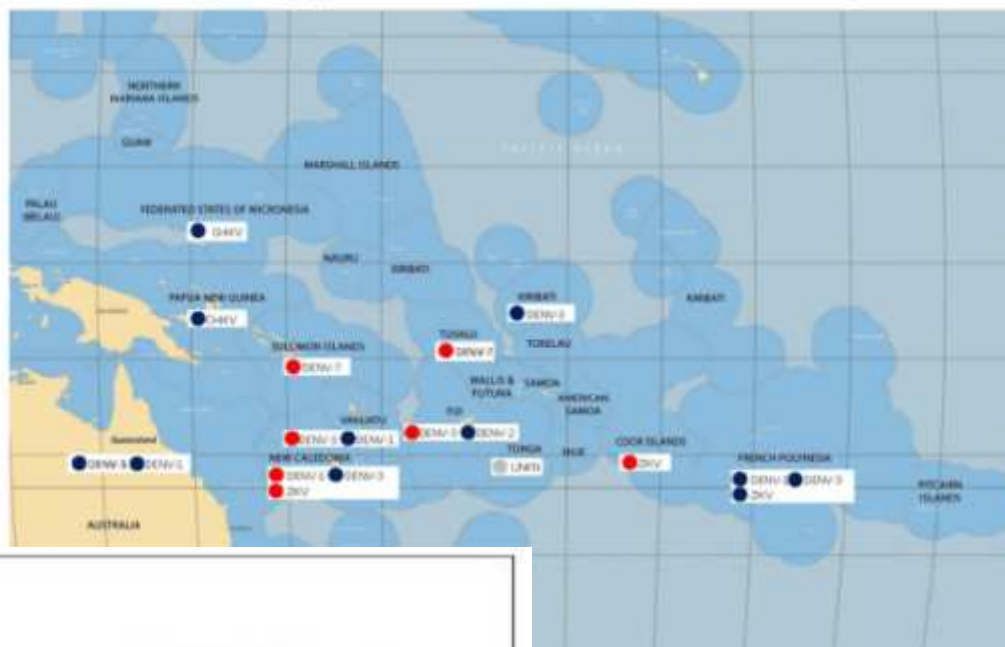
Zika virus

Zika fever is a mosquito-borne viral disease caused by Zika virus, consisting of mild fever, rash (mostly maculo-papular), headaches, arthralgia, myalgia, asthenia, and non-purulent conjunctivitis, occurring about three to twelve days after the mosquito vector bite. One out of four people may not develop symptoms, but in those who are affected the disease is usually mild with symptoms that can last between two and seven days. Its clinical manifestation is often similar to dengue, also a mosquito-borne illness (WHO site).



Zika virus

Current dengue, chikungunya and Zika virus outbreaks and circulation in the Pacific as at 7 April 2014



DENV: Dengue virus
 CHIKV: Chikungunya virus
 ZIKV: Zika virus
 LNMN: Clinical suspicion of cases of DENV, CHIKV or ZIKV, awaiting confirmation.

A EXPANSÃO DA DOENÇA

DESCOBERTO EM 1947, O ZIKA VÍRUS COMEÇA A CIRCULAR NO PAÍS

CASOS NO BRASIL



NO MUNDO



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TRANSMISSÃO

O zika vírus é transmitido pela picada dos mosquitos *Aedes aegypti* e *Aedes albopictus*.



EVOLUÇÃO DA DOENÇA

Sintomas
 Parecidos com os da dengue e da chikungunya, como febre, náuseas e mal-estar.



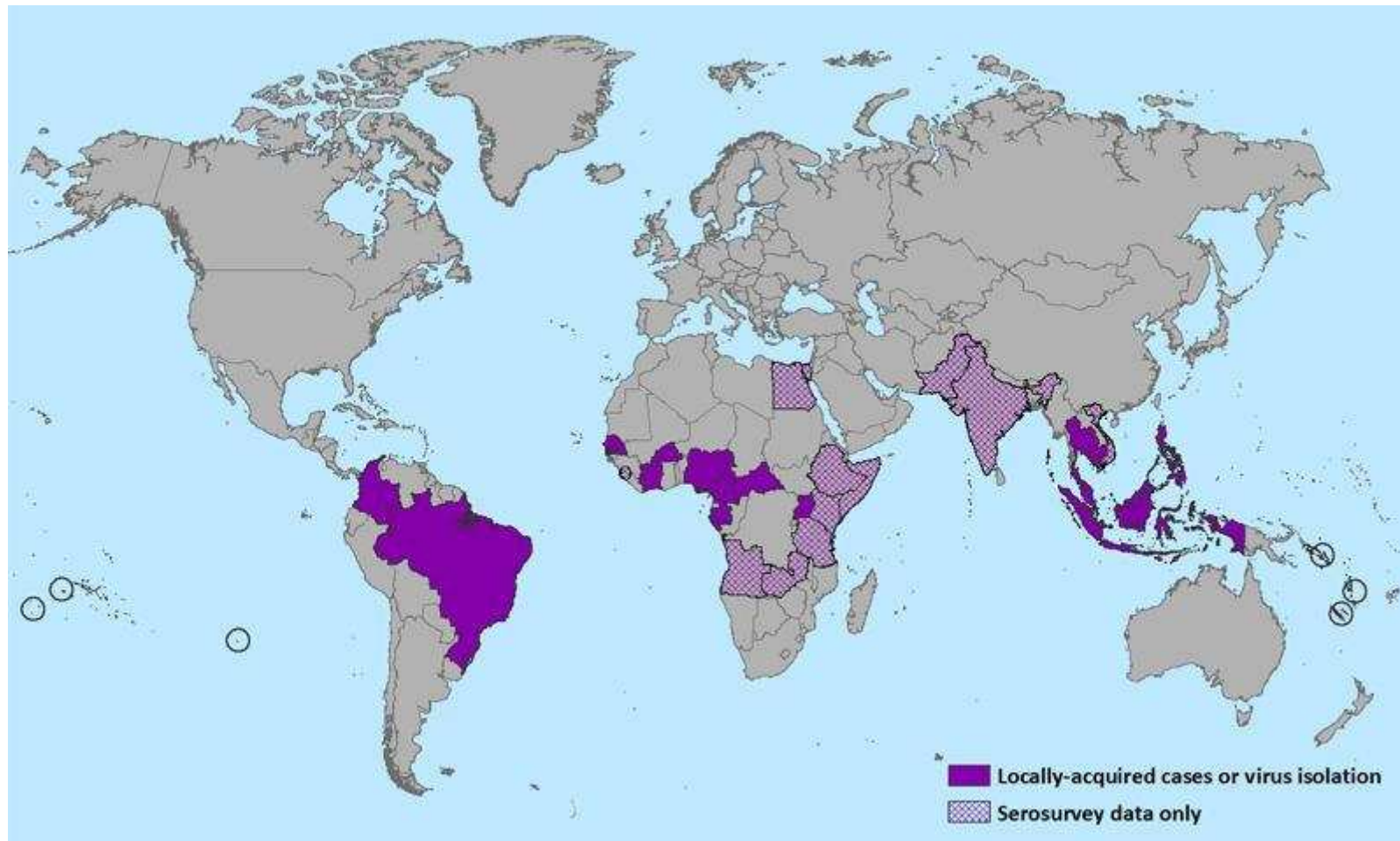
Outros sintomas
 Fotofobia, conjuntivite, erupções cutâneas e muita coceira.

Duração
 Após a picada do mosquito, os sinais aparecem entre três a 12 dias e duram de quatro dias a uma semana.

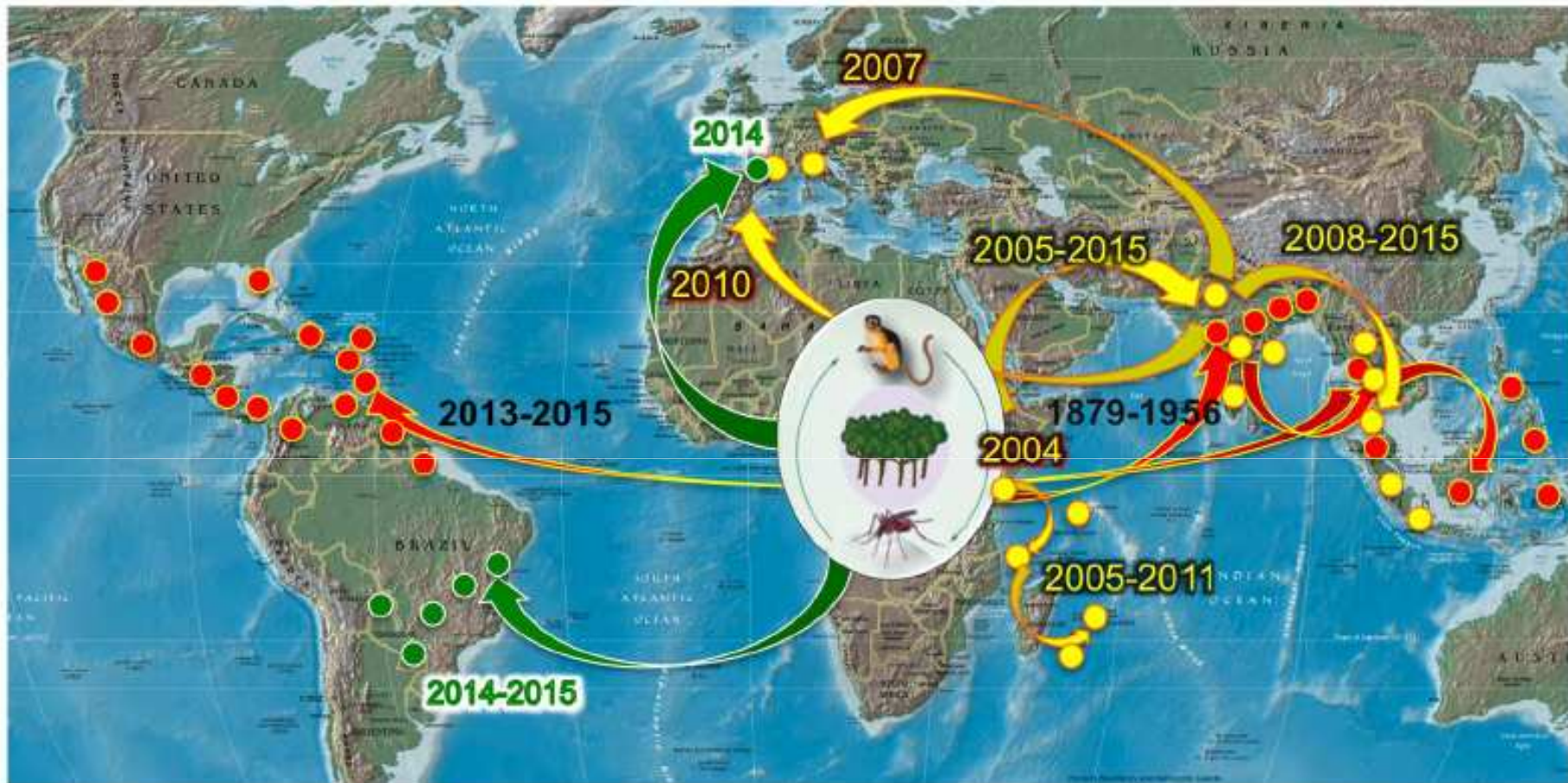
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Zika virus

Countries that have past or current evidence of Zika virus transmission
(as of October 2015) CDC



CHIKV



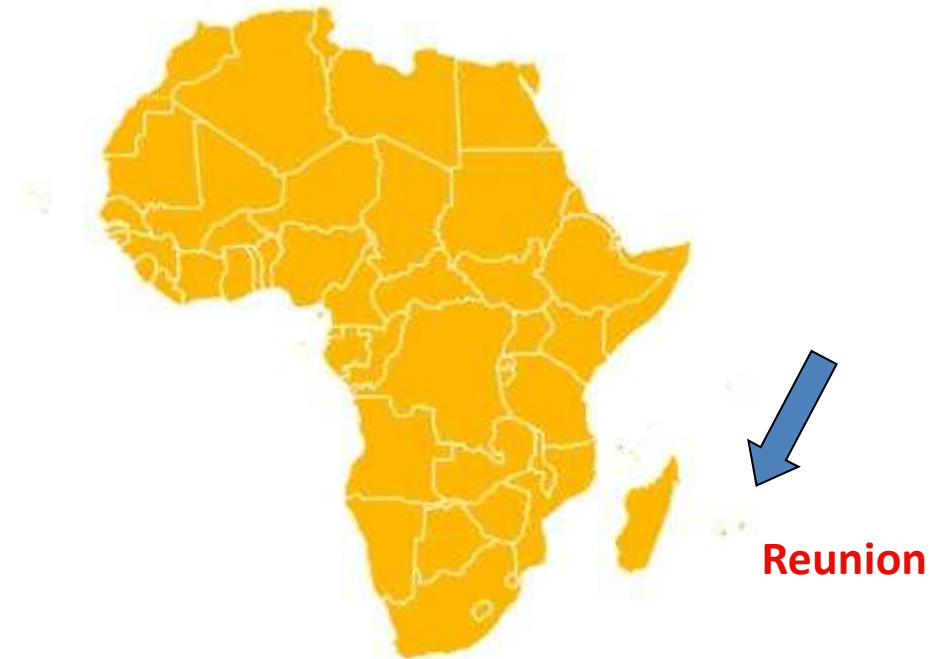
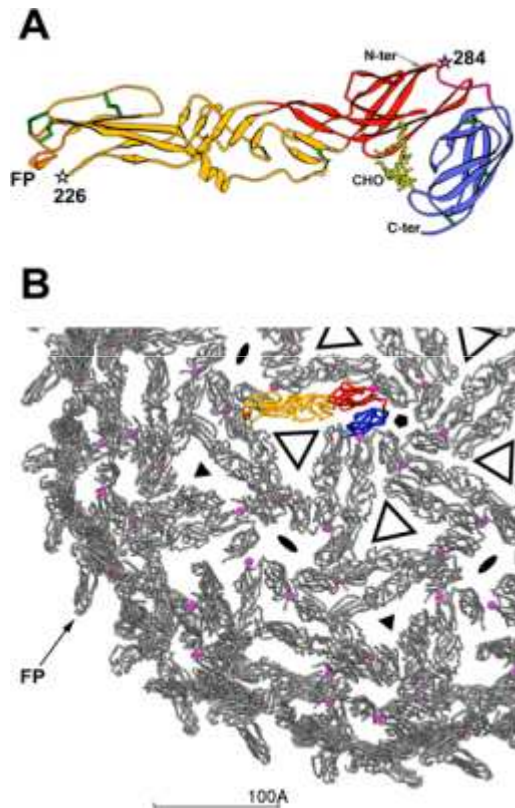
ECSA lineage, Asian lineage, Indian Ocean Lineage

Fig. 3. Map showing the known historic spread of Chikungunya virus based on phylogenetic reconstructions (Lanciotti and Valadere, 2014; Volk et al., 2010; Tsetsarkin et al., 2014, 2011b), as well as recent introductions (http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/press/news/_layouts/forms/News_DispatchForm.aspx?List=8db7286c-fe2d-476c-9133-18f-f4cb1b568&ID=1096) Nunes et al. (2015). Green dots, arrows and years indicate the East/Central/South African (ECSA) lineage, Red dots, arrows and years indicate the Asian lineage, and yellow dots, arrows and years indicate the Indian Ocean lineage (IOL).

from Weaver and Forrester 2015

THE MUTATION

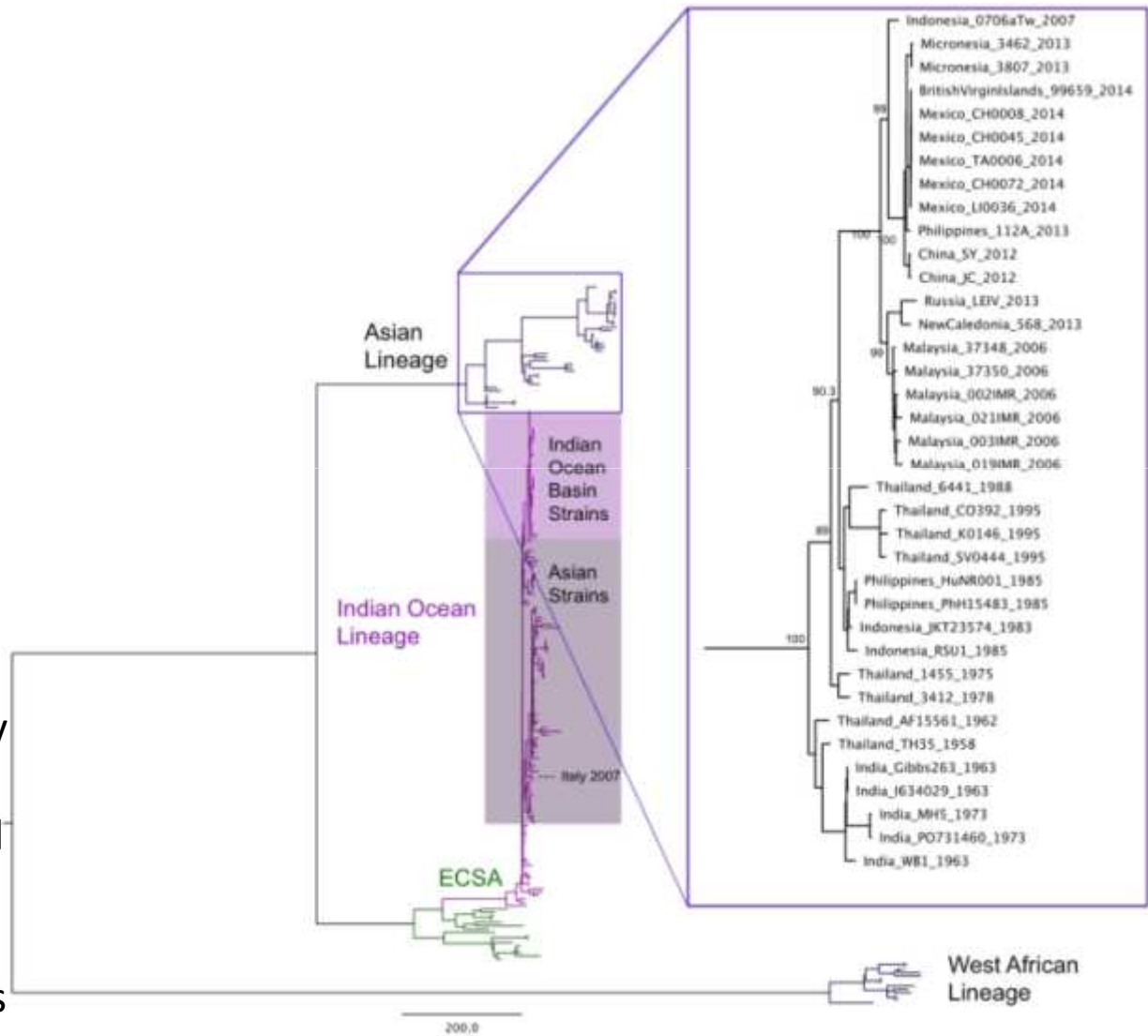
....coming from the Indian Ocean....



Schuffenecker I, Iteman I, Michault A, Murri S, et al. (2006)
Genome Microevolution of Chikungunya Viruses Causing the Indian Ocean Outbreak.
PLoS Med 3(7): e263. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.0030263

CHIKV

The capacity of CHIKV to shift from *Ae. aegypti* to *Ae. albopictus* was already reported, and linked with a single amino acid mutation (from Alanine to Valine at position 226 of the envelope glycoprotein) recorded in strains which caused epidemics in Indian Ocean, Asia, and also in strain which caused the Italian outbreak. Other mutations of CHIKV, linked with enhanced capacity to be transmitted from *Ae. albopictus* were also recorded in Asian lineage. A similar phenomenon could be hypothesized for dengue virus (DENV).



Sindbis virus

OCKELBO, KERELIAN FEVER, POGOSTA

CULEX spp.

Many species of birds

Rodents and bats

Encephalitis in pigeons

Fever in humans (3-4 days), headache, muscle pain, polyarthrititis, conjunctivitis, pharyngitis, rash.



Fig. 1 Geographic distribution of moboviruses in Europe. Explanation: *black points*, the virus isolation; *white circles and hachures*, specific antibodies detected

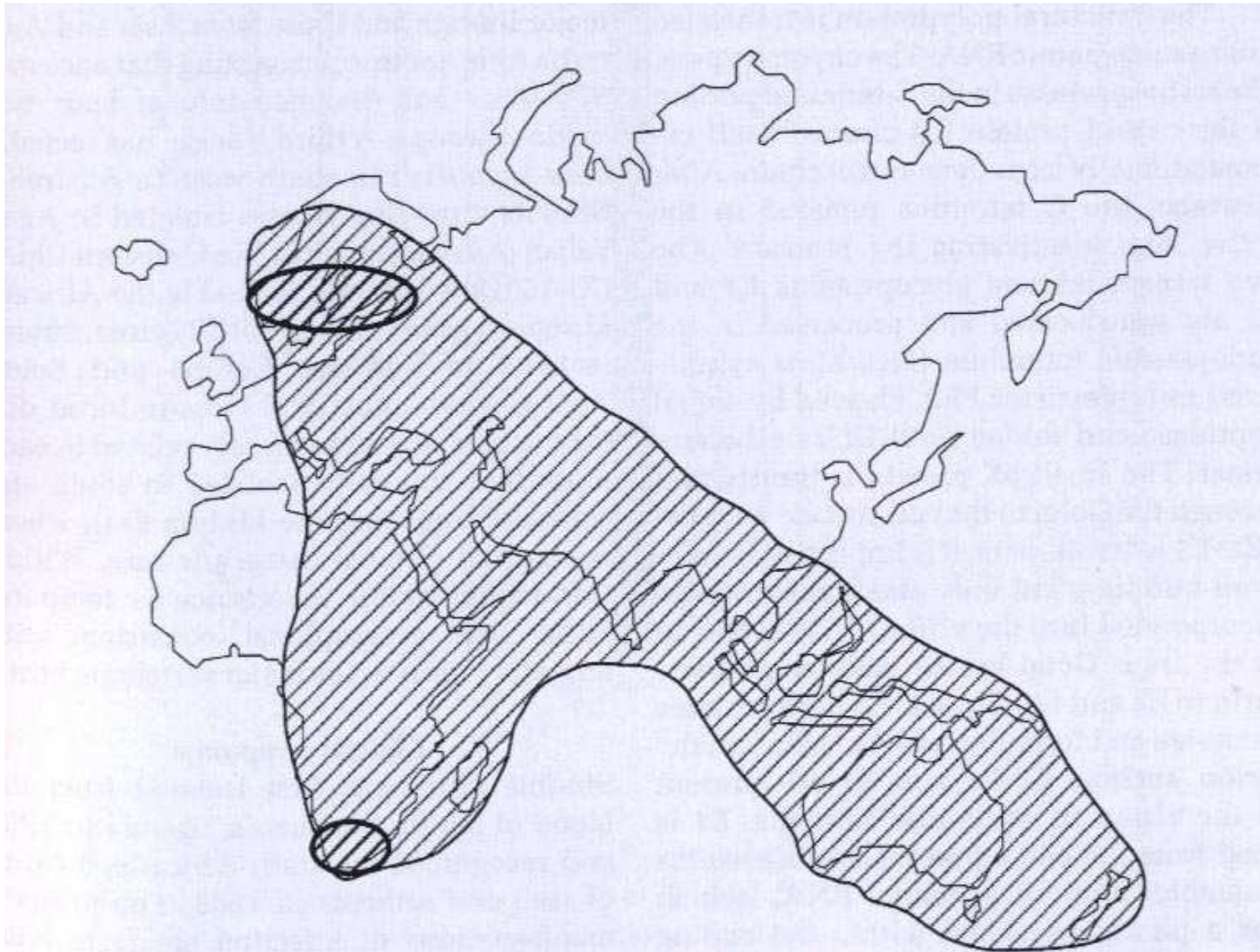


Fig. 1. Distribution of Sindbis virus. Darker encircled areas are regions where clinical disease occurs most often.

Arthriogenic alphaviruses

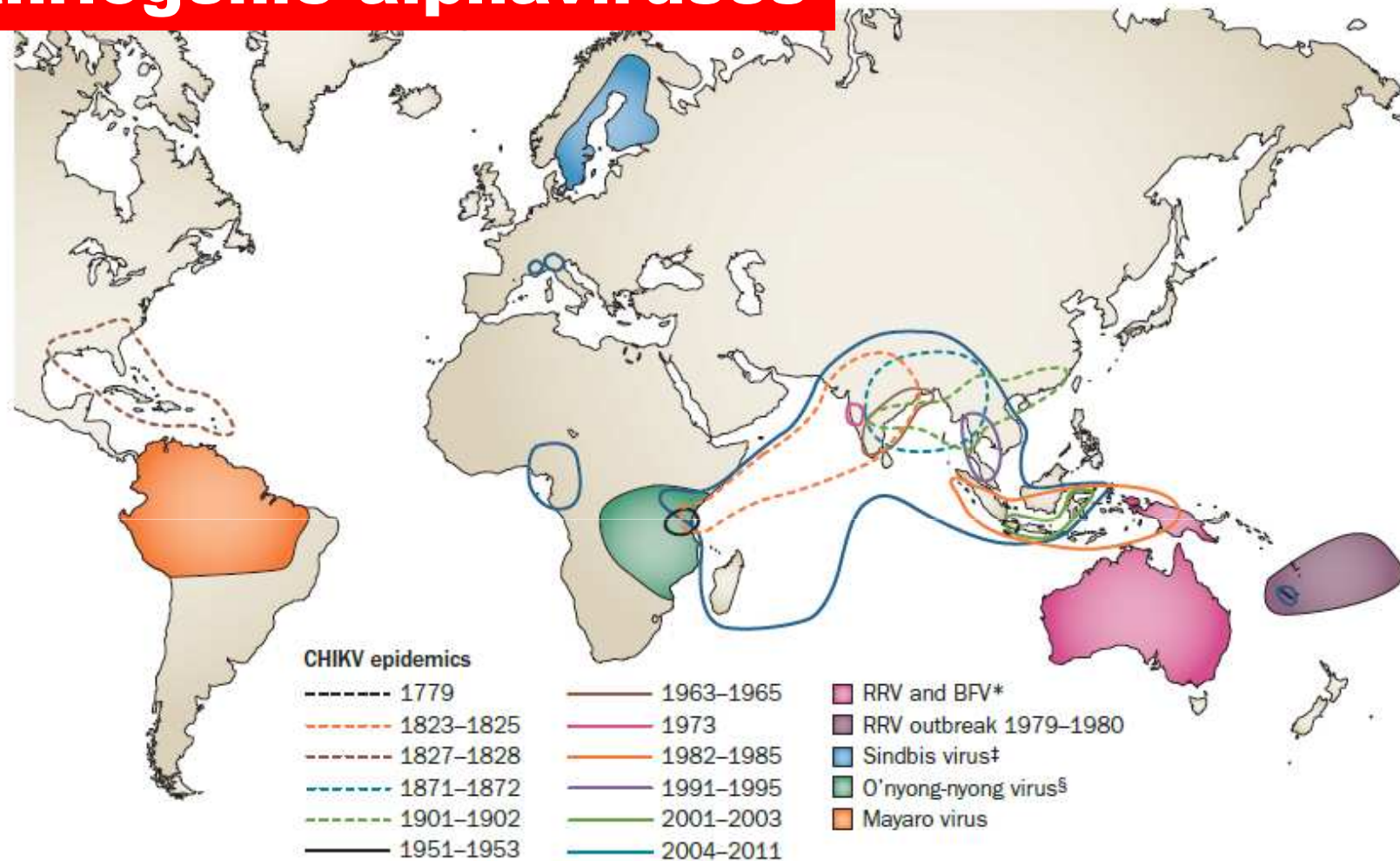
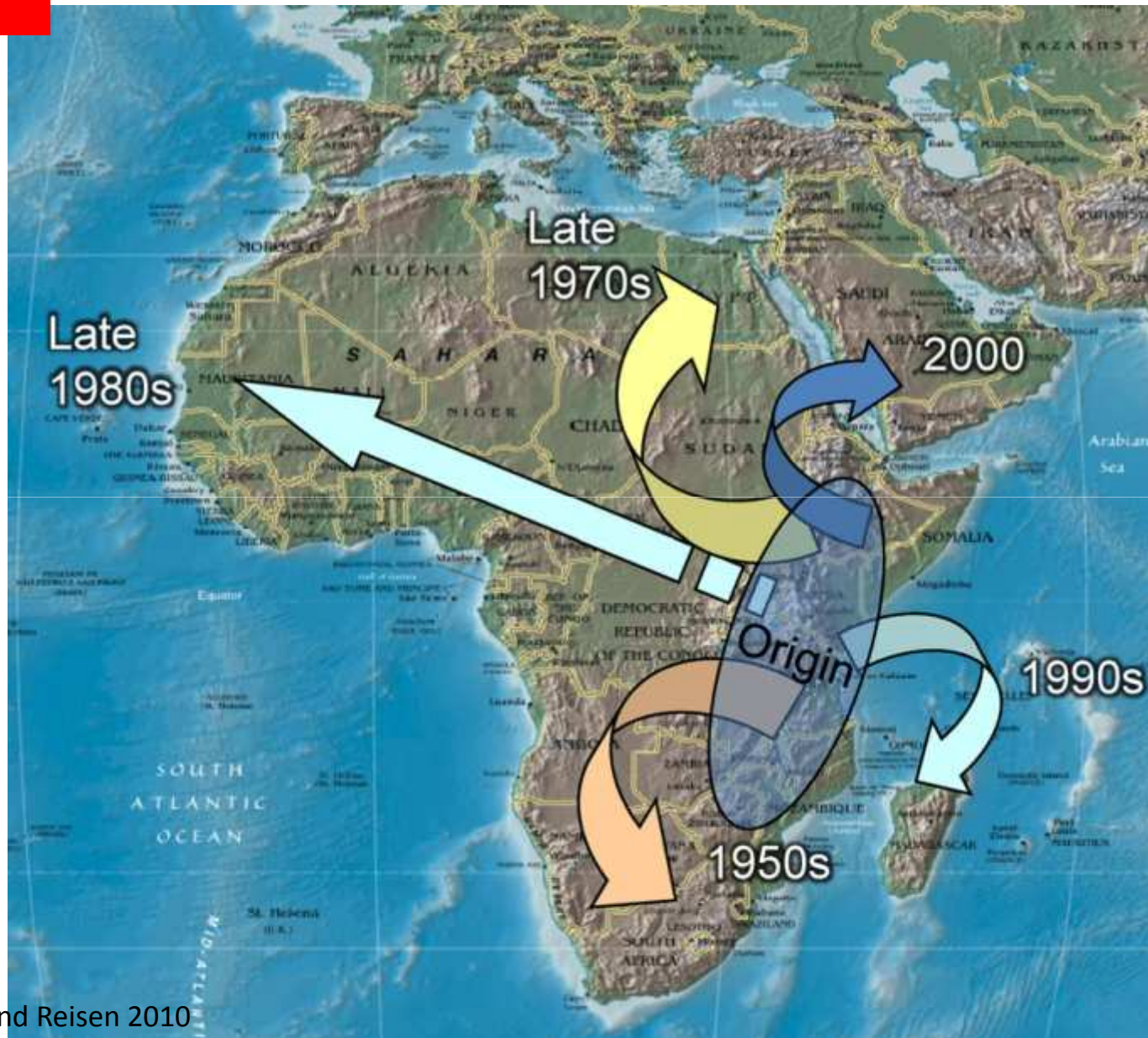


Figure 1 | Approximate geographical locations of diseases associated with arthritogenic alphaviruses. For CHIKV disease, locations of documented large outbreaks are shown;^{3,4,7,9,26,112} epidemics prior to 1902 are shown in dashed lines and were initially classified as outbreaks of dengue, but were likely to have been due to CHIKV.³ *Geographical locations of RRV and BFV diseases overlap, with BFV restricted to the Australian mainland.^{17,74} †Main location of diseases caused by the Sindbis virus family.²² §O'nyong-nyong virus disease outbreaks in 1959–1961 (East Africa), 1996–1997 (Uganda) and 2003 (West Africa).^{30,104} Mayaro virus disease outbreak regions.^{17,25,74} Abbreviations: BFV, Barmah Forest virus; CHIKV, chikungunya virus; RRV, Ross River virus.

RVF



Da Weaver and Reisen 2010

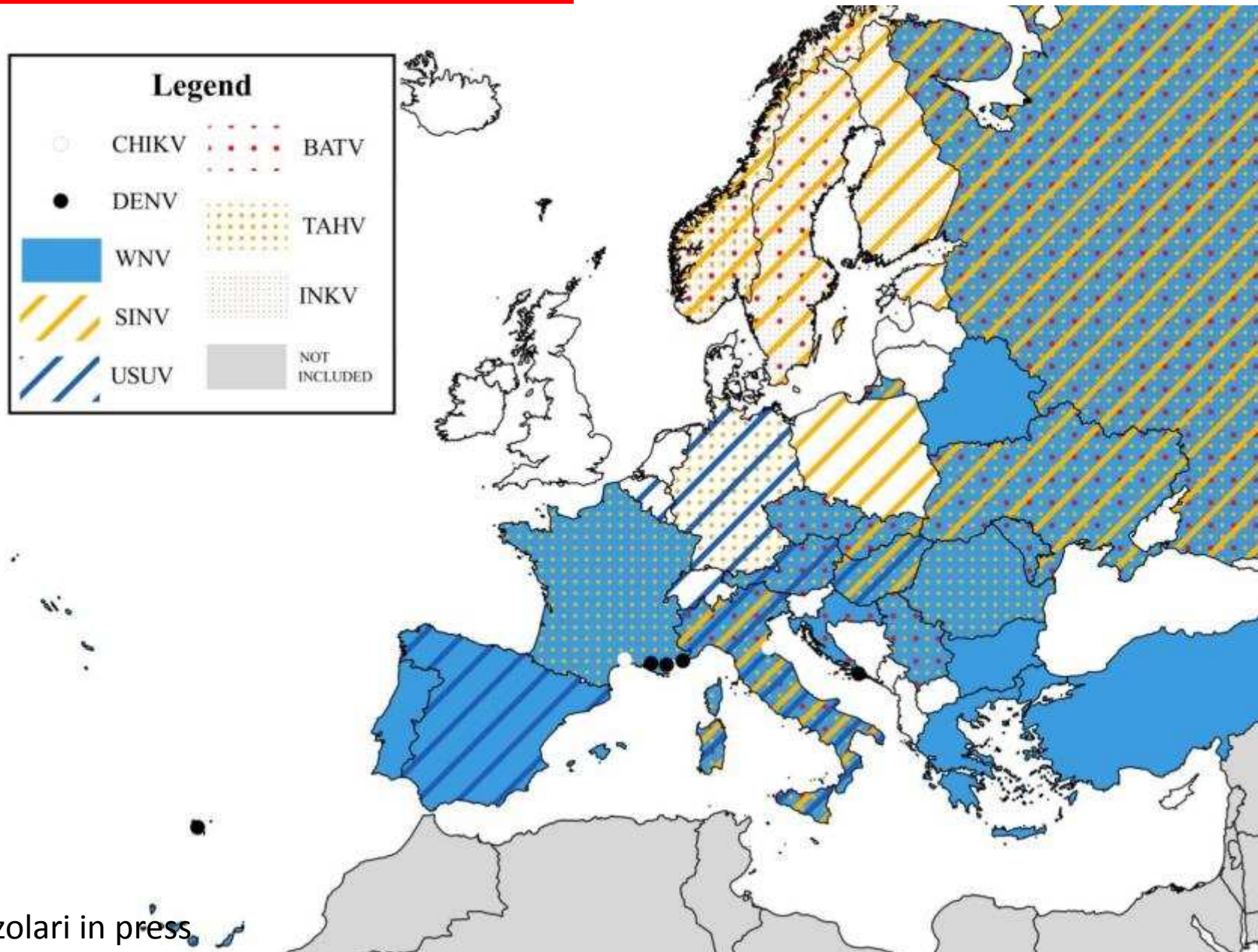
Autochthonous confirmed cases of exotic diseases reported in Europe

Disease	Location	Year	Human cases	Involved mosquito
Chikungunya	Castiglione, Emilia-Romagna, Italy	2007	205	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
	Frejus, department of Var, France	2010	2	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
	Montpellier, France	2014	12	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
	Gandía, Spain	2015	1	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
Dengue	Nice, France	2010	2	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
	Peljesac peninsula, Croatia	2010	2	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
	Funchal, Madeira, Portugal	2012-13	1080	<i>Aedes aegypti</i>
	Departement of Var, France	2014	2	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>
	Departement of Bouches du Rhône, France	2014	2	<i>Aedes albopictus</i>

Schmidt-Chanasit J, Haditsch M, Schoneberg I, et al.
Dengue virus infection in a traveller returning from Croatia to Germany.
Euro Surveill. 2010 Oct 7;15(40).



Arbovirus Europe



Drivers

- Population Growth

(Human Settlement, deforestation)

- Globalization

(tourism, business immigration, transport)

- Climate Changes

(rainfall, temperatures, extension of favorable season)

- Outdoor Activities

Eco-epidemiological factors in the natural history of mosquito-borne viruses

Moboviruses and their circulation in natural foci can be influenced by great number of factors, affecting primarily their vectors—mosquitoes. For instance, major factors are land use and climate. Favorable ecological factors for moboviruses (not only those imported) are, in general:

1. Abundance of wild vertebrates and vectors
2. Intense summer precipitations, floods
3. Higher summer temperatures and drought
4. Appropriate habitats, e.g., humid building basements (Bucharest, Volgograd—WNV)
5. Contact transmission among wild birds (e.g., WNV)

Climate effects under global warming scenario on moboviruses may cause:

1. Higher virus replication rate in vector mosquitoes at elevated ambient temperature, with a shortened extrinsic incubation period (Lundström et al. 1990b)
2. Increased vector populations
3. Expanding range of vectors—northwards (e.g., *Culex modestus*)
4. But higher mortality rate of the vector population

Hubalek 2006

Epidemiological surveillance of mosquito-borne viruses

An approach combining *epidemiology* with *ecology*, consisting of:

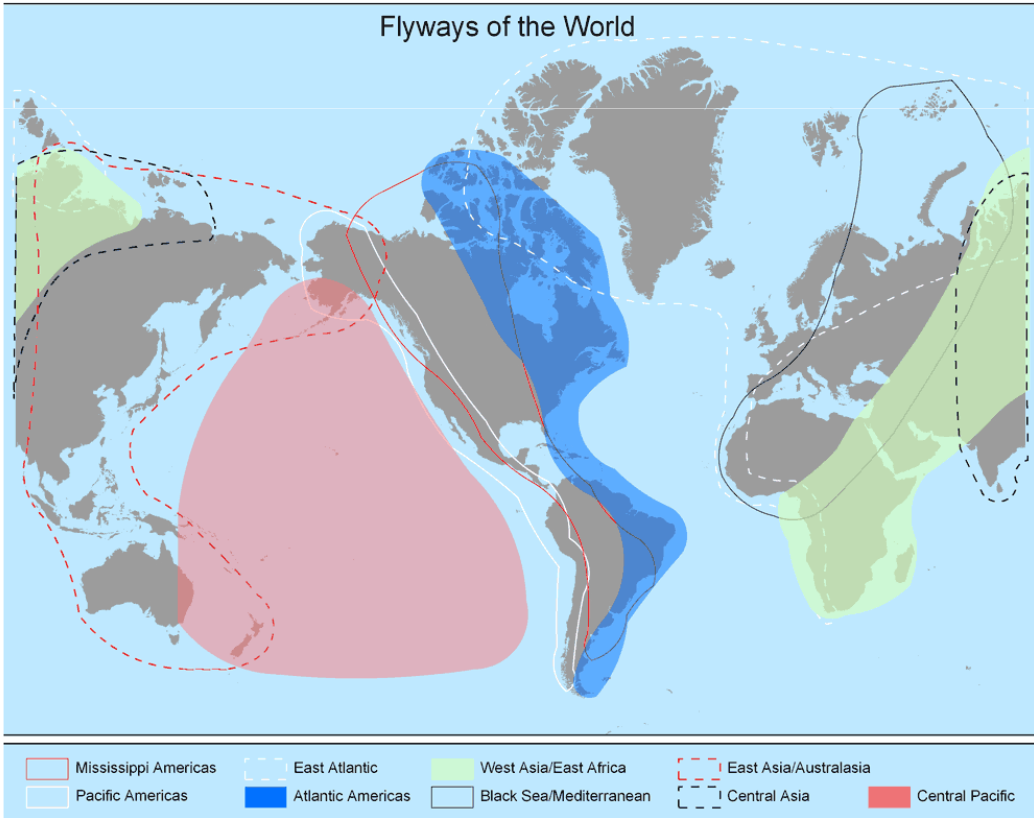
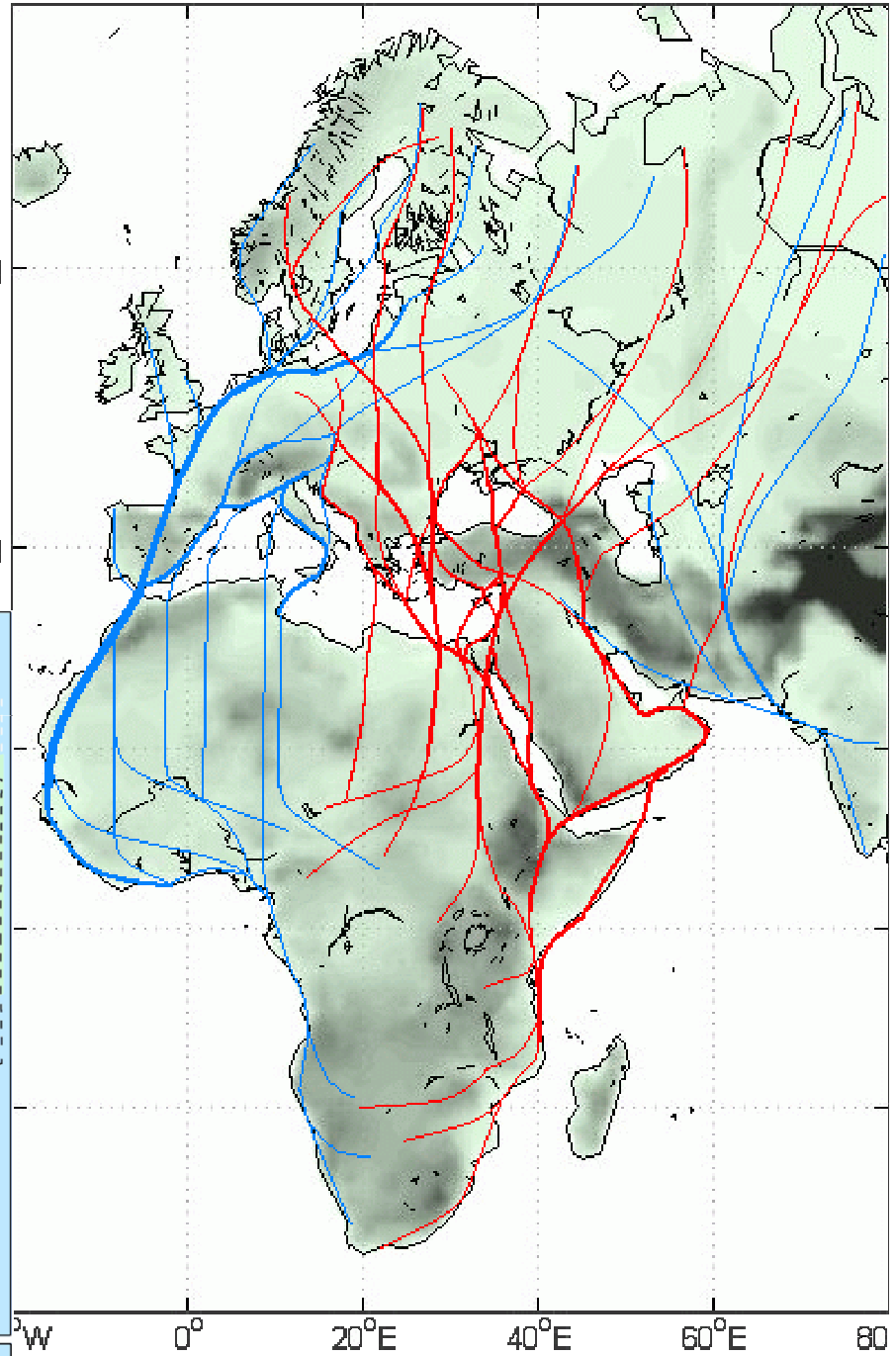
1. Routine diagnosis of human disease
2. Reporting incidence of human disease
3. Increased awareness for imported mobovirus infections (Gubler 1996)
4. Monitoring animal disease (if it exists)
5. Monitoring mosquito vector populations
6. Testing mosquito vector infection rates
7. Domestic+wild vertebrate serosurveys
8. Monitoring ecological factors



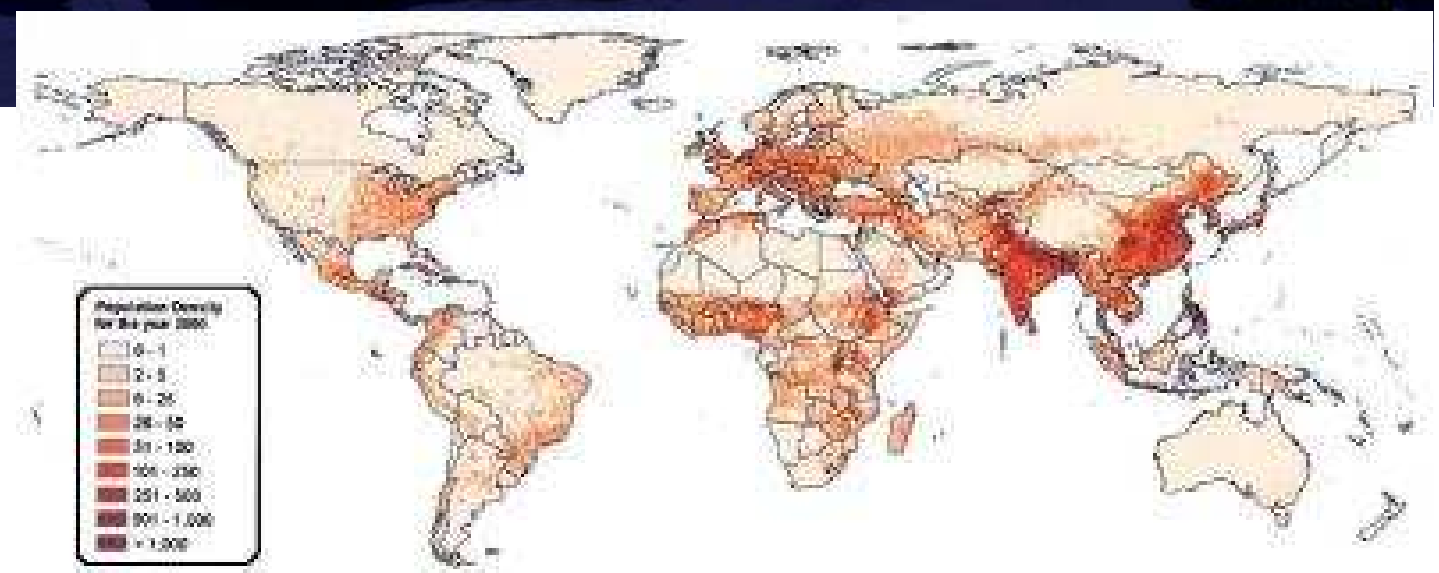
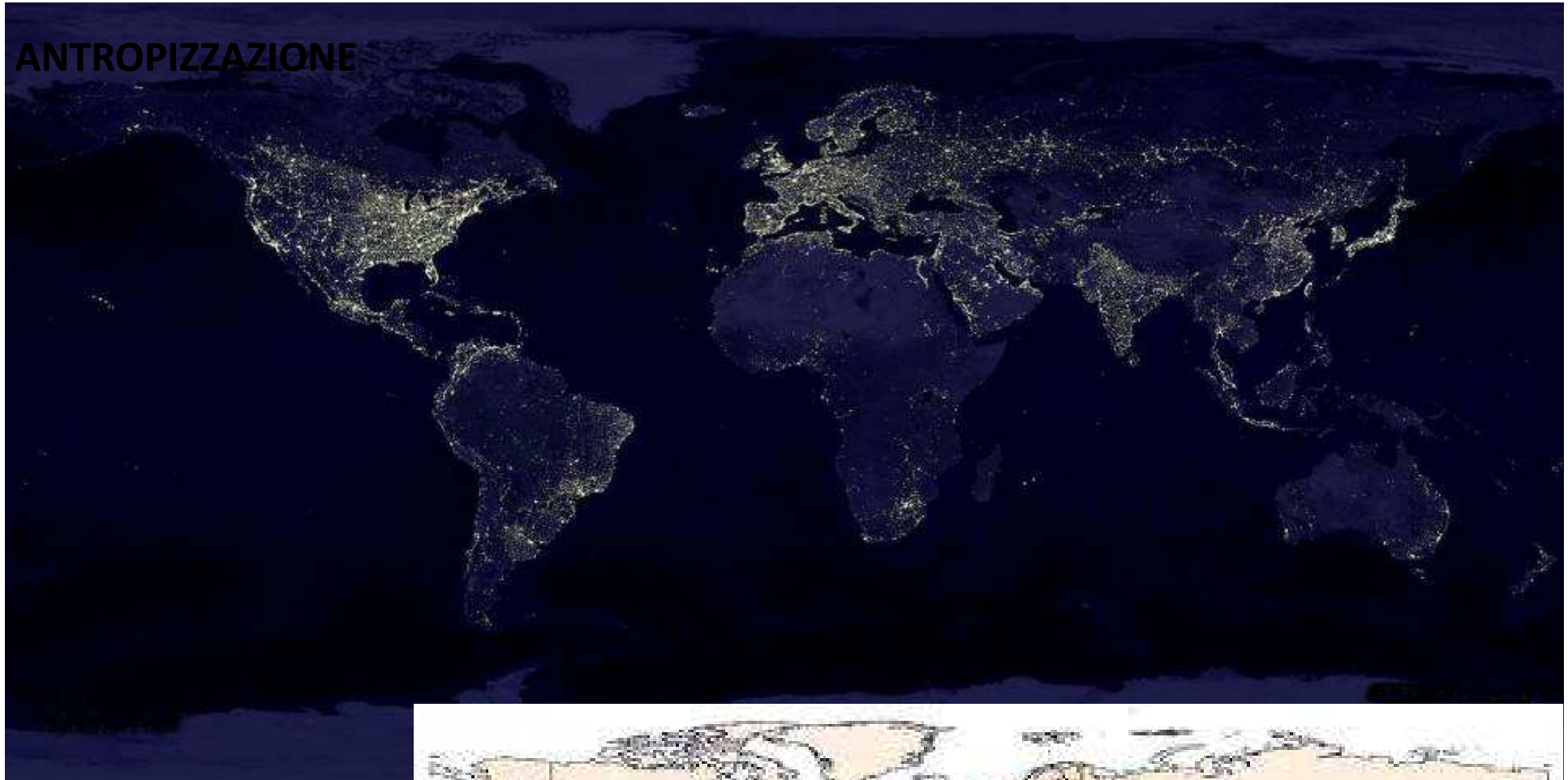
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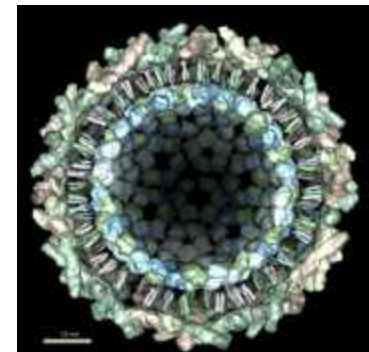
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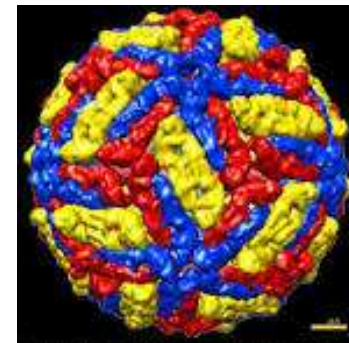
Some Challenges with Arboviral Disease Surveillance 1

- Outbreaks widely dispersed by time and space – hard to maintain interest and resources
- **Difficult to link ecological surveillance with subsequent human disease**
- Time from detection to development of a huge outbreak is often very short



Some Challenges with Arboviral Disease Surveillance 2

- **Serological cross-reactivity**
- **Lack of laboratory resources**
- **Interaction of human and animal health professionals often lacking**
- **Asymptomatic disease**



When?

- From 15 th June to 30 th November

Why a Surveillance of autochthonous fevers?

- no specific therapy...?!?
- to detect autochthonous cases of WNF, in order to obtain a more reliable picture of the disease transmission in the region.
- renal involvement



Murray K, Walker C, Herrington E, et al.

Persistent infection with West Nile virus years after initial infection.

J Infect Dis. 2010 Jan 1;201(1):2-4.

Why a Surveillance of imported fevers?

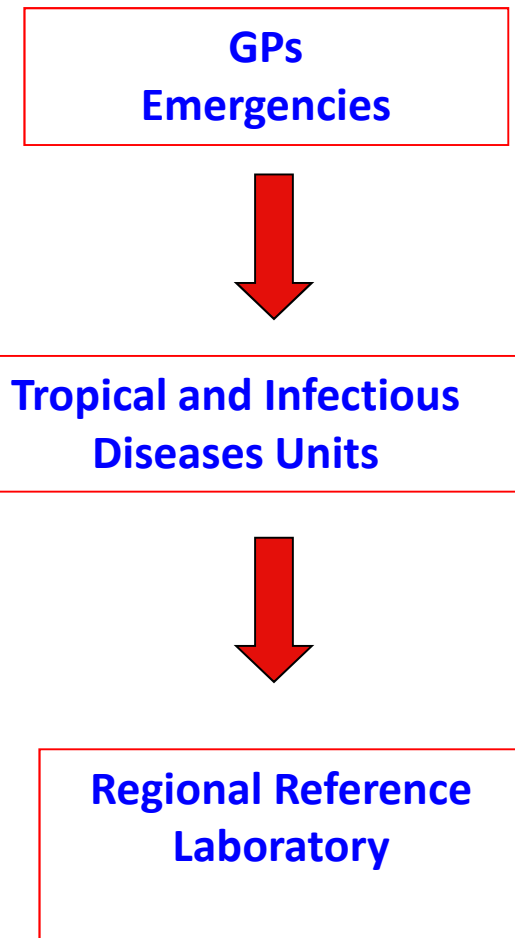
- to increase the detection rate of imported CHIKV and DENV cases in travellers from endemic areas, and to promptly identify potential autochthonous cases
- to detect DENV or CHIKV in *Ae. albopictus* vectors, in case of the report of a viremic human case of DENV or CHIKV
- immediate reference to tropical diseases Units.... in primis **to rule out malaria**

DEN/CHIK Protocol

- Fever $>38^{\circ}$ C in the last 7 days
- Stay in endemic countries in the last 15 days
- Absence of leucocytosis (WBC $<10,000$ μ L)
- Absence of other obvious causes of fever

- RAPID TEST (anti-CHIK IgM, anti-DENV IgM and NS1 DENV) positive

- PCR DENV and CHIK positive
- Seroconversion or detection of increasing serum levels of specific IgM and IgG.



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**GPs
Emergencies**

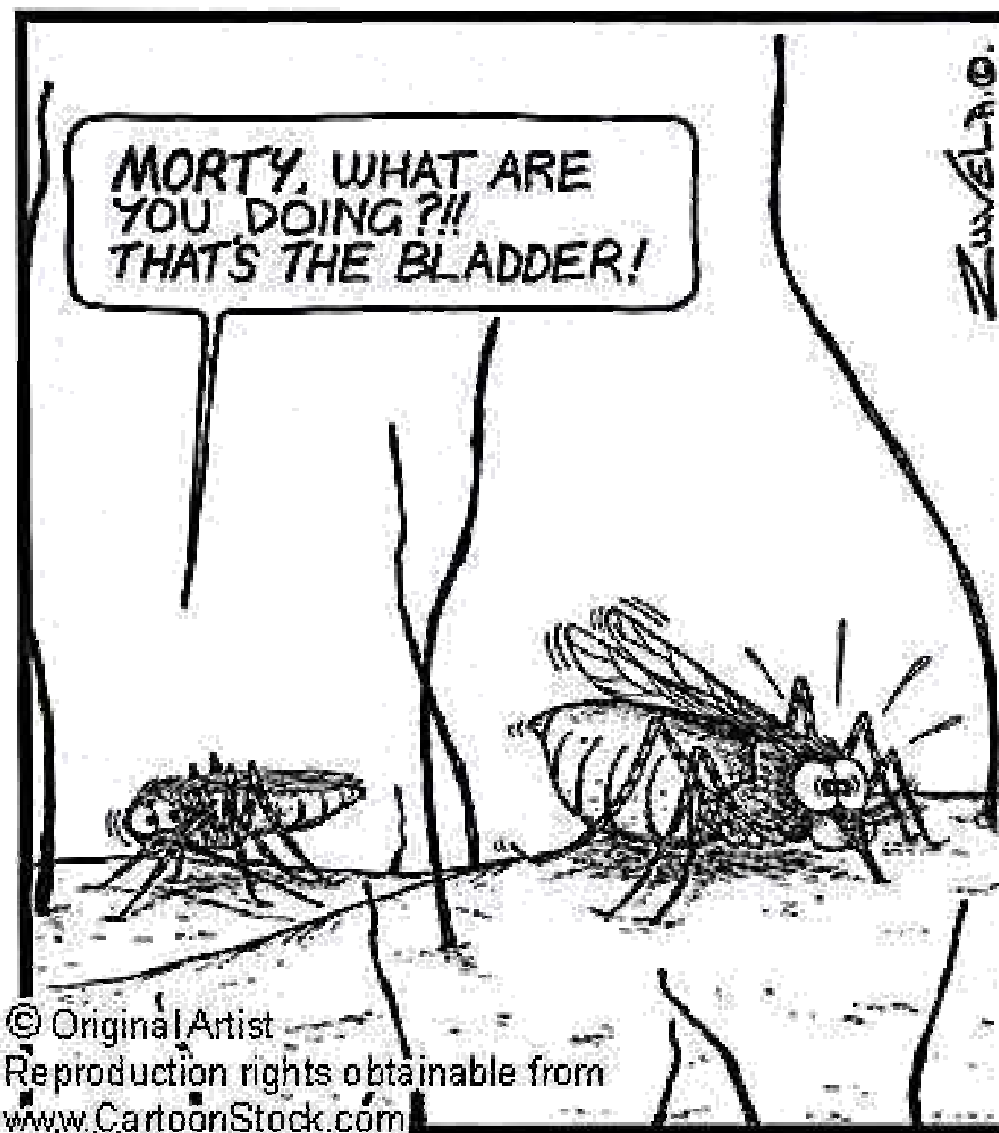


**Tropical and Infectious
Diseases Units**



**Regional Reference
Laboratory**

Grazie per l'attenzione!



Morty, cosa stai facendo?!? Quella è la vescica