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# Breaking News nelle Malattie Infettive

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# Italy: Patient Zero



## LA STAMPA CRONACHE

+ Bossetti: "Prego ogni giorno per Yara"

+ **S**Eternit, l'impegno di Renzi "Parte civile nel processo bis"

+ **S**In un block notes i riti della 'ndrangheta

+ **S**«Non v partisse mai impegno»

Ebola, l'arrivo allo Spallanzani del paziente italiano

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(ANSA)



- Physician, 50 yrs old, Emergency
- First mission in Sierra Leone
- Not clear how he became infected
- Experimental treatment with drugs and convalescent plasma
- Discharged 2 Jan 2015

# LETTERS

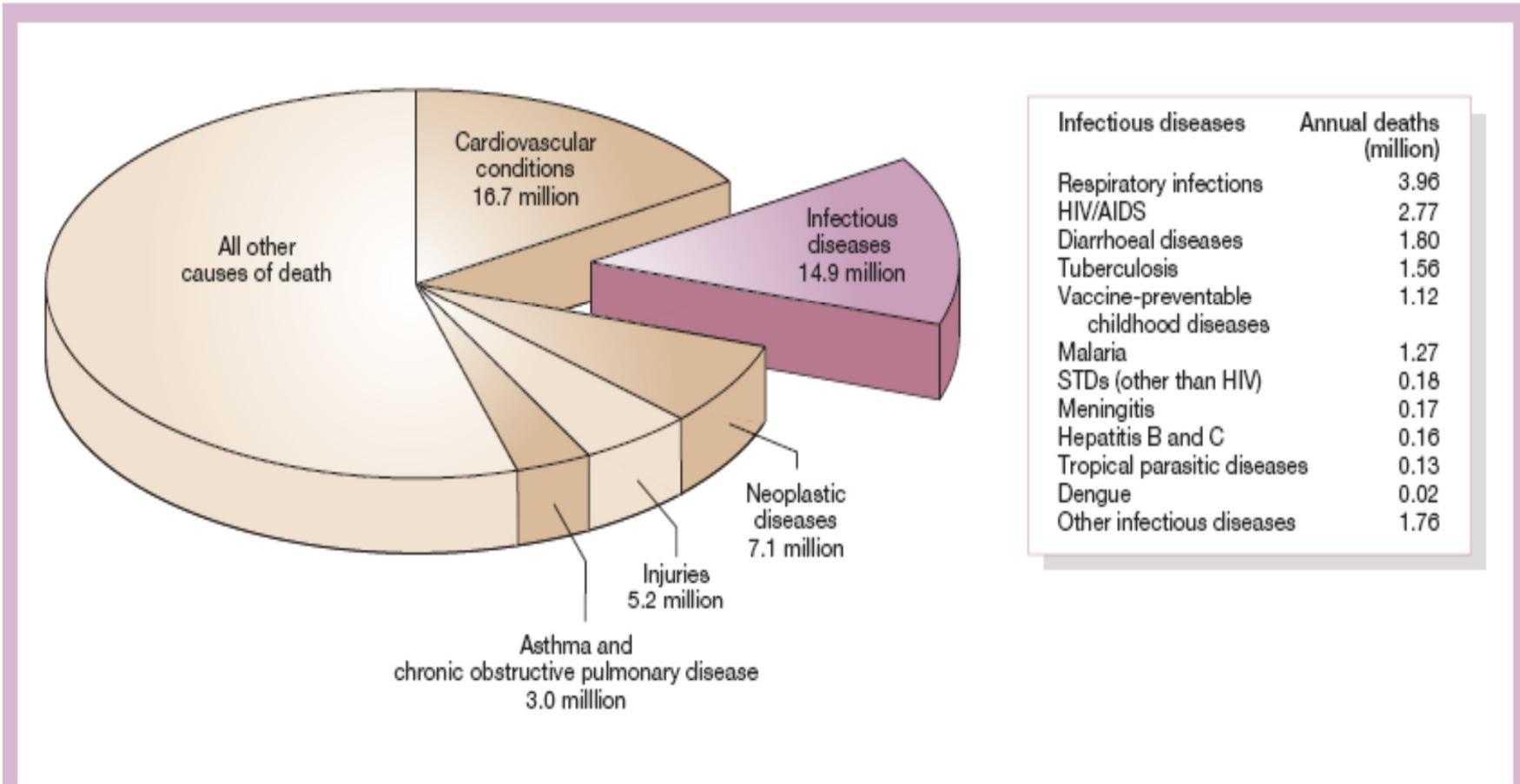
## Global trends in emerging infectious diseases

Kate E. Jones<sup>1</sup>, Nikkita G. Patel<sup>2</sup>, Marc A. Levy<sup>3</sup>, Adam Storeygard<sup>3†</sup>, Deborah Balk<sup>3†</sup>, John L. Gittleman<sup>4</sup> & Peter Daszak<sup>2</sup>

Here we analyse a database of 335 EID ‘events’ (origins of EIDs) between 1940 and 2004, and demonstrate non-random global patterns.



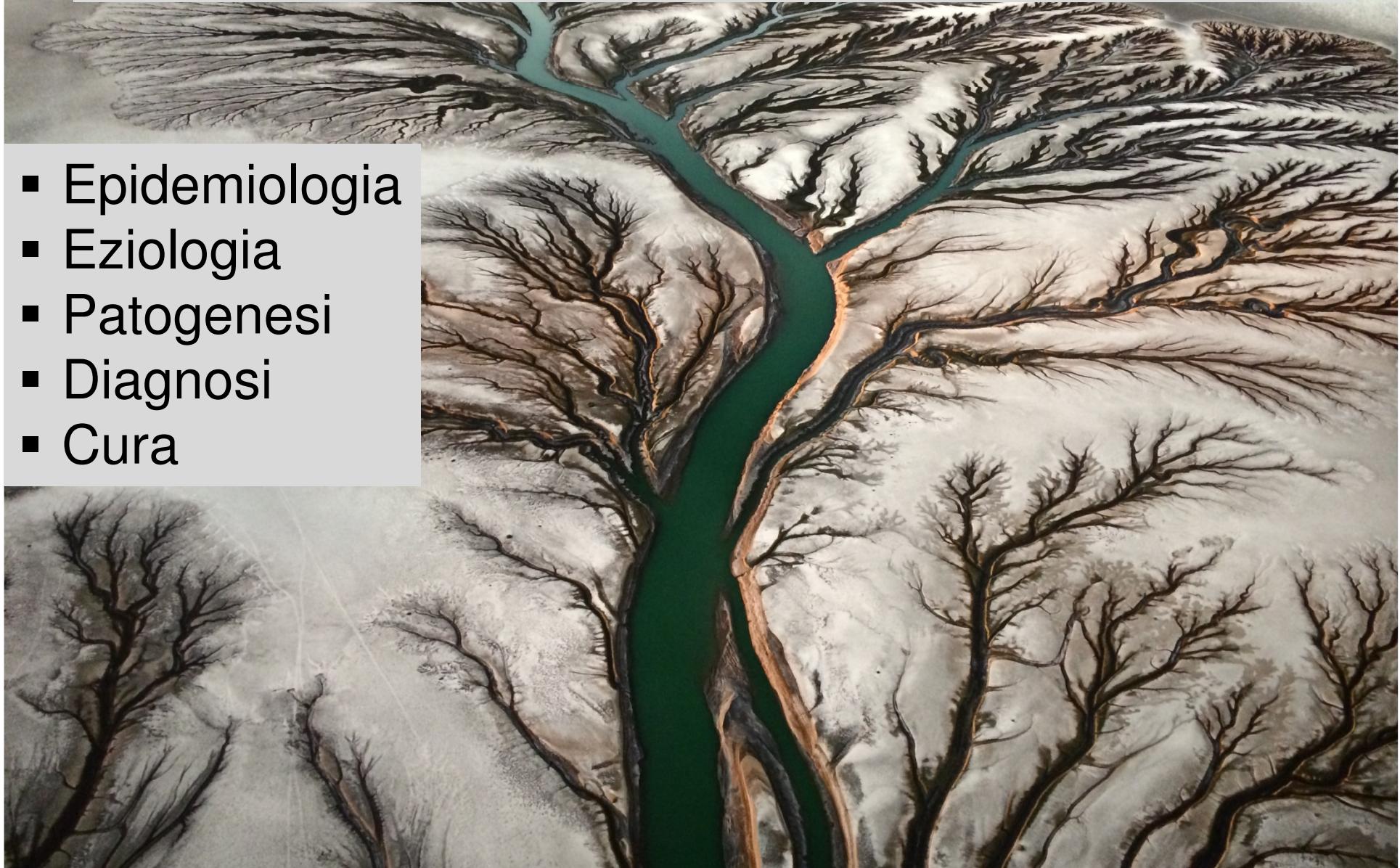
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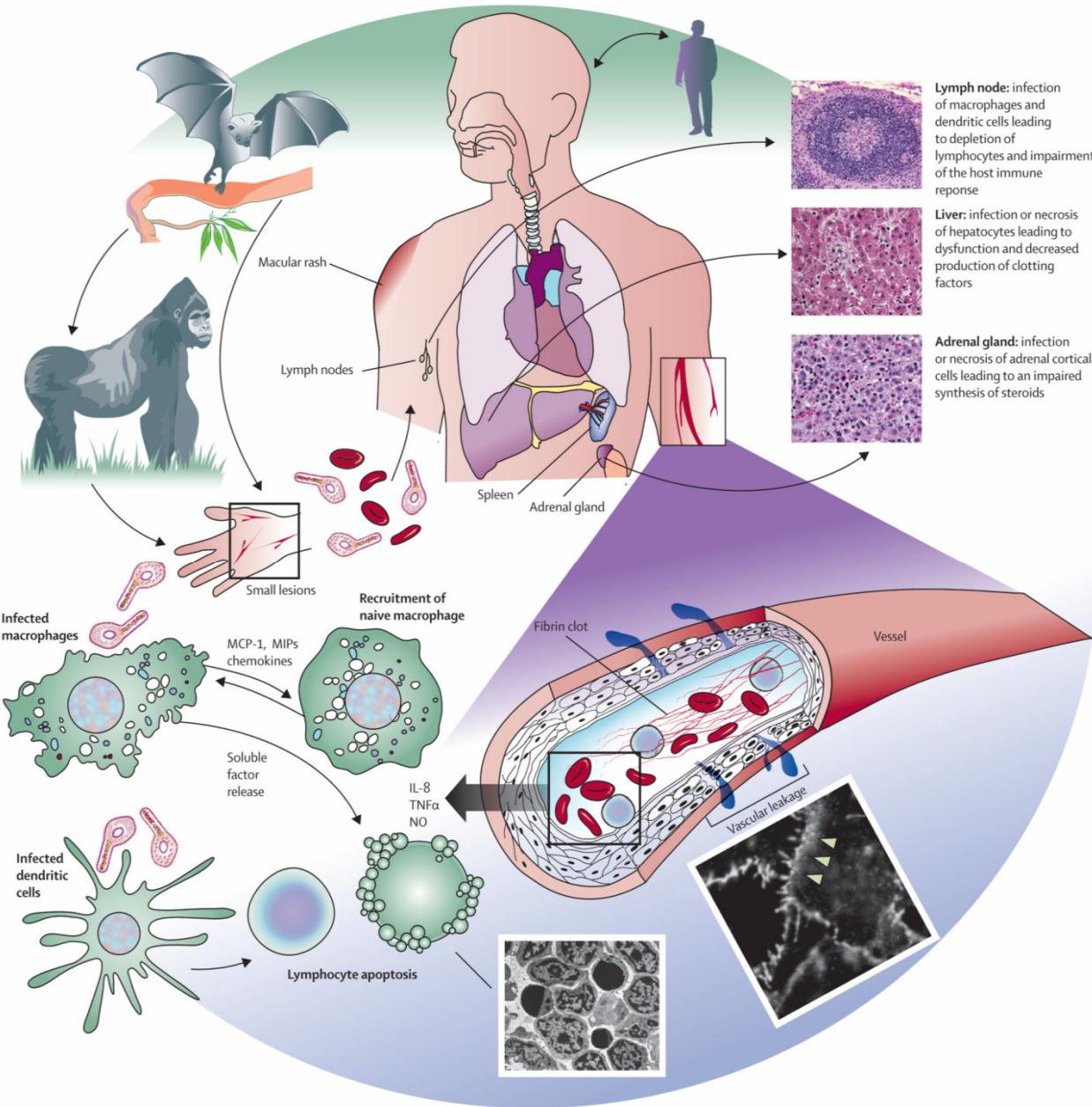


**Figure 2** Leading causes of death worldwide. About 15 million (>25%) of 57 million annual deaths worldwide are the direct result of infectious disease. Figures published by the World Health Organization (see <http://www.who.int/whr/en> and ref. 7).

# Malattie Infettive: modello didattico per la formazione del giovane medico

- Epidemiologia
- Eziologia
- Patogenesi
- Diagnosi
- Cura





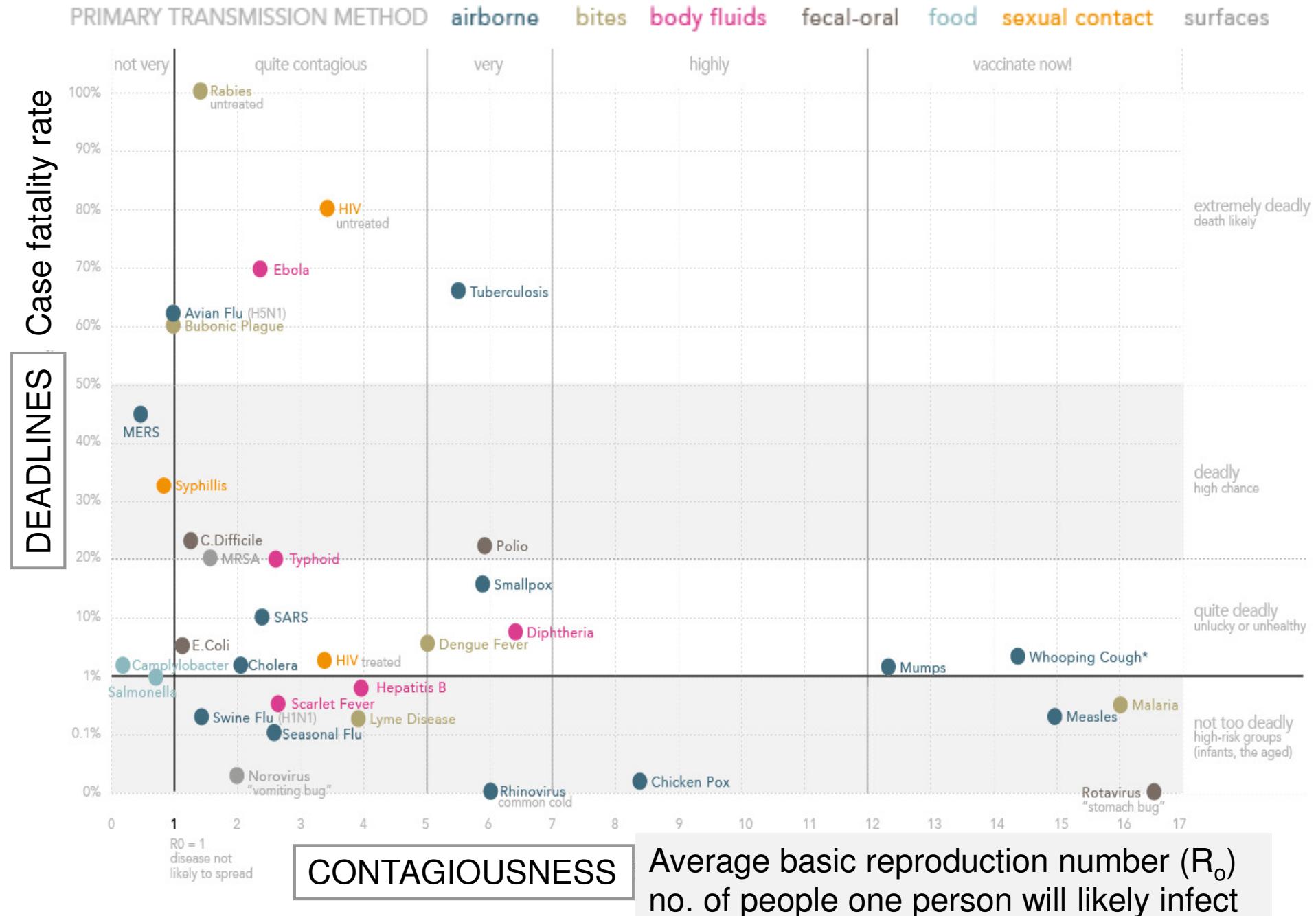
- The virus present in the infected secretion enters through the mucosal or percutaneous way.
- The virus actively replicates in:
  - Macrophage/monocytes
  - Dendritic cells
  - Endothelial cells
 and spreads through the blood stream
- Main target organs:
  - liver
  - kidney
  - spleen
  - ovary
  - testis
  - lymphonoid organs

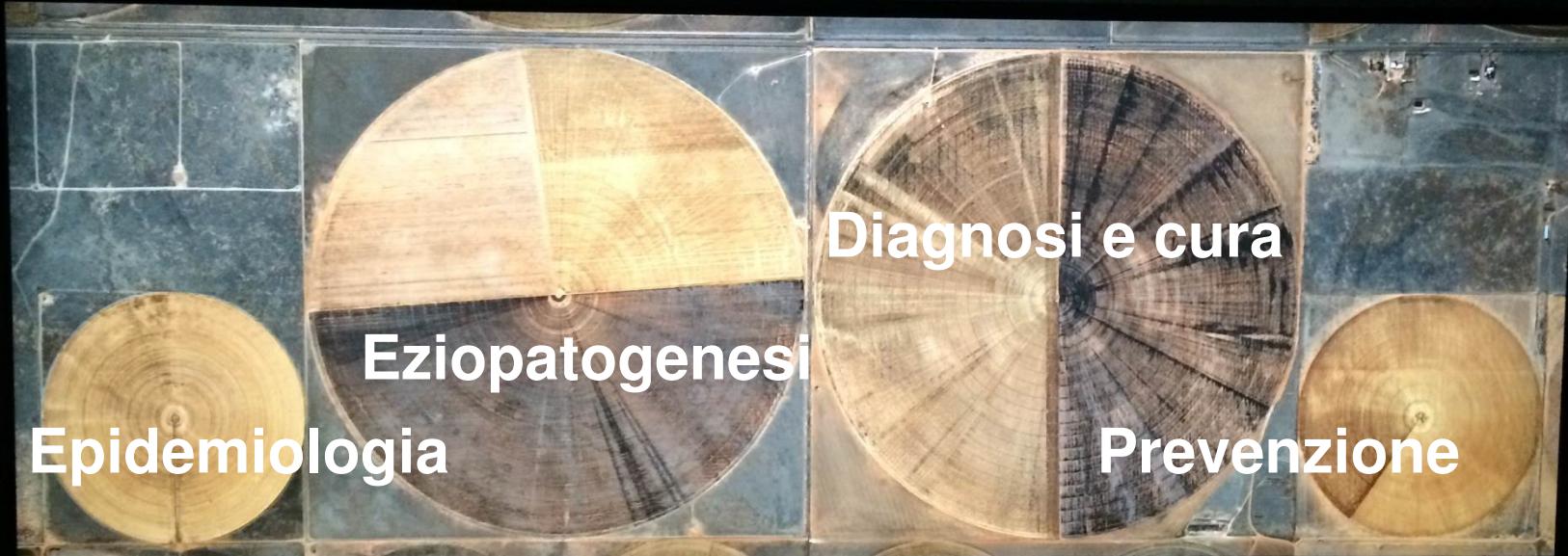
Feldmann, Lancet 2011



An aerial photograph showing a large agricultural area with two distinct circular irrigation systems. The irrigation lines create concentric circles that divide the land into sectors. The fields transition from a light tan color in the outer rings to a darker green in the inner rings, indicating different stages of crop growth or soil moisture levels. The central areas of the circles appear more yellowish. In the bottom right corner, there is a small, dark, irregular cluster of land or perhaps a group of trees. The overall pattern is highly symmetrical and organic.

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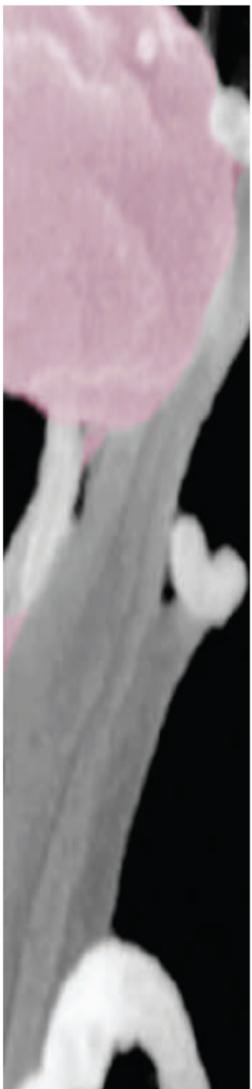


The Globalisation of Culture means the  
Globalisation of Disease

- Luc Montagnier

*"No city on the earth is now more than 24 hours away from any other"*. Economist 2003

*"Annually, the world's airlines carry a staggering total approaching some two billion passengers.  
At any one moment, about half a million people world-wide are flying in commercial aircraft"*.  
Select Committee on Science and Technology Fifth Report UK Parliament 2000



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# The challenge of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases

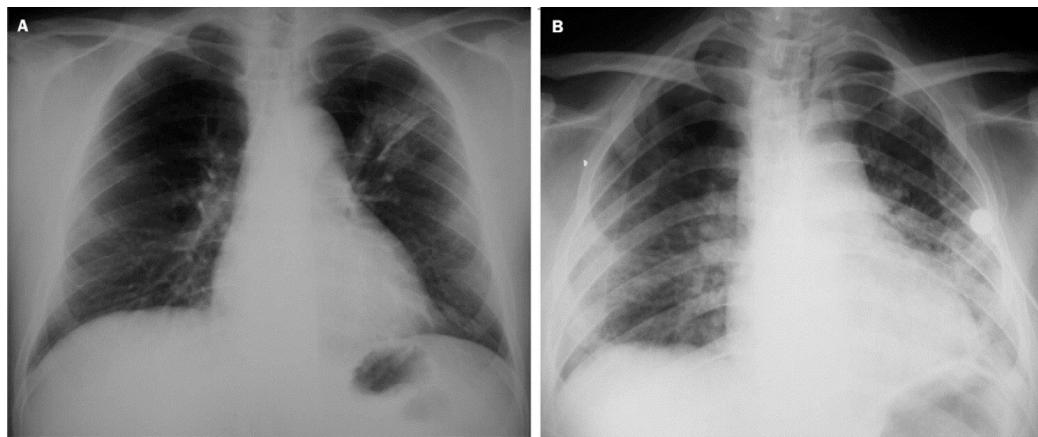
David M. Morens, Gregory K. Folkers & Anthony S. Fauci

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Infectious diseases have for centuries ranked with wars and famine as major challenges to human progress and survival. They remain among the leading causes of death and disability worldwide. Against a constant background of established infections, epidemics of new and old infectious diseases periodically emerge, greatly magnifying the global burden of infections. Studies of these emerging infections reveal the evolutionary properties of pathogenic microorganisms and the dynamic relationships between microorganisms, their hosts and the environment.

# Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

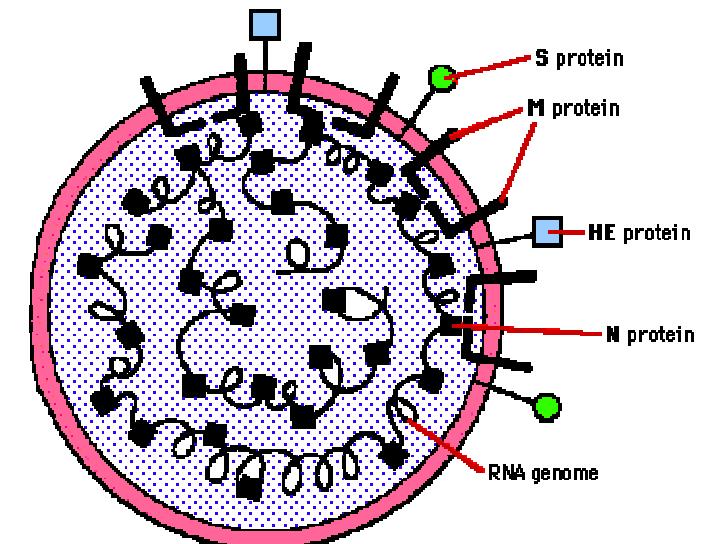
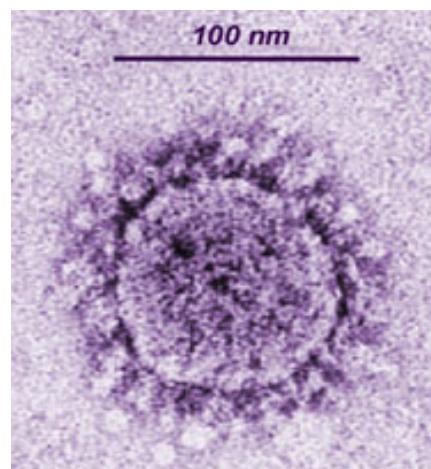
- Clinical manifestations of SARS:
- 2-10 days: fever, myalgia, malaise and chills
- next 8-12 days: cough, shortness of breath, tachypnea
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase: progressive hypoxia and require intubation and mechanical ventilation
- systemic symptom: lymphopenia
- early phase chest radiographs often show peripheral pulmonary infiltrate



Peiris et al 2003 Lancet 361:1767-42

# .... but within 5 months (Feb-July)

- Virus identified
- Diagnostic tests developed
- Infection control practices established
- International public health response
- Surveillance programs established
- 5 July: WHO removed the last region from the list of areas with recent local transmission



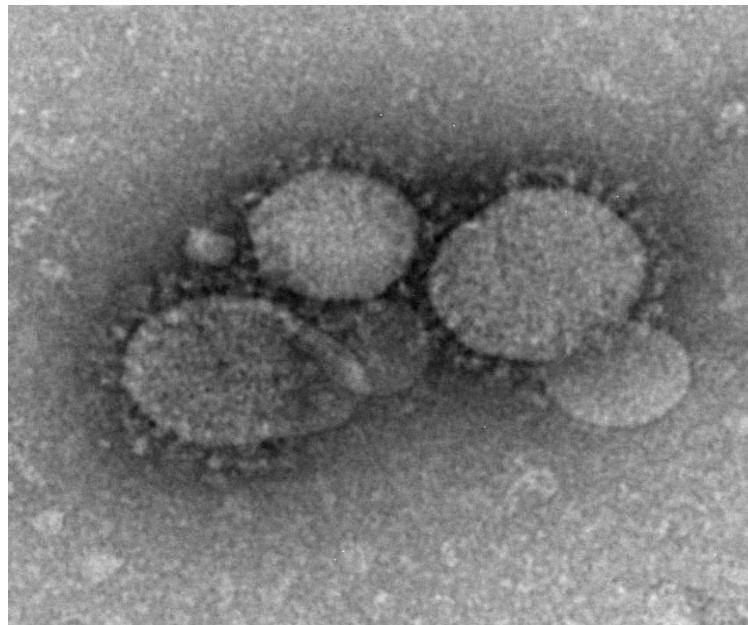
# SARS left in its wake....

- 8,098 cases, 774 deaths
- Billions lost in airlines, tourism
- World wide economic down turn
- Devastated health care system



A livello globale, da settembre 2012, l'OMS ha notificato **1.542 casi** confermati in laboratorio di infezione da MERS-CoV, tra cui almeno **544 decessi correlati**.

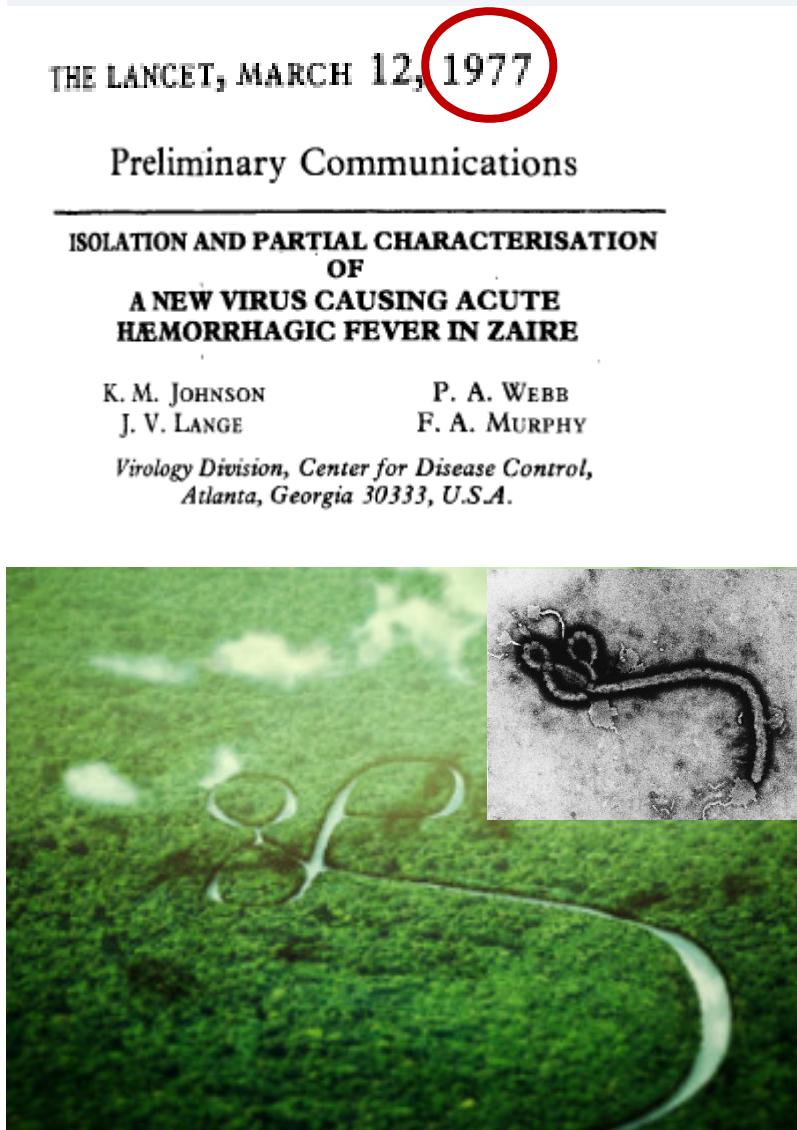
MER-CoV



Data la mancanza di evidenze di trasmissione sostenuta da persona a persona in comunità, l'OMS non raccomanda alcuna restrizione a viaggi o a rotte commerciali.

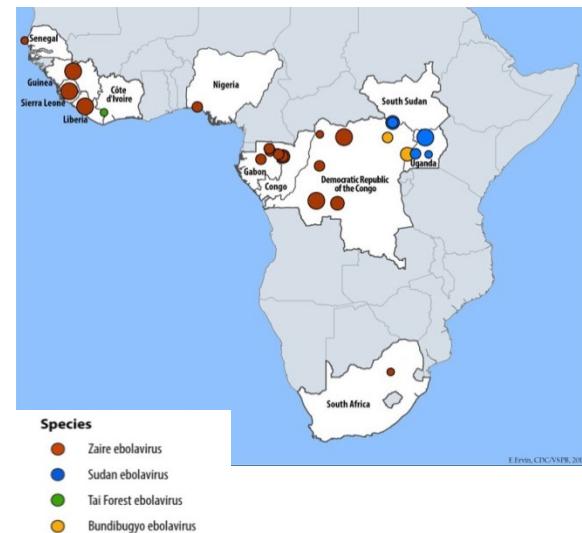
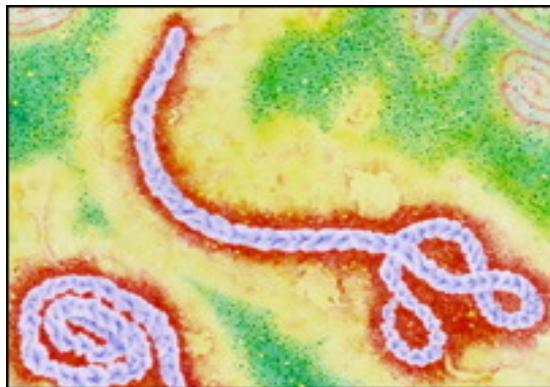
E' buona prassi di sanità pubblica sensibilizzare i viaggiatori da e verso paesi colpiti da MERS-CoV.

- Ebola is a little river in the North of Yambuku (Democratic Republic of Congo, former Zaire)
- The first isolate was obtained from a patient from Yambuku village



# Ebola Virus

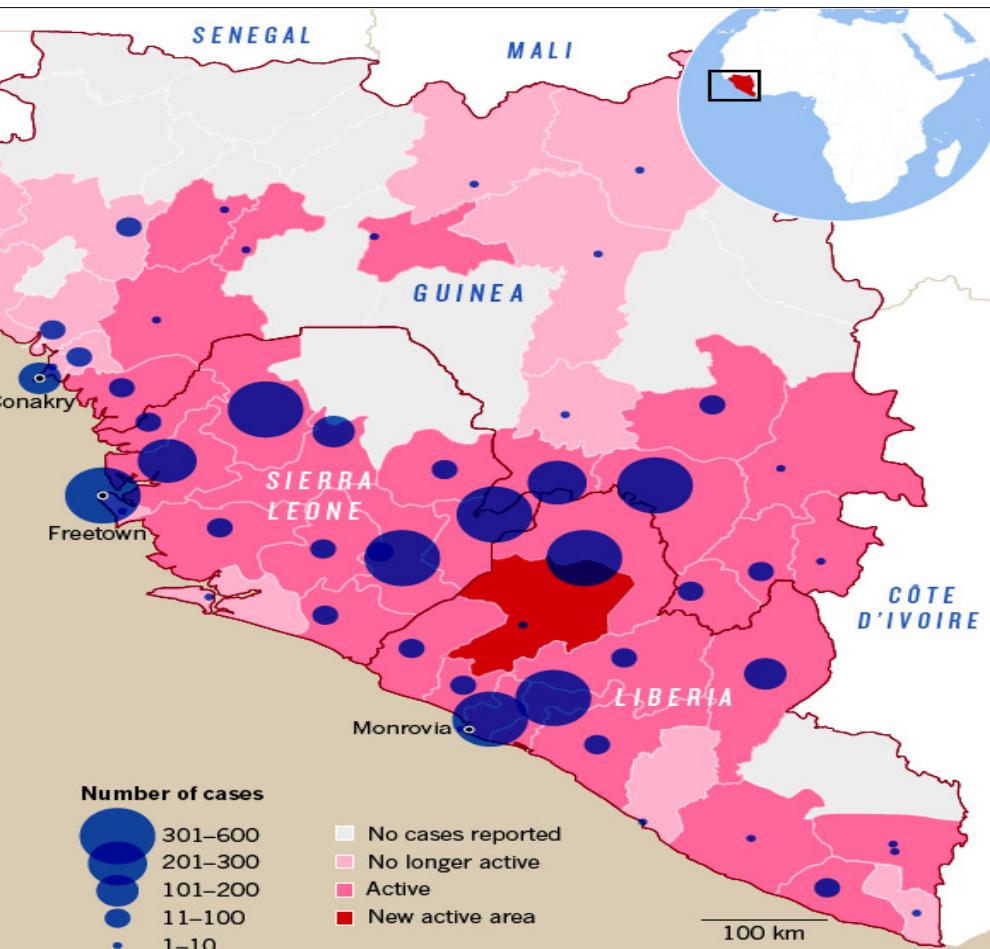
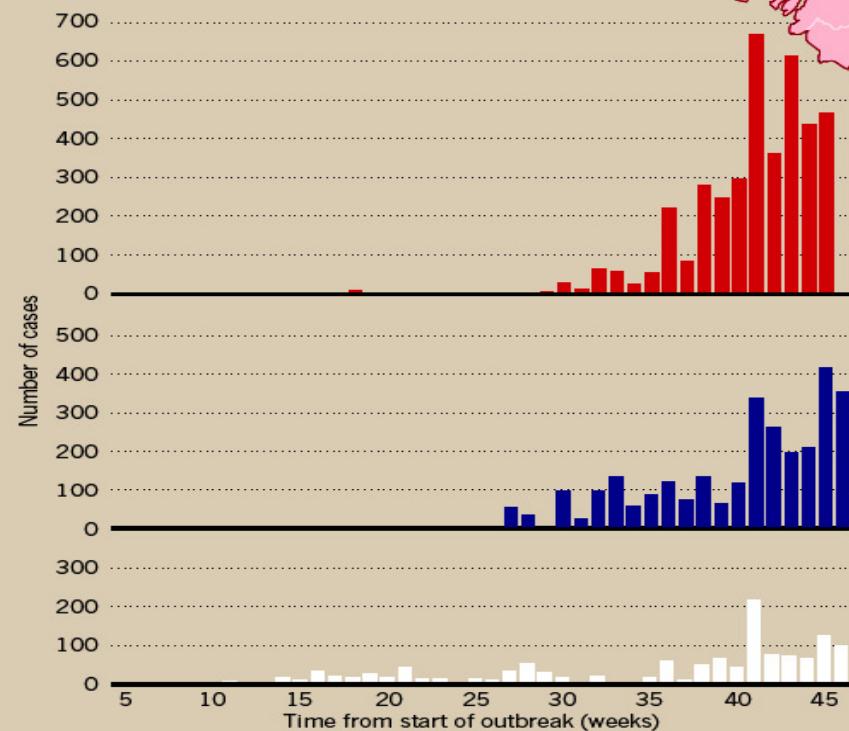
- Prototype Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Pathogen
  - Filovirus: enveloped, non-segmented, negative-stranded RNA virus
  - Severe disease with high case fatality
  - Absence of specific treatment or vaccine
- > 20 previous Ebola and Marburg virus outbreaks
- **2014** West Africa Ebola outbreak caused by *Zaire ebolavirus* species (five known Ebola virus species)



## A RISING TOLL

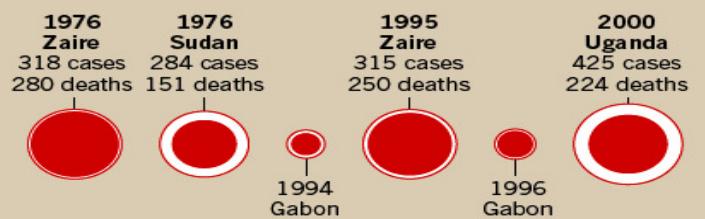
The number of Ebola cases continues to rise because control measures in the outbreak area are insufficient. But it could drop quickly if the international community and affected countries manage to implement an effective response.

■ Liberia ■ Sierra Leone ■ Guinea



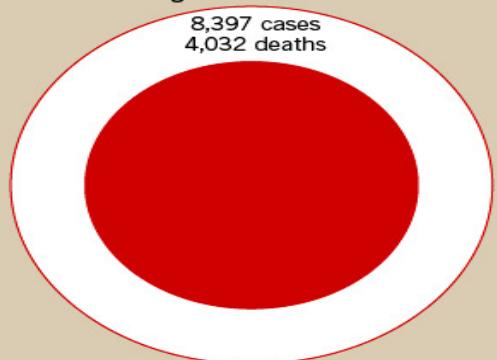
## UNPRECEDENTED SIZE

The current outbreak dwarfs the largest historical outbreaks in Africa, which were rural and relatively easy to control. Ebola has now spread to dense urban areas, where control is harder to achieve.

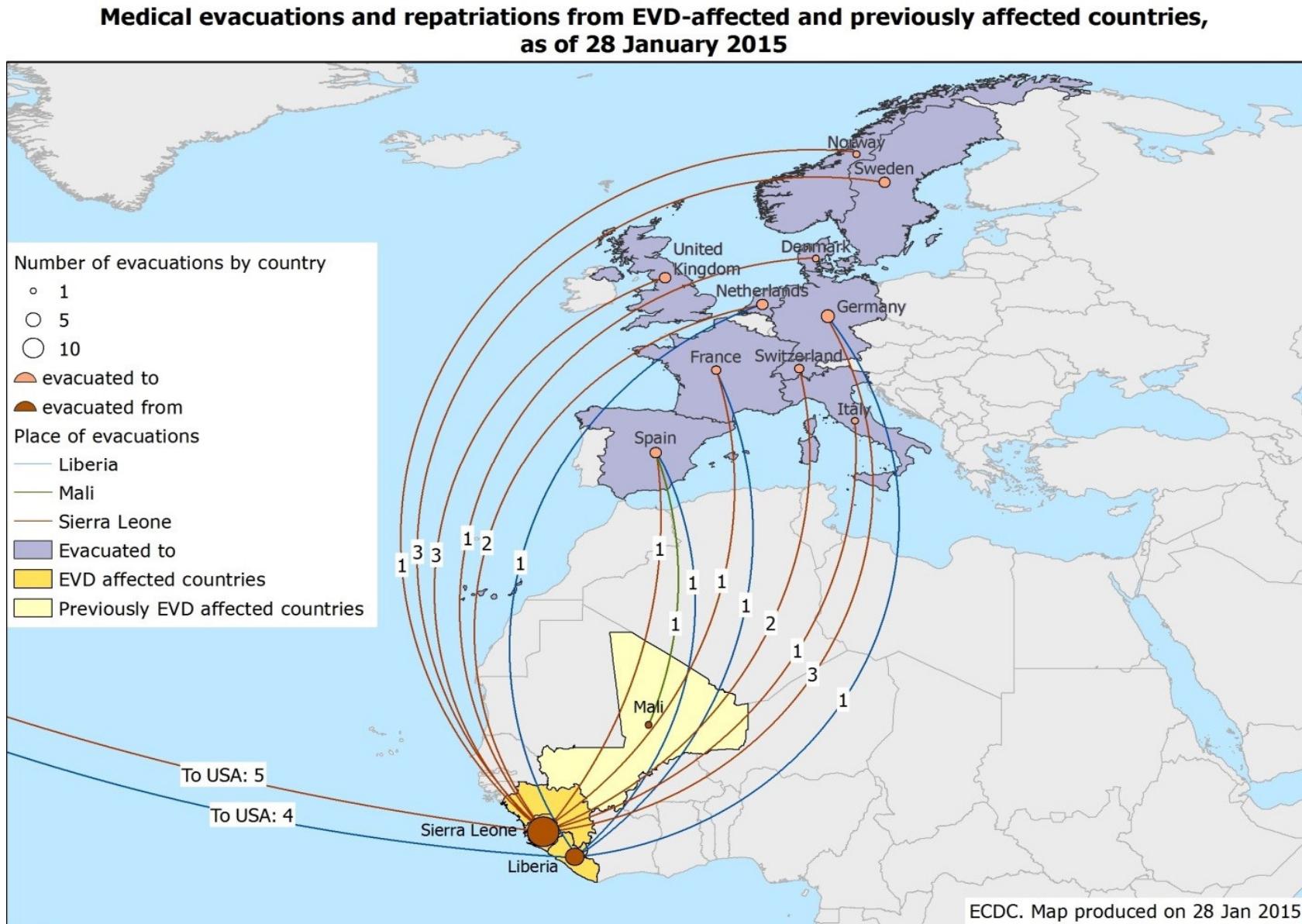


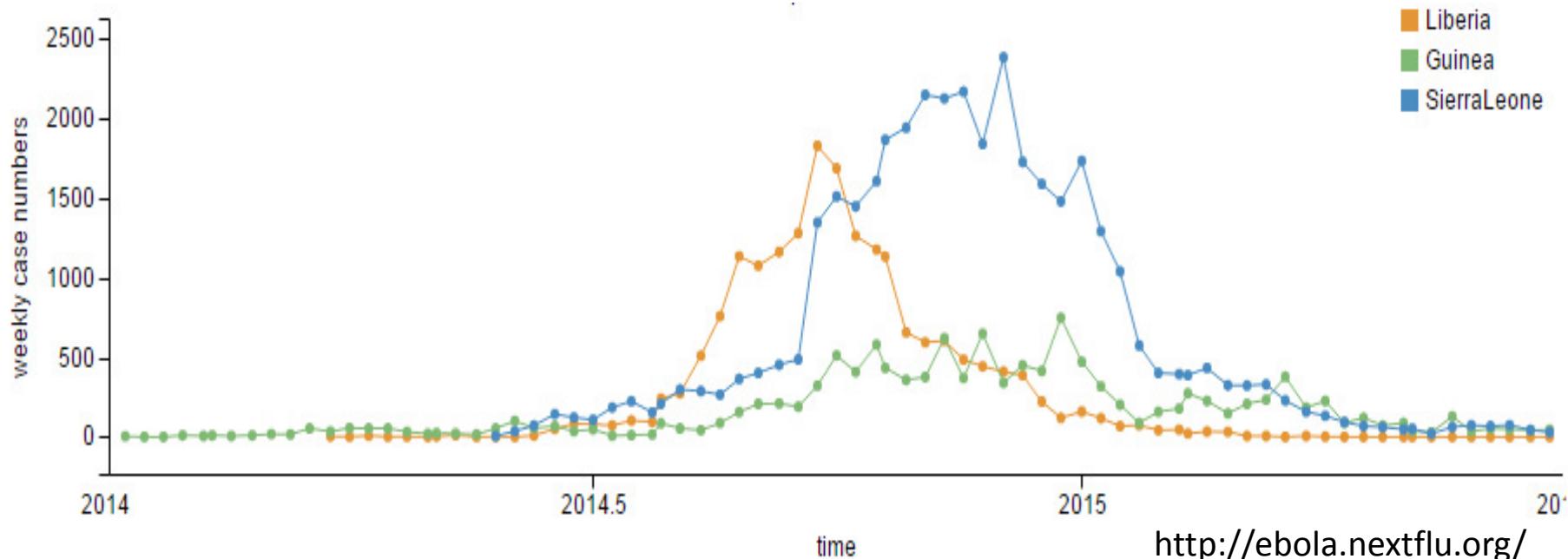
\*Democratic Republic of Congo

2014  
Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria,  
Senegal and Sierra Leone



- As of Jan 28, at least 38 cases outside of Africa (Europe and US)
- Mostly repatriated





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Perspective

APRIL 9, 2015

**The Next Epidemic — Lessons from Ebola**

Bill Gates

*Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg*  
doi:10.1093/trstmh/trv053



**The West African Ebola outbreak: finishing the job, preparing for future**

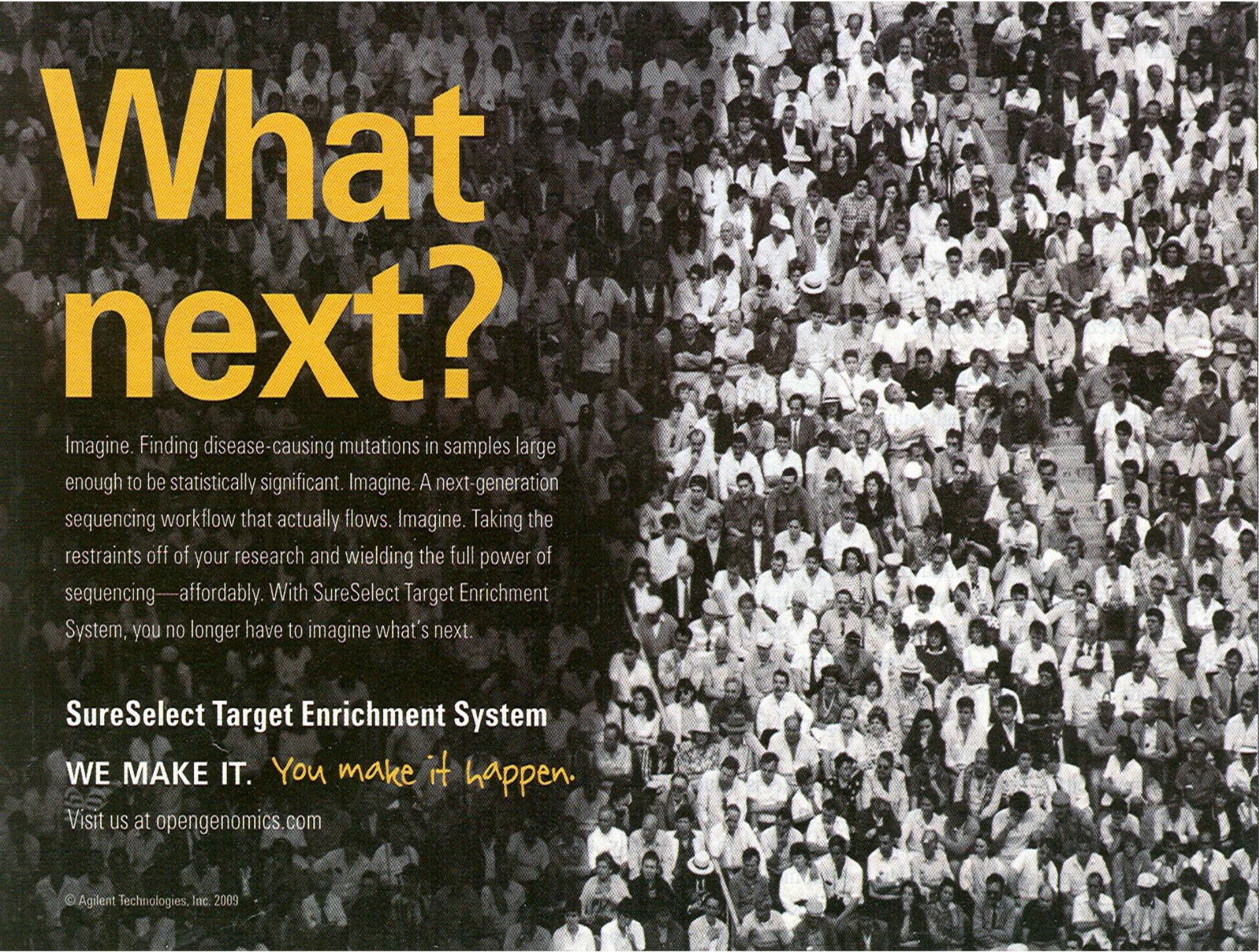
Clare Parsons<sup>a,\*</sup> and Umar Naeem Ahmad<sup>b</sup>

COMMENTARY

# EVD Summary

- The 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa is the largest in history and has affected multiple countries.
- Think Ebola: U.S. healthcare providers should be aware of clinical presentation and risk factors for EVD.
- Human-to-human transmission by direct contact
  - No human-to-human transmission via inhalation (aerosols)
  - No transmission before symptom onset
- Early case identification, isolation, treatment and effective infection control are essential to prevent Ebola transmission.

# What next?



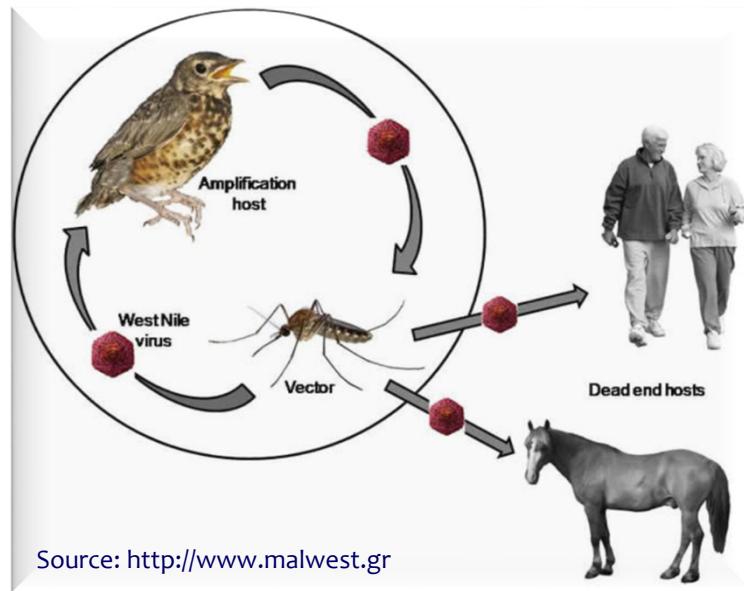
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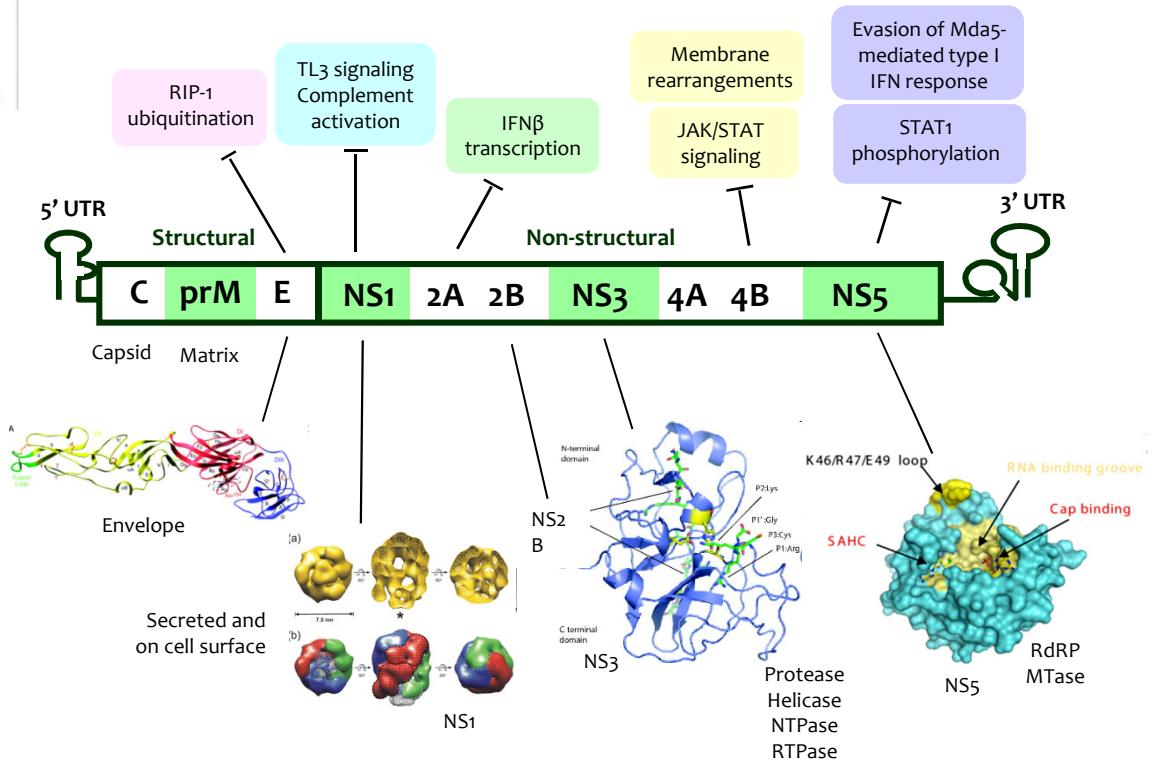
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# West Nile virus

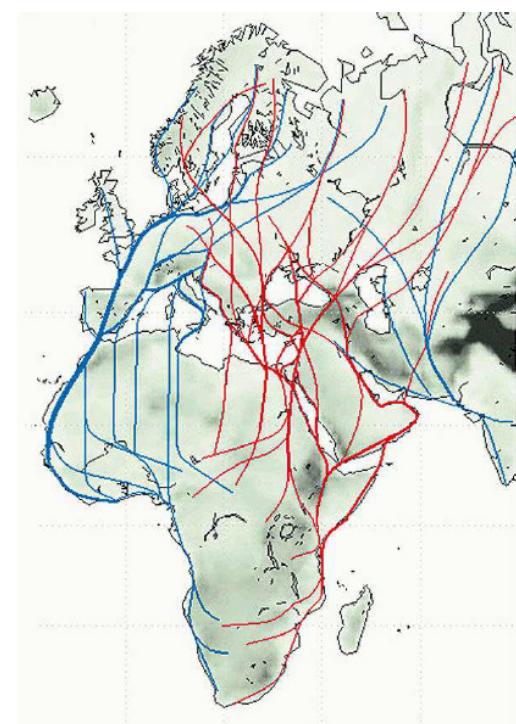
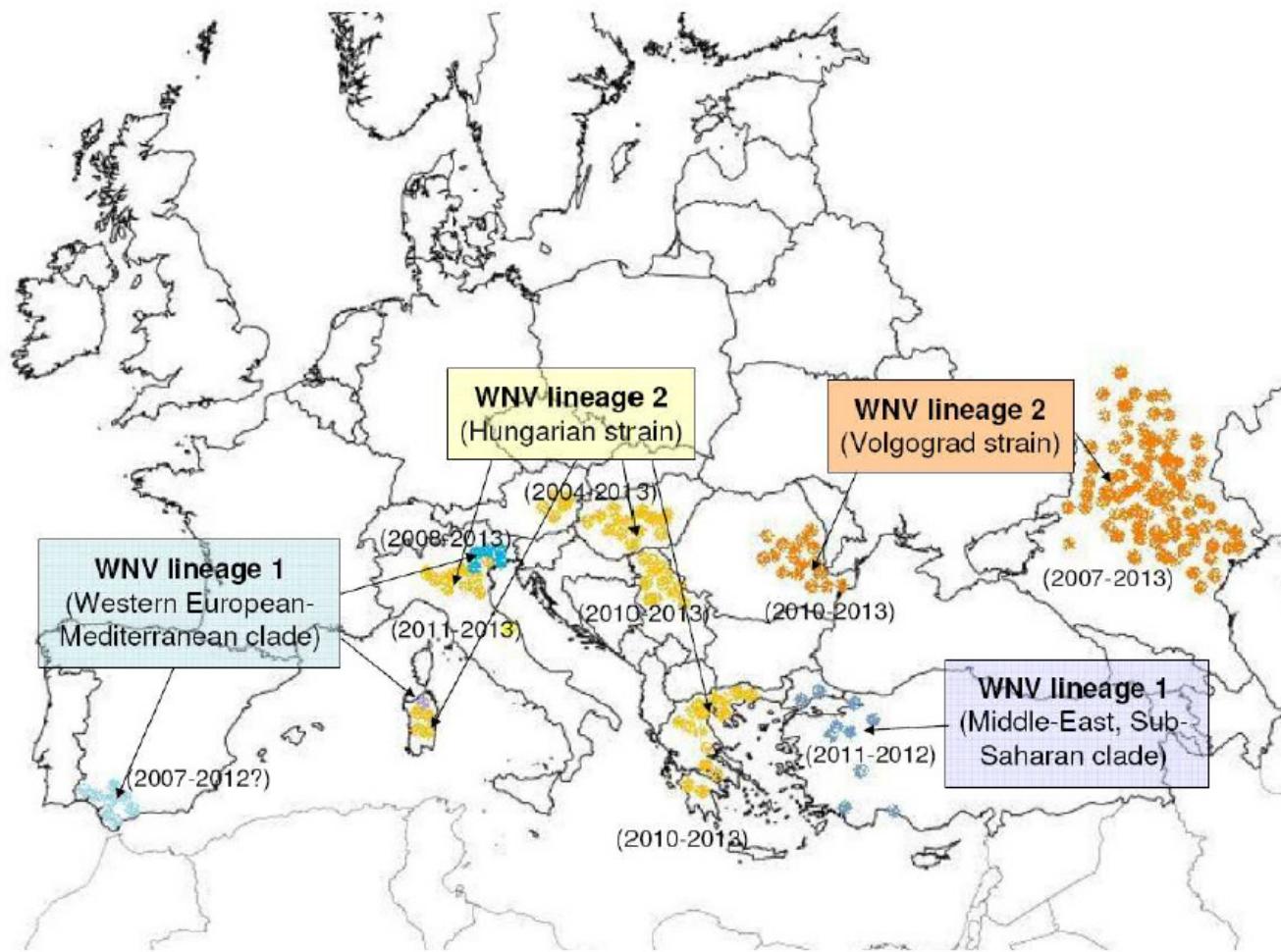


## Life cycle and transmission

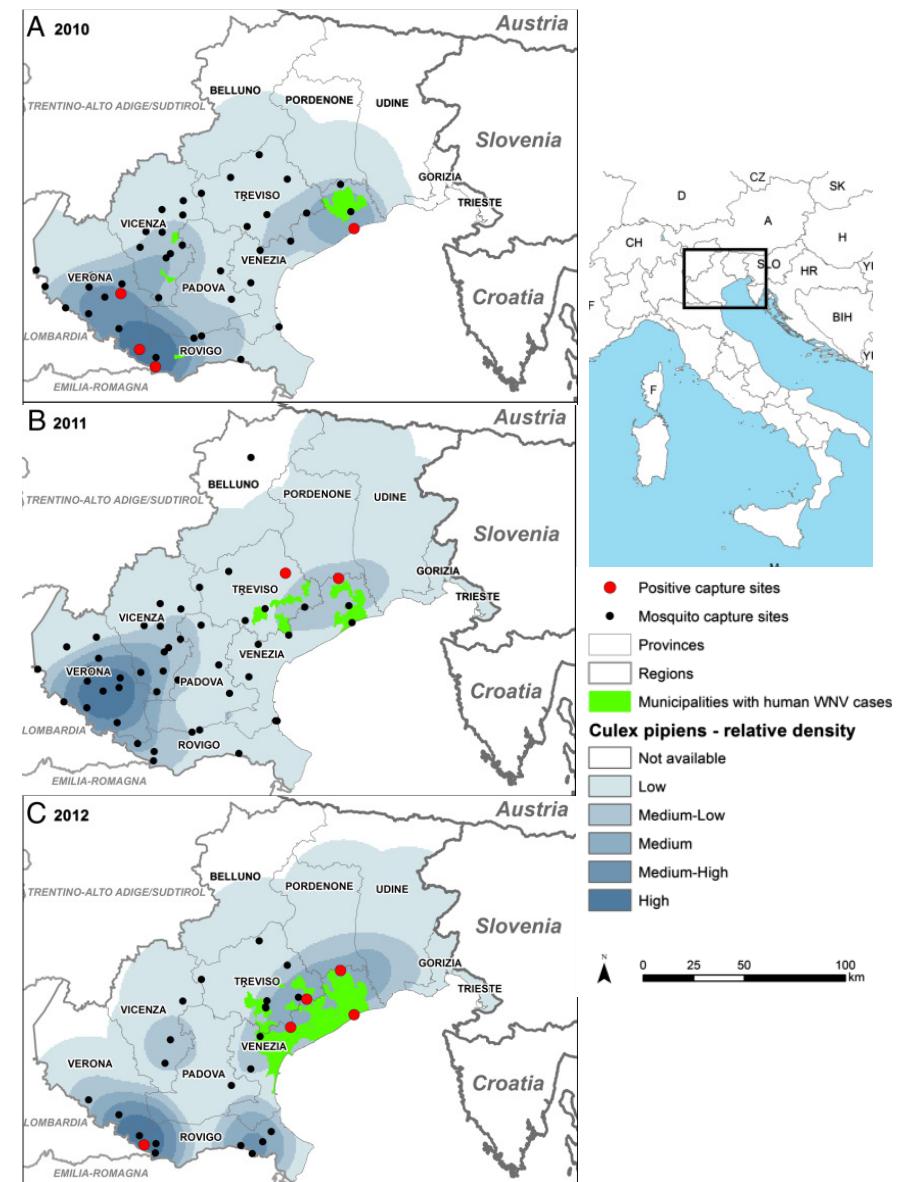
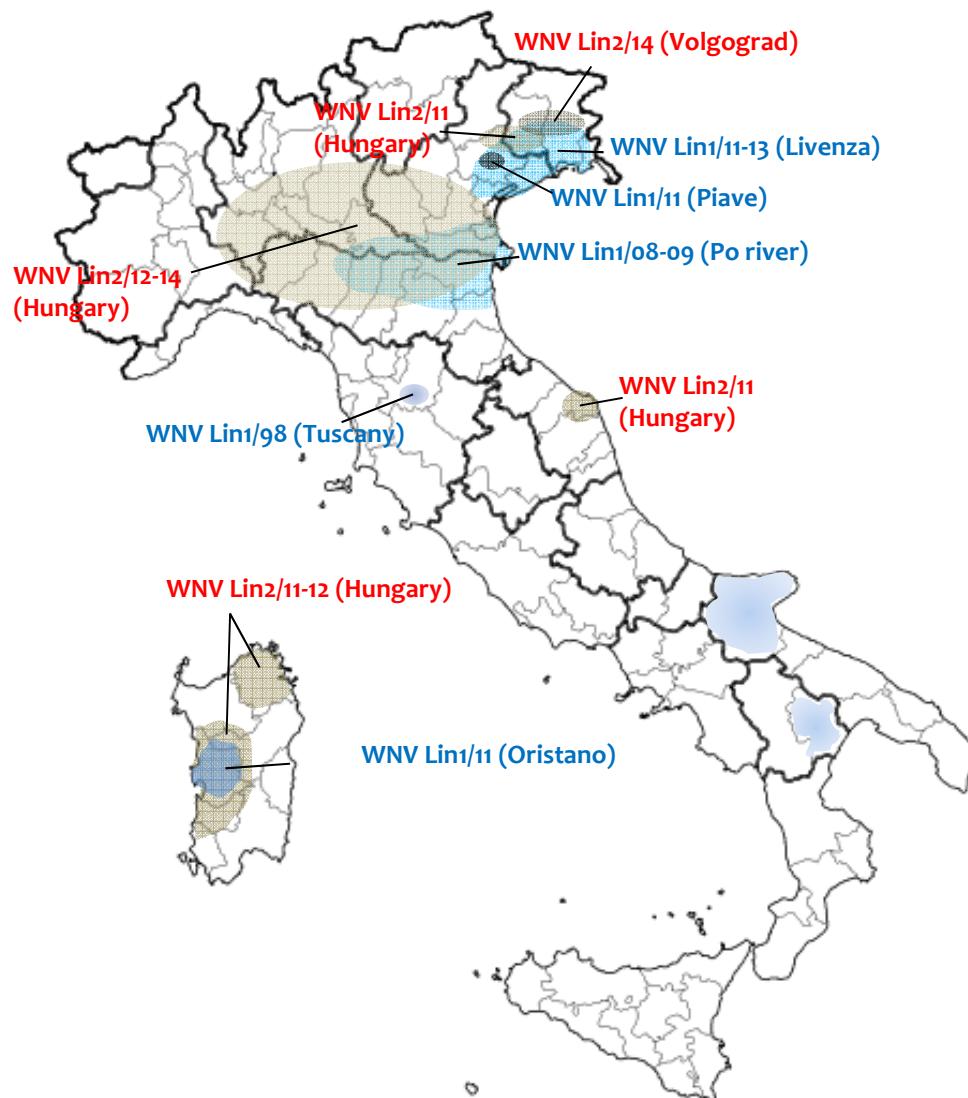
## WNV genome



WNV lineage 1 and WNV lineage 2 strains circulating in European and neighboring countries belong to four phylogenetic clusters geographically related to bird migratory routes

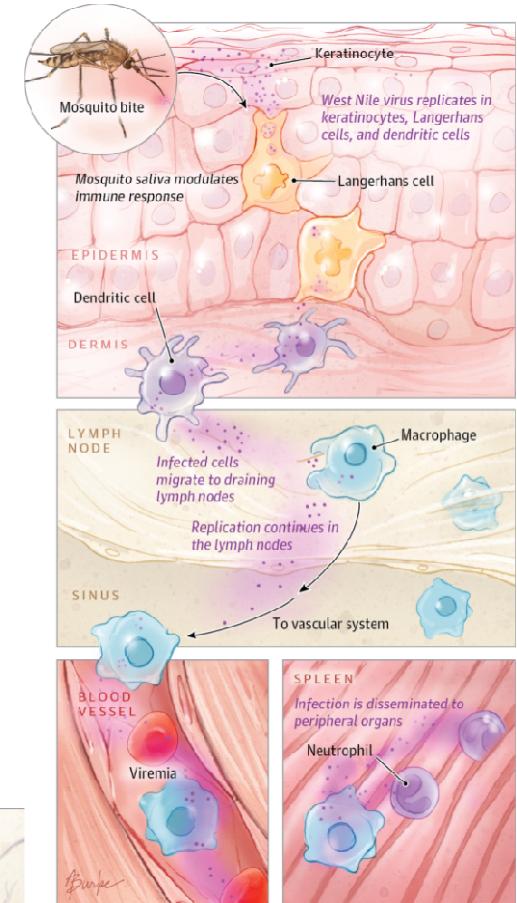


# The complex epidemiological scenario of WNV in Italy

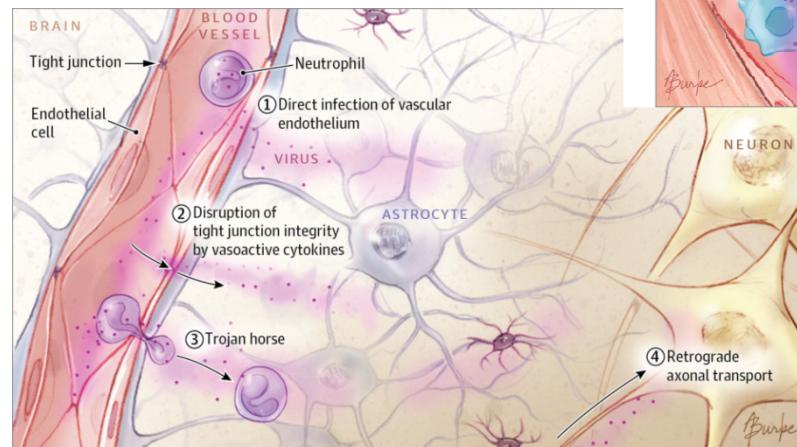


# Clinical presentation of WNV infection

- West Nile neuro-invasive disease (<1%)
  - Encephalitis
  - Aseptic meningitis
  - Acute flaccid paralysis  
(Elderly and immunocompromized individuals are the most affected).
- West Nile fever (~20%)
  - “benign” influenza-like illness
- Asymptomatic (~80%)



Petersen et al.,  
JAMA 2013



Cronaca → nozionismo/  
Metodologia clinica → formazione



# Non-Neuroinvasive Disease

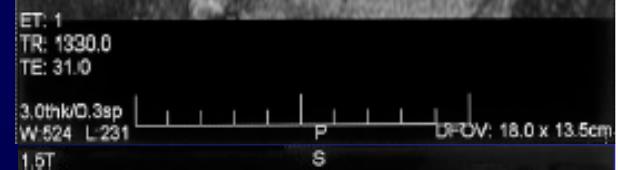
- Mild WNV infection
- Incubation:  
2-14 days from mosquito bite
- Febrile illness of sudden onset
- Symptoms - generally last 3-6 days:
  - Malaise/weakness/fatigue
  - Nausea/vomiting/anorexia/diarrhea
  - Eye pain, conjunctivitis
  - Headache, sore throat, myalgia
  - Rash\*
  - Lymphadenopathy

\*Erythematous maculopapules  
(neck, trunk, arms and legs)  
19%-57% of cases



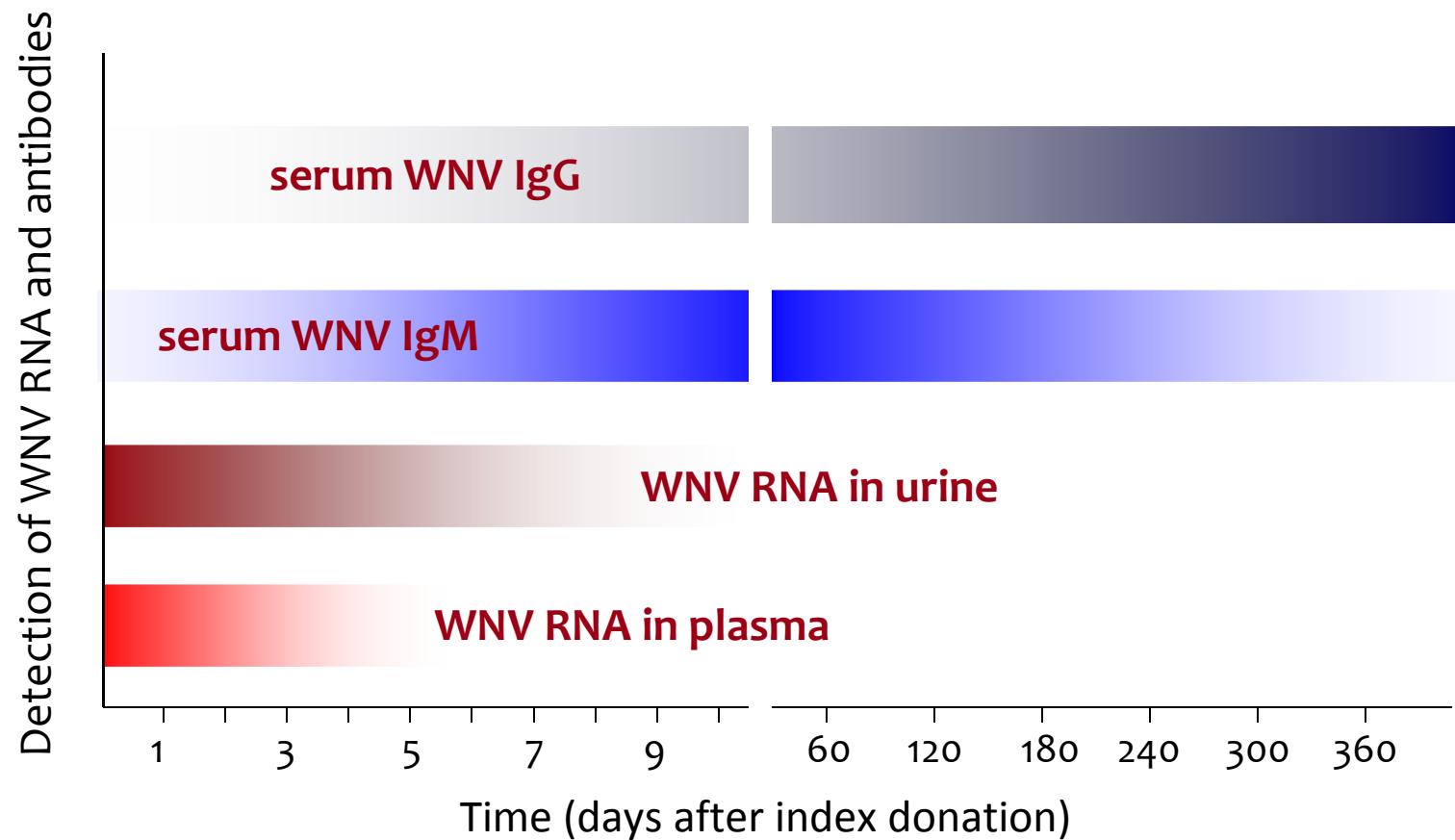
# WNV Myelitis

- Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)
- Focal weakness in 50% w/CNS infection
- Progresses to paralysis in ≈ 35%
  - Rapidly progressive (2-8 d from onset)
  - LMN pattern
  - Typically proximal musculature
  - Sphincteric dysfunction possible
  - Quadripareisis, paraparesis, or monoplegia
    - Poliovirus ≠ encephalopathic
    - GBS ≠ fever, CSF pleocytosis, rash, back pain
- Respiratory muscle weakness can require prolonged mechanical ventilation
- EMG:
  - Anterior horn cells process (axonal neuropathy)
  - Not demyelination



# Kinetics of WNV RNA and antibody response after primary infection with WNV

## WNV RNA and antibody response in viremic blood donors during follow-up



# Laboratory diagnosis of WNV infection

**Table 2. Results of laboratory tests in patients with West Nile virus infection diagnosed in northeastern Italy during the 2012–2013 seasons.**

Test	No. positive/no. tested (% positive)		
	<i>WNND</i> (n = 39)	<i>WNF</i> (n = 35)	<i>Blood donors</i> (n = 21)
Time to test (mean ± SD)	10 ± 9 days	15 ± 7 days	4 ± 2 days
WNV RNA in plasma <sup>†</sup>	11/33 (33.3)	4/31 (12.9)	12/21 (57.1)
WNV RNA in urine <sup>‡</sup>	14/26 (53.8)	13/31 (41.9)	5/21 (23.8)
WNV RNA in CSF <sup>‡</sup>	1/23 (4.3)	0/2 (0)	ND
WNV IgM-/IgG- in serum	0/39 (0)	2/35 (5.7)	4/21 (19.0)
WNV IgM+/IgG- in serum	10/39 (25.6)	5/35 (14.3)	6/21 (28.6)
WNV IgM+/IgG+ in serum	29/39 (74.4)	28/35 (80.0)	11/21 (52.4)
WNV IgM+ in CSF	25/25 (100)	0/2 (0)	ND

Barzon et al., Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther 2015

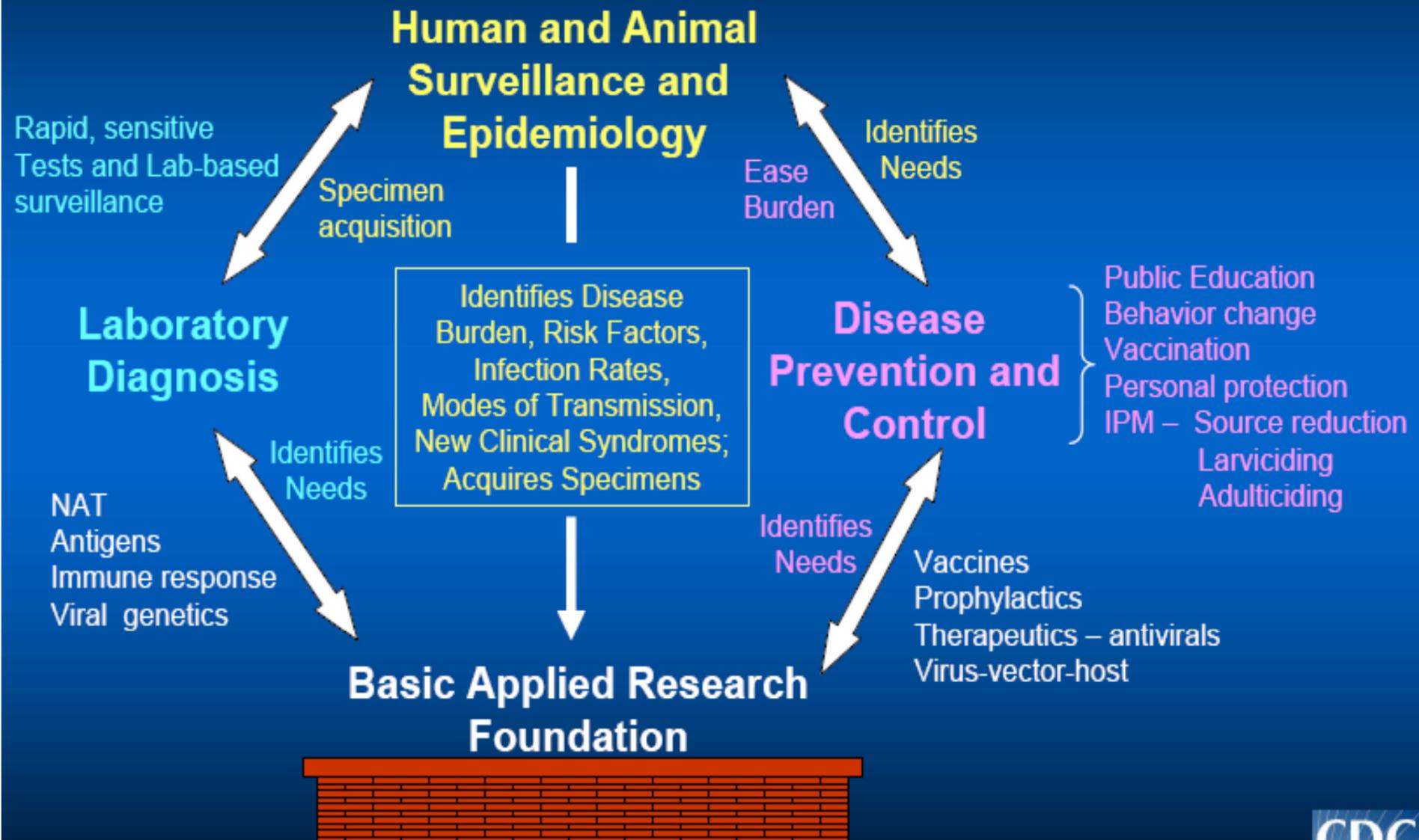
# Recommendations on the use of laboratory tests for the diagnosis of WNV infection

Test	Serum	Plasma or whole blood	Urine	CSF	Notes
IgM EIA/IFA	+			+	If IgM+/IgG–, repeat testing in a serum sample collected after 2 weeks to demonstrate seroconversion
IgG EIA/IFA	+				If IgM+/IgG+, repeat testing in a serum sample collected after 2 weeks to demonstrate a fourfold increase of antibody titer
Real-time RT-PCR		+	+	+	If positive, the case is confirmed. However, confirmation by another test is recommended to exclude false-positive results
Pan-flavivirus RT-PCR		+	+	+	Recommended in WNV IgM+ and real-time RT-PCR negative
WNV isolation in cell culture	+		+		Recommended if WNV RNA is detected in plasma or urine (note that WNV antibodies in serum neutralize virus infectivity)
Neutralization test	+				Required to confirm IgM- and IgG-positive results
IgG avidity	+				Suggested if IgM+/IgG+ to identify recent infections in areas where WNV is endemic

RT-PCR: Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction; WNV: West Nile virus.

Barzon et al., Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther 2015

# *Vector-borne Viral Disease - An Integrated Approach*



# Are physicians ready to hit the EID?

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Some features that should be carefully kept in mind:

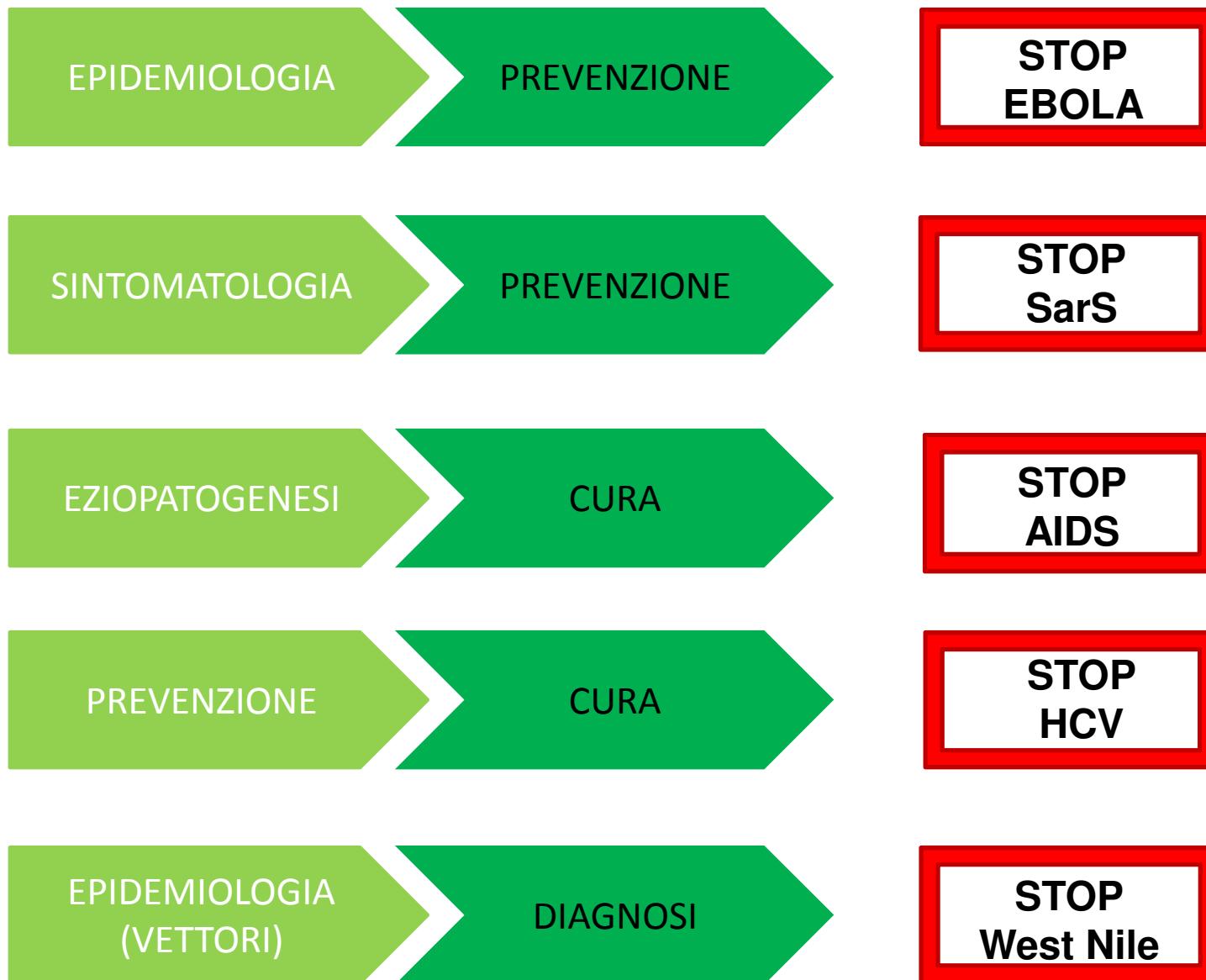
- Clinical presentation of emerging diseases (key-symptoms)
  - Geographical provenience of patient
  - Outbreak currently occurring worldwide
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## AIDS - a new disease fought with an integrated approach: **main concerns**

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- extensive spread before noticed
  - good outbreak investigation
  - multiple methods of spread
  - quickly discovered how to prevent
  - quickly discovered good diagnostic test
  - no vaccine
  - short wait of specific drugs
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*but AIDS is still a global disaster*



# Conclusioni (1)

- La comparsa di nuove infezioni o il cambiamento della ricettività dell'ospite, nel corso degli anni, può cambiare notevolmente la priorità da dare all'apprendimento di una singola malattia infettiva.
- Ciò che, quasi sempre, accomuna le diverse infezioni è il metodo con il quale va affrontato l'algoritmo della diagnosi e cura di ciascuna.

## Conclusioni (2)

- La particolare importanza dell'anamnesi (tempo, luogo e modalità di esposizione all'agente eziologico e ai suoi vettori), la relativa facilità di conoscerne la causa a differenza di altre malattie d'organo, le caratteristiche della risposta immune individuale, la peculiarità di alcune manifestazioni cliniche (malattie esantematiche) e la possibilità di arrivare nella maggioranza dei casi a una rapida guarigione, con o senza l'aiuto di antimicrobici, fanno della malattia infettiva un modello didattico lineare di metodologia clinica.



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