# Zika Virus



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## **Objectives**

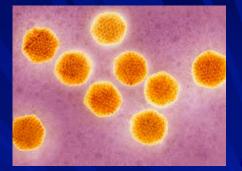
Understand recent epidemiology of Zika virus including modes of transmission

Describe common clinical manifestations and complications of Zika virus disease



Review strategies for prevention of Zika infection

# Zika Virus



- Single stranded RNA virus of Flavivirus genus
- Closely related to dengue, West Nile, yellow fever, and Japanese encephalitis viruses
- Arbovirus: <u>ar</u>thropod-<u>borne virus</u>
   Primary vector *Ae. aegypti* but several other *Aedes* spp. and *Culex* spp. capable of transmission (in laboratory)

Two Distinct Zika Lineages – Only One Serotype

- African Asian
- All strains have identical surface antigens
- Antibodies elicited after infection with Asian lineage potently inhibit both lineages *in vitro*
  - Dowd K et al. Cell Reports 2016

### Asian Viral Lineage - Americas Outbreak Enfissi A et al Lancet 2016

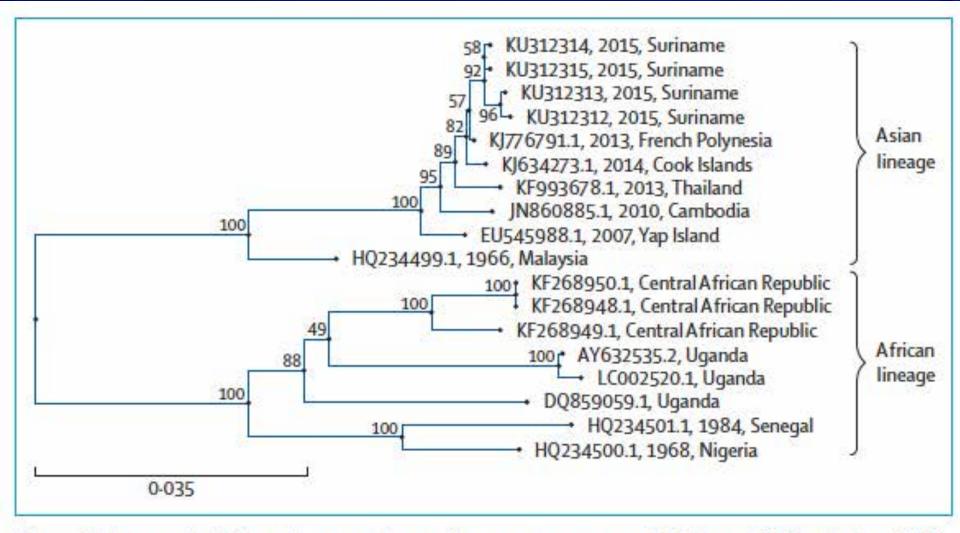


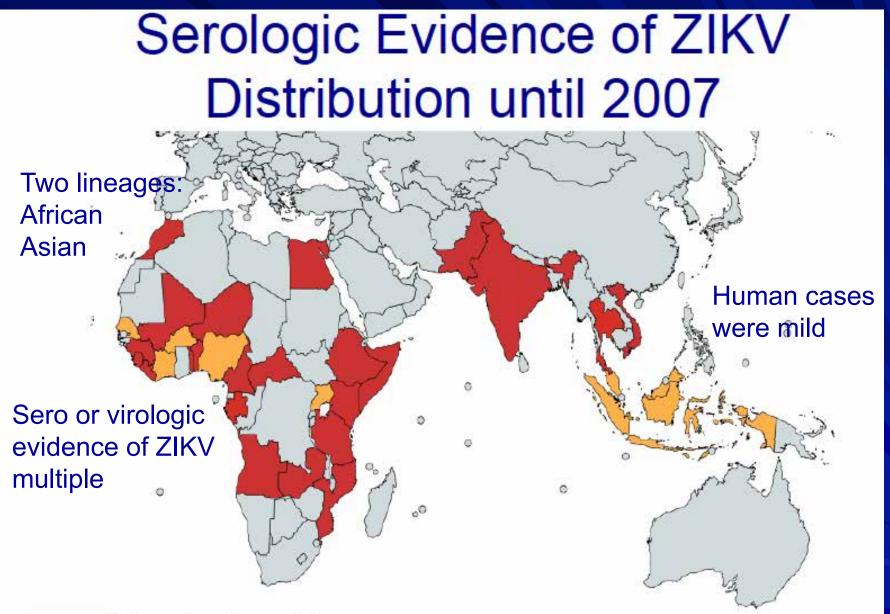
Figure: Phylogenetic relations between the envelope gene sequences of Suriname ZIKV and other ZIKV

# **Epidemiology** Discovered in Zika Forest, Uganda 1947

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# Epidemiology

- First human case diagnosed 1962-3 in Uganda
- Serosurveys neutralizing antibodies in East and West Africa, India, and SE Asia - Late 1940s to late 1990s Outbreaks in Yap, Micronesia in 2007; French Polynesia 2013, Easter Island 2014 Brazil early 2015 then spread in the Americas
  - Chen & Hamer. Ann Int Med 2016
  - Musso & Gubler. Clin Microbiol Rev July 2016



Serologic evidence Virus detection or confirmed human case



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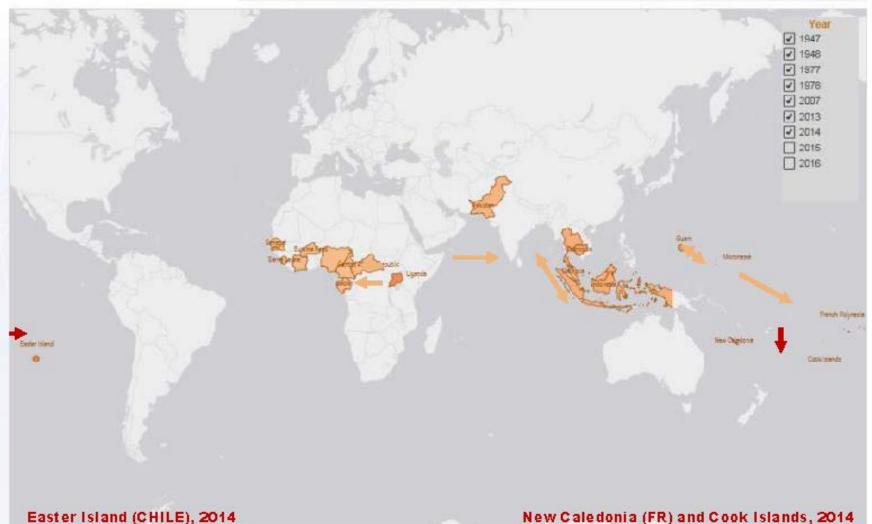
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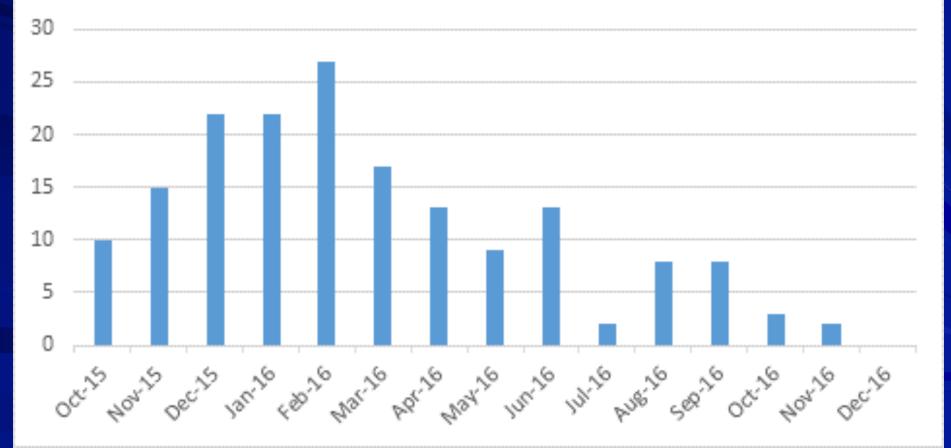
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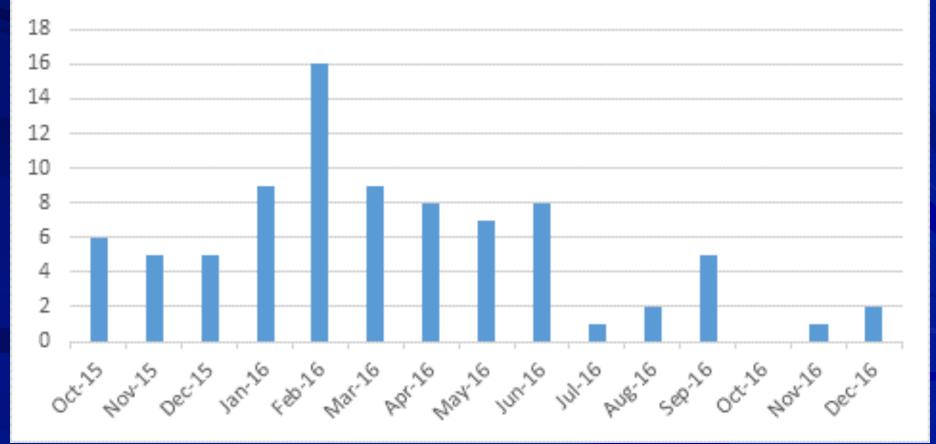
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### Confirmed Dengue from the Americas from October 2015 to December 2016



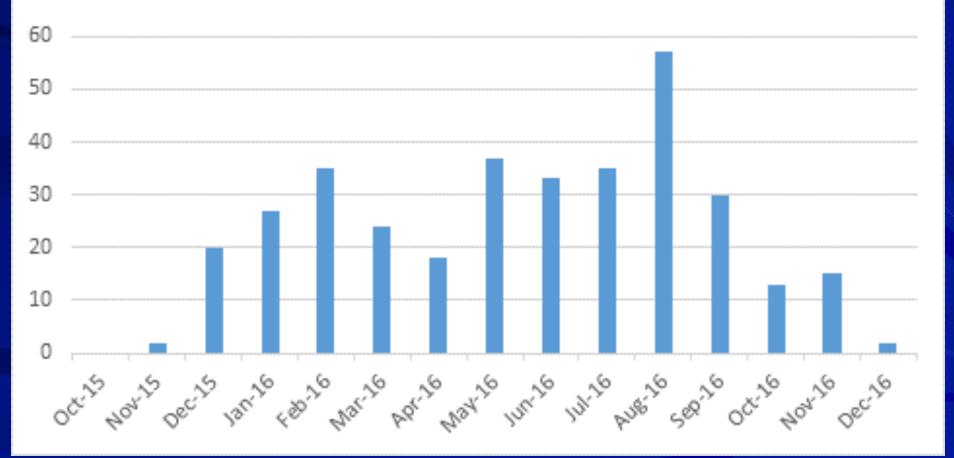
## **GeoSentinel Chikungunya Epi Curve**

### Confirmed CHIKV from the Americas from October 2015 to December 2016



## Zika Epi Curve GeoSentinel Reports

### Confirmed Zika from the Americas from October 2015 to December 2016



Theories on How Zika Was Introduced into Brazil

### 2014 World Cup in Brazil

- Va'a cance event in Rio de Janeiro in August 2014 included participants from French Polynesia
- Confederation Cups soccer tournament in June 2013
  - Phylogenetic analyses suggest single introduction of Zika virus May-Dec 2013
     Faria NR et al Science 2016

# Why has Zika emerged now?

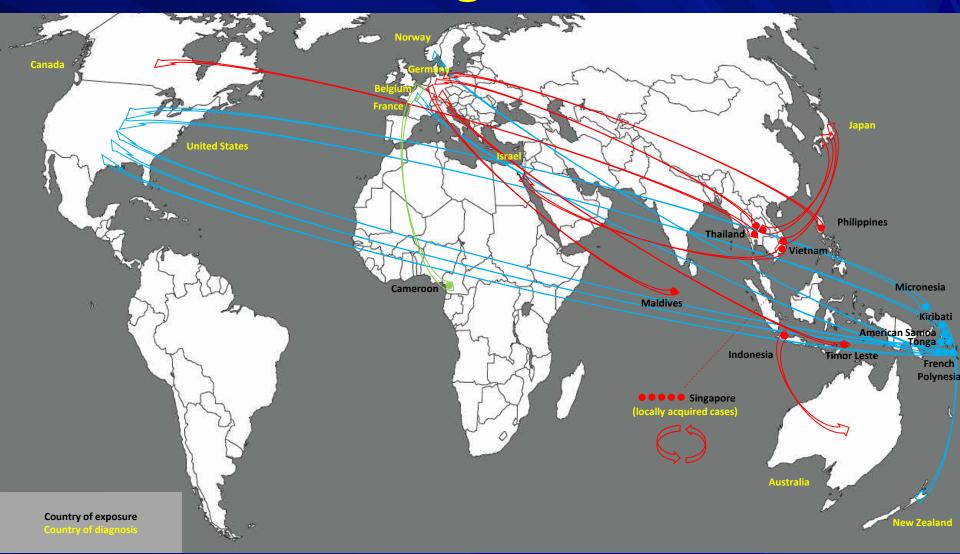
- Naïve populations in South Pacific amplified virus and facilitated spread via global mobility
- Abundance of competent vectors in the Americas
- Antibody-dependent enhancement in a heavily dengue-exposed population
- Mutational change ('Asia strain') enhanced viral infectivity of *Aedes* vectors
- Mutational change higher human viremia and improved transmission efficiency



# Zika in SE Asia, South Pacific and Africa: GeoSentinel Analysis

Database reviewed for reported Zika cases from 1995 to December 2016 Cases classified using modified CSTE definitions – confirmed and probable Comprehensive search of PubMed, ProMED and other outbreak sites to identify reported cases and timing of reporting

# Zika Countries of Exposure and Diagnosis



## **Probable Sentinel Cases** 2012: Indonesia (diagnosed in Australia) Kwong JC et al. AJTMH 2013 2014: the Philippines (dx in Germany) - First case since 2012 for this country 2013: Thailand (dx in Canada) – Serological data in Thailand from the 1950s Fonseca C et al. AJTMH 2014 2015: Vietnam (dx in Israel) - Serological data in Vietnam from the 1950s Pond WL. Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg 1963

## **Sentinel Cases**

2010: Cameroon (diagnosed) retrospectively in Belgium) - Only reported case in Cameroon since 2010 2015: Kirabati (dx in New Zealand) - First known report April 2016: East Timor (dx in Germany) - First known report although only probable



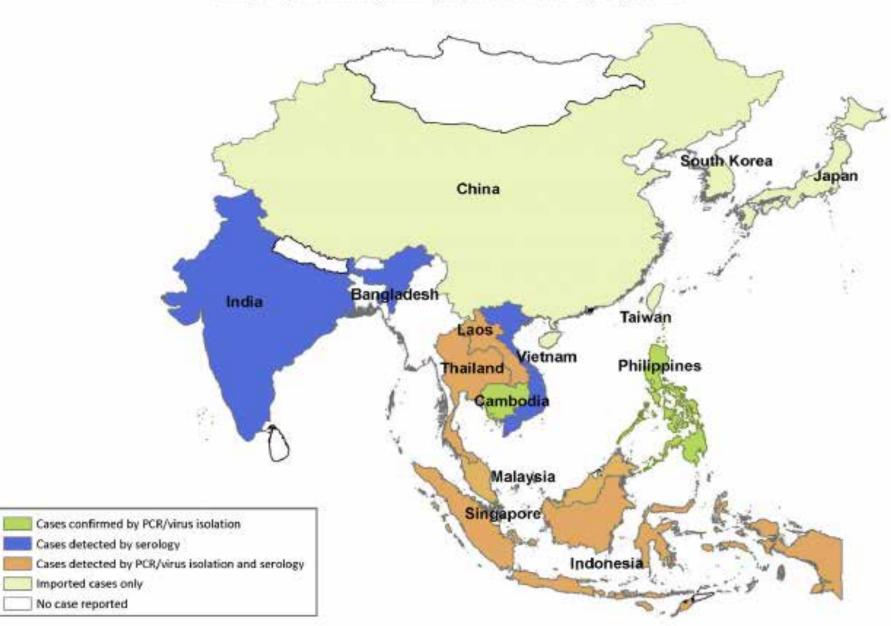
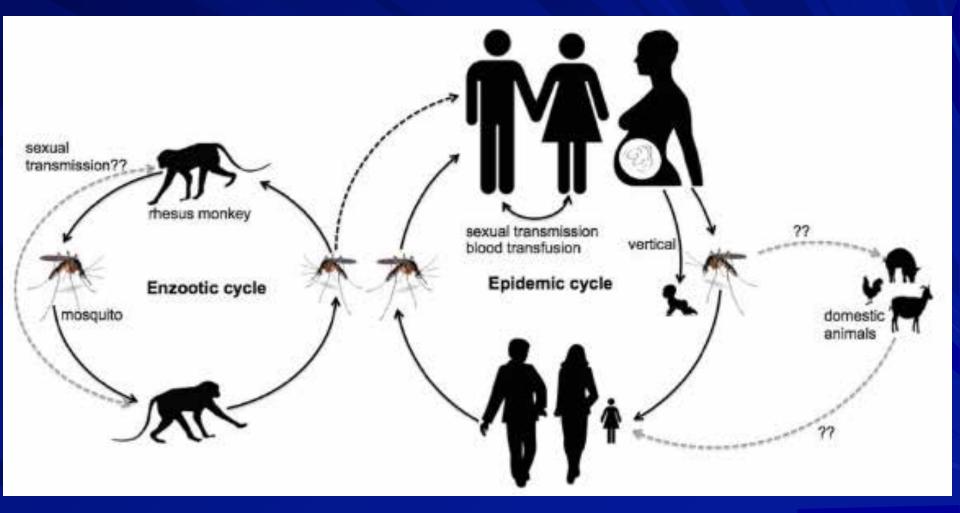


Figure 2. Map of Asian countries in which Zika virus circulation has been reported up to September 1, 2016.

# **Zika Virus Transmission Cycles**



### Basu & Tumban Virol J 2016

## **Mosquito Vectors**



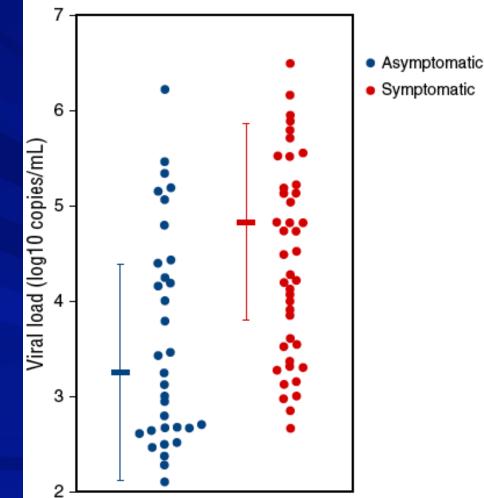
Aedes aegypti main vector Multiple blood meals Humans preferred host Ae. albopictus potential vector Single blood meal Humans and other mammals



## **Transmission – Other Modes Proven:** Sexual - Male to female; male to male; female to male Blood products Documented in Brazil and French Polynesia Theoretically possible: Breast milk - 1 report (Mar 2016) infectious (VL 850k/ml) day 4 postpartum Saliva or tears Transplantation

# **Transmission – Transfusion**

- Martinique January to June 2016
  - Screened 4129 blood donations
  - 1.84% positive by nucleic acid testing
- Contacted donors to determine whether they were or became symptomatic
  - Mean log<sub>10</sub> RNA higher if symptomatic (P = .0013)
    - Gallian P et al. Blood 2017



## **Sexual Transmission**

Preliminary semen carriage studies: - Up to 188 days by PCR Replication competent Zika in semen for 69 days High viral load in semen (and urine) Rarely hematospermia or microhematospermia Viral shedding in vaginal secretions to 14 days and in cervical mucus to day 11 post-symptom onset

Time from sexual contact to symptom onset 8-21 days

Hamer DH et al. Curr Infect Dis Rep 2017

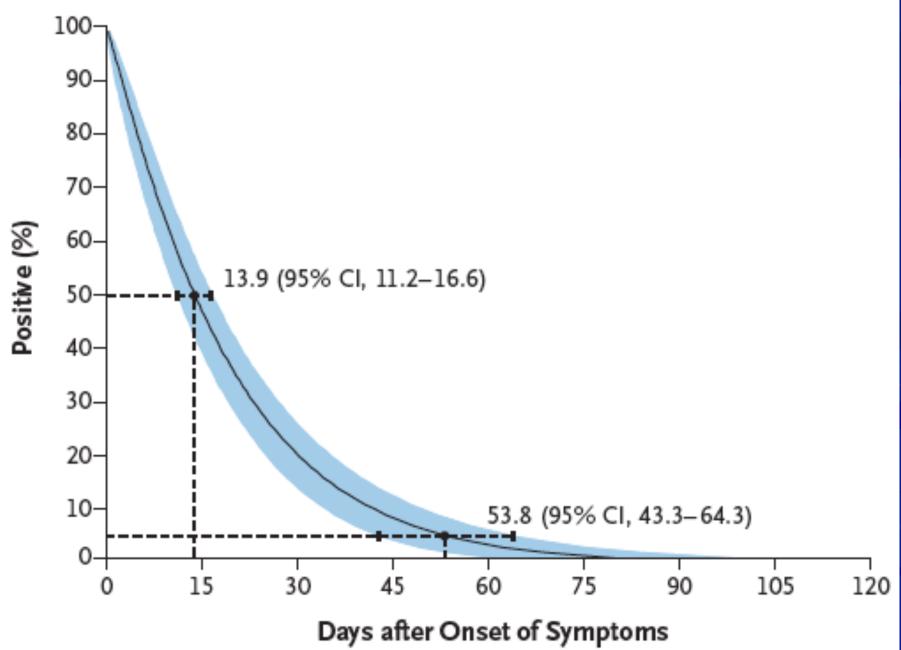
Russell K et al. Clin Infect Dis 2016

## Persistence of Zika Virus in Body Fluids — Preliminary Report

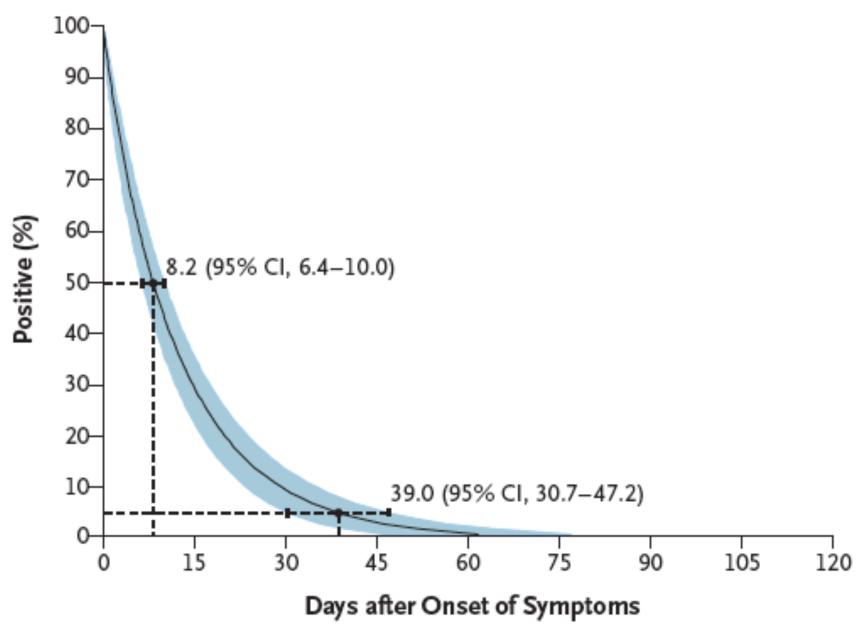
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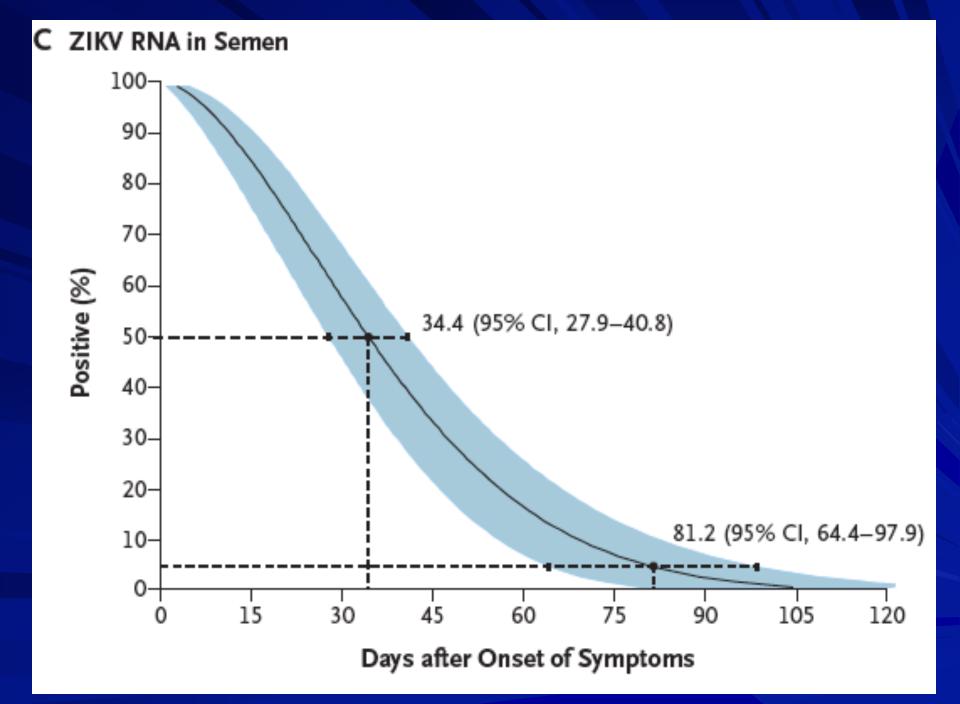
- 150 participants enrolled in Puerto Rico (55 men; 95 women)
- Collected serum, urine, saliva, semen, and vaginal secretions weekly for 1 month then at 2, 4, and 6 months
- Median and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile longest in semen; few positive vaginal or saliva samples
   Paz-Bailey G et al. NEJM 2017

A ZIKV RNA in Serum



### B ZIKV RNA in Urine





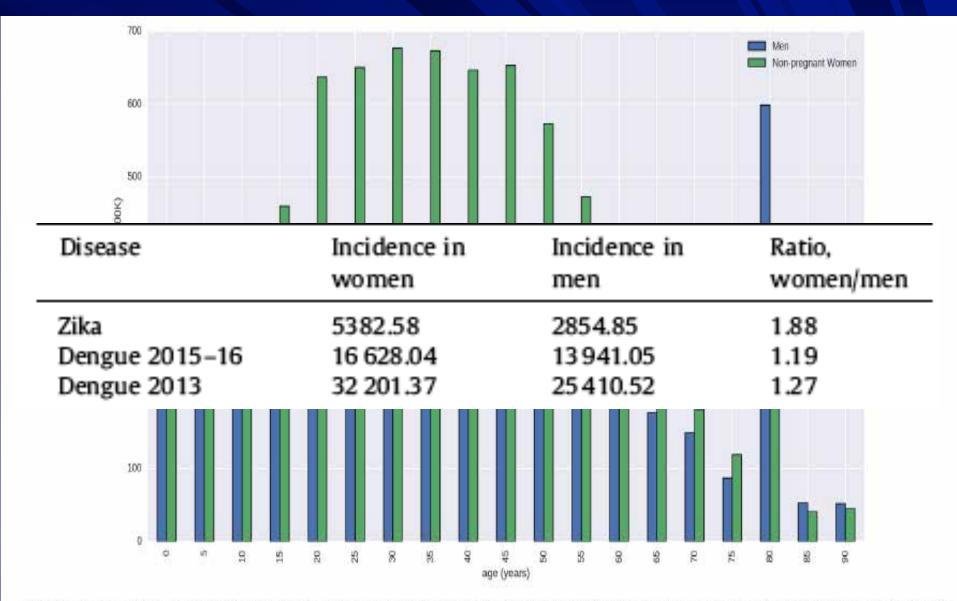


Figure 3. Incidence of Zika in men and women by age group, excluding pregnant women. Pregnant women are excluded because extra efforts were made by the health services to identify all possible Zika cases in this group due to their babies being at high risk of developing neurological complications.

Coelho FC et al. Incidence by sex Zika and dengue in Rio. IJID 2016

#### **Clinical Manifestations**

Estimated 80% asymptomatic Duffy MR et al. NEJM 2009 Incubation period: 2-7 d (7-14 d in mosquitos) - Similar to other flaviviruses Typical presentation: - Maculopapular rash (duration 2-14 d; median 6 d) – Fever (65%)

- Arthralgias (duration 1-14 d; median 3.5 d)
- Conjunctivitis

#### rash

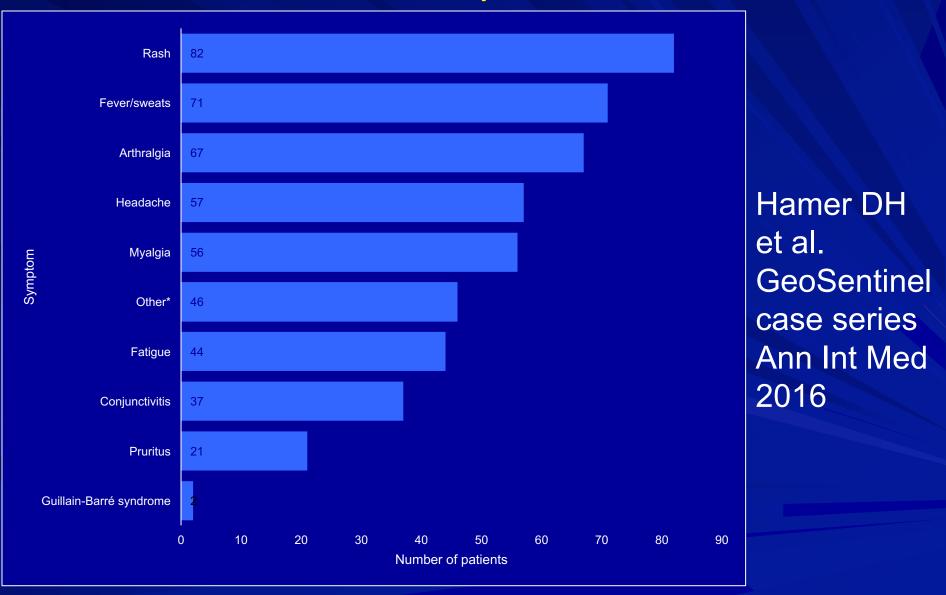
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# Maculopapular rash after travel to Haiti

#### Clinical symptoms and signs in 93 patients with Zika virus disease acquired in the Americas



#### Less Common Signs

- Joint swelling
- GI: diarrhea, nausea, vomiting
- Paraesthesias
- Retro-orbital pain
- Pharyngitis
- Dysgeusia
- Subcutaneous hematomas

## Substantial Clinical Overlap Among Common Arboviruses

Feature	Zika	Dengue	Chikungunya
Fever	++	+++	+++
Rash	+++	+	++
Arthralgia/ arthritis	++	+	+++
Conjunctivitis	++	-	-
Myalgia	+	++	+
Headache	+	++	++
Hemorrhage	Rare	++	-
Shock	-	+	-

#### Co-infection Data for 346 Nicaragua Children Waggoner JJ et al. CID 2016

ZCD Assay Result	Number, n (% of all Samples)	
Positive	263 (76.0)	
Monoinfections	192 (55.5)	
ZIKV	47 (13.6)	
CHIKV	91 (26.3)	
DENV <sup>a</sup>	54 (15.6)	
Coinfections	71 (20.5)	
ZIKV-CHIKV	16 (4.6)	
ZIKV-DENV <sup>a</sup>	6 (1.7)	
CHIKV-DENV <sup>a</sup>	43 (12.4)	
ZIKV-CHIKV-DENV <sup>a</sup>	6 (1.7)	
Negative	83 (24.0)	

Abbreviations: CHIKV, chikungunya virus; DENV, dengue virus; ZCD, multiplex real-time reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction for the detection and differentiation of ZIKV, CHIKV, and DENV; ZIKV, Zika virus.

Serotypes of 109 DENV-positive samples: DENV-2, 107; DENV-1, 1; DENV-4, 1.

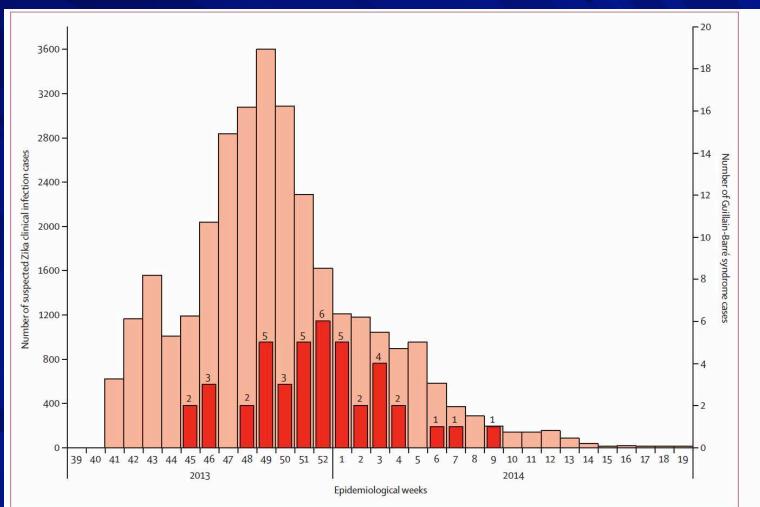
# **Zika Complications**



# Zika Neurological Complications

Congenital Zika syndrome
Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS)
Meningoencephalitis
Acute myelitis
Hearing loss
Posterior uveitis

Weekly cases of suspected ZIKV infections and Guillain-Barre syndrome in French Polynesia between October 2013 and April 2014



# ZIKV-Associated GBS in French Polynesia

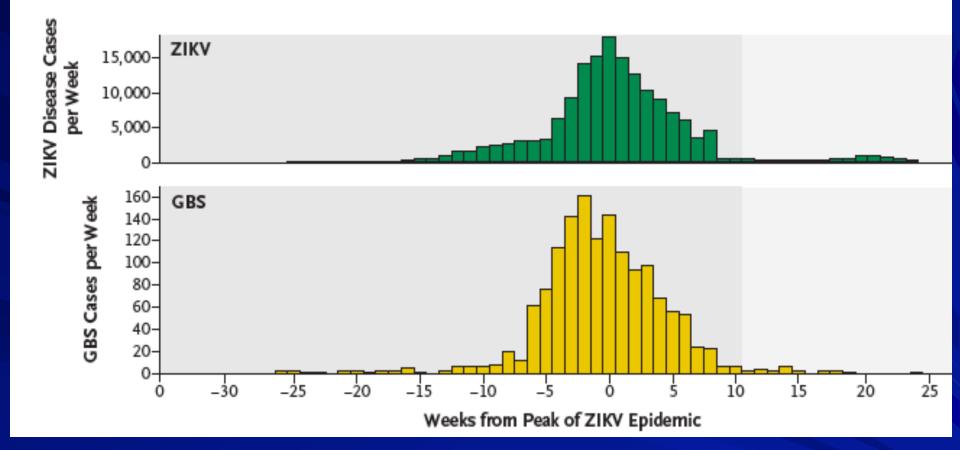
- 42 patients median age 42 y; 74% men; 100% with neutralizing antibodies to Zika Estimated 0.24 cases per 1000 ZIKV infections Neurological symptoms median 6 d after recent acute illness (Zika) Rapid progression to nadir (median 6 d)
  - from onset neurological symptoms)

Cao-Lormeau et al. Lancet 2016

#### **ZIKV-Associated GBS**

- No difference past dengue infection
   Clinical presentation:
  - Generalized muscle weakness: 74%
  - Inability to walk: 44%
  - Facial palsy: 64%
  - Required respiratory assistance: 29%
- EPS findings compatible with acute motor axonal neuropathy type
   Cao-Lormeau VM et al Lancet 2016

Case Series of ZIKV Disease and GBS Aligned to the Week of Peak Incidence of ZIKV Disease



 Increased incidence GBS 2 to 9.8 times baseline
 Dos Santos T et al. Case series from 7 countries. NEJM 2016.

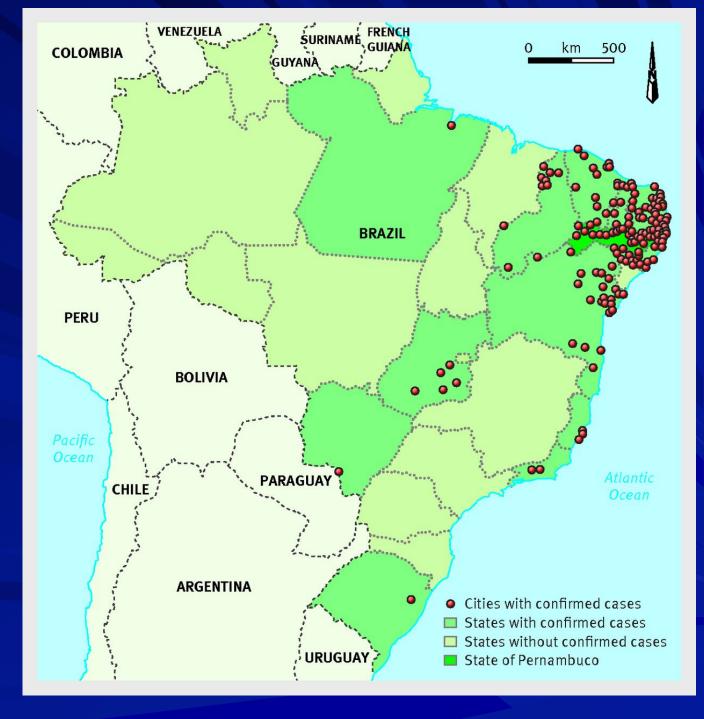
# **Congenital Zika Syndrome**



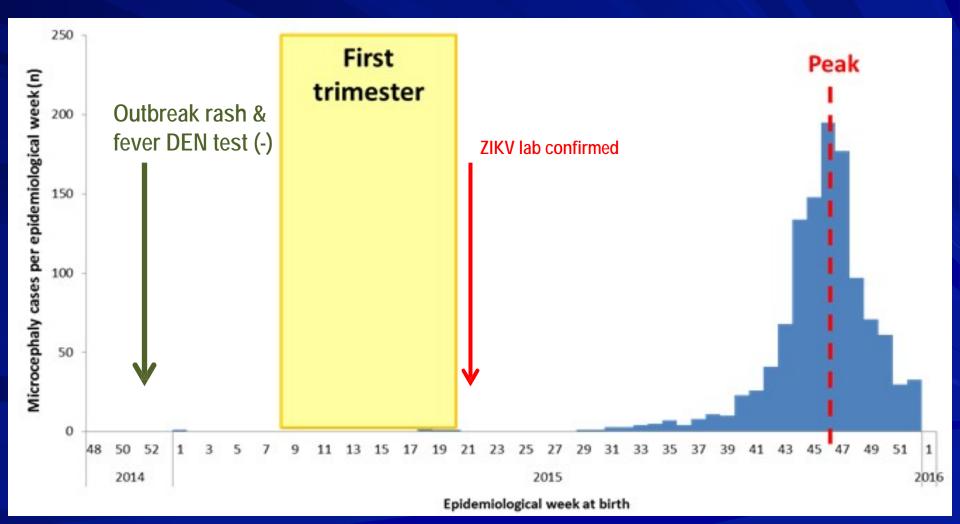
**Courtesy of NBC News** 

Notified cases of microcephaly up to 3 Feb 2016

Vasco Aragao MF et al. BMJ 2016



#### Epidemic curve of microcephaly cases among at-term newborns Pernambuco State, Brazil, 2015



# Trimester and Risk of Congenital Zika Infection

Municipality-level data indicate suspected microcephaly reports in Brazil correlate best with ZIKV incidence around week 17 of pregnancy Faria NR et al Science 2016 Risk greatest first trimester Johansson MA et al. NEJM 2016 Low risk third trimester in Colombia Pacheco O et al NEJM 2016

#### **Fetal Brain Disruption Sequence**

Extreme microcephaly
Overlapping sutures
Prominent occipital bone
Scalp rugae\*
Marked neurological impairment

Corona-Rivera, et al. Report and review of the fetal brain disruption sequence. Eur J Pediatr. Nov 2001.

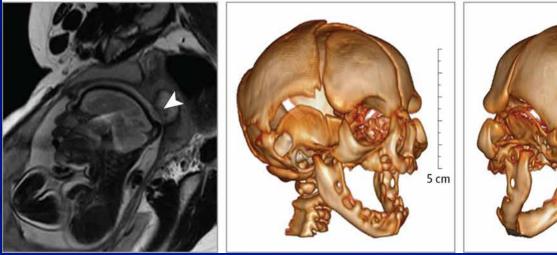
A Lateral view of skull irregularities B Excessive scalp with folds

**C** Lateral skull radiograph





- E 3-Dimensional skull reconstruction
- F 3-Dimensional skull reconstruction





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Shepard's criteria for teratogenicity: 1. Proven exposure during a critical time in development

First/second trimester

- Microcephaly
- Brain anomalies calcifications, lissencephaly, cerebellar hypogenesis, ventriculomegaly
- Third trimester
  - Growth restriction
  - Stillbirth (without gross anomalies)

Shepard. "Proof" of human teratogenicity. Teratology, 1994. Rasmussen et al. Zika virus and birth defects – reviewing the evidence for causality. NEJM May 2016

2. Consistency across ≥ 2 high quality epidemiologic studies Brasil et al, NEJM (Brazil) - 88 symptomatic women, 72 with + serology 7 fetuses with CNS lesions ■5 IUGR +/- microcephaly 2 stillbirths Cauchemez et al, Lancet (French Polynesia) - Time analysis of cases of microcephaly, 88% occurred shortly after the 7 month outbreak Brasil et al, Zika virus infection in pregnant women in Rio de Janeiro – Preliminary Report. NEJM 2016.

Cauchemez, et al. Association between Zika virus and microcephaly in French Polynesia, 2013-2015: a retrospective study. Lancet May 2016.

#### 3. Characterized phenotype

Congenital Zika syndrome Microcephaly – not a necessary feature Reduced brain volume Intracranial calcifications - Ventriculomegaly, lissencephaly, pachygyria - Ocular manifestations Fetal brain disruption sequence

Ventura, Zika: neurological and ocular findings infant without microcephaly. Lancet 2016.

Franca et al, Congenital Zika virus syndrome in Brazil: a case series of the first 1501 live births with complete investigation. Lancet August 2016.

#### 4. Rare exposure - rare phenotype

Repeated reports of congenital Zika syndrome in fetuses of women who have traveled to affected areas

- Brazil
- Haiti
- Puerto Rico
- Cape Verde
- El Salvador

Meaney-Delman et al. Zika virus infection among U.S. pregnant travelers – August 2015-Febrary 2016. MWMR 2016.

#### Criteria for Proof of Teratogenicity of Zika Virus in Pregnancy

Criterion	Evidence	Criterion Met?
Proven exposure to agent during critical prenatal development	Case series and epi studies suggest late 1 <sup>st</sup> to early 2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester	Yes
Consistent findings 2+ high quality epi studies	Brazil and Columbian data	Partially
Specific deficit or syndrome	Phenotype well characterized in fetuses	Yes
Rare environmental exposure	Microcephaly cases post- travel to endemic areas	Yes
Animal teratogenicity	No good animal models	No
Association makes biological sense	Congenital syndrome similar to TORCH, Zika neurotropism	Yes

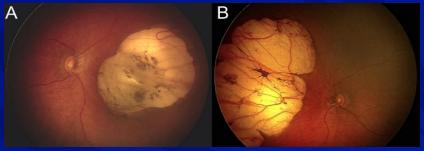
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# Congenital Zika Syndrome Common Manifestations

Early miscarriage

Brain injury related problems

- Eye abnormalities
- Hearing impairment
- Seizures
- Swallowing impairment
- Hydrocephalus
- Limb abnormalities
- Severe irritability
- Developmental delay





Pictures from http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/picturegalleries/worldne ws/12125010/Zika-virus-outbreak-spreads-across-Southand-Central-America-in-pictures.html?frame=3561550



# Zika Diagnosis

Reverse transcriptase PCR of plasma (urine, saliva, CSF) in first 7 d post-symptom onset
 Blood PCR may remain positive longer than urine or plasma

IgM serology cross reacts with dengue need negative dengue or 4X higher Zika titer plus ideally PRNT confirmation

4 fold rise titer by PRNT acute vs. convalescent sera

Direct viral detection in amniotic fluid or tissue

# **Zika Diagnostic Options**

Monoplex RT-PCR serum, urine, CSF, or amniotic fluid

- Trioplex Real Time RT PCR (Zika, dengue, and chikungunya
- MAC ELISA for anti-Zika IgM
- Euroimmun for anti-Zika IgM and IgG
- PRNT confirmation of IgM and IgG
- Anti-Zika IgG available in Europe
- New assays under development (NS-1 Ag)

**Treatment of Zika Virus Disease** Supportive treatment with acetaminophen, hydration, and rest Avoid aspirin and NSAIDs until dengue has been ruled out Urgent medical care needed if symptoms of GBS develop No specific antiviral therapy available In vitro data suggest sofosbuvir, chloroquine, and azithromycin active against Zika Hamer DH et al. Curr Infect Dis Rep 2017

#### Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika

# **GOING TO THE CARIBBEAN?**

MOSQUITOES

spread diseases such as CHIKUNGUNYA and DENGUE.

Mosquitoes bite during the day and night. Protect yourself by preventing mosquito bites.

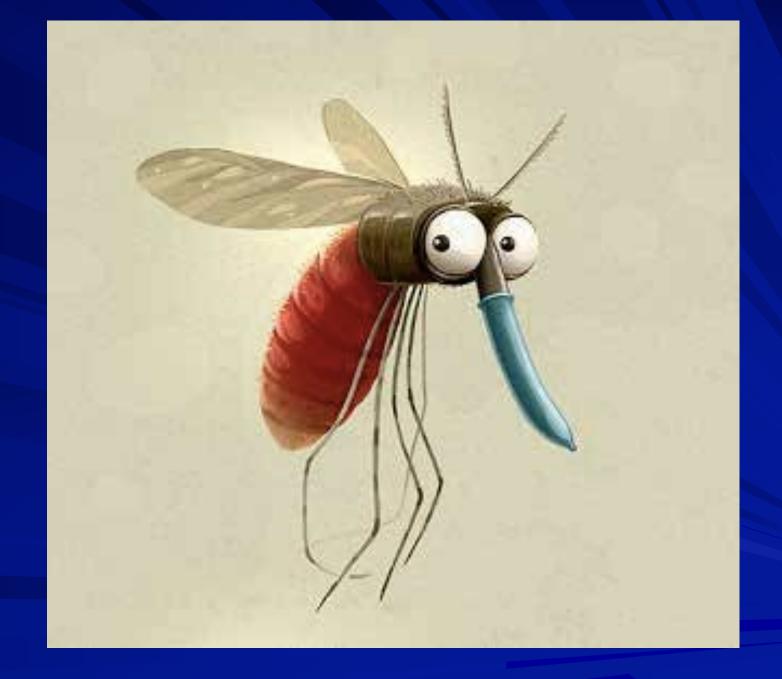
#### DON'T LET MOSQUITOES RUIN YOUR TRIP.

For more information: call 800-CDC-INFO (232-4636) or visit www.cdc.gov/travel.



# Zika Public Health Control Measures

Screening blood products Reduce mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from containers (community mobilization) Genetically modified mosquitoes Vaccines – under development



#### The Zika Virus Is Spreading in Miami, CDC Issues Travel Warning ...Us Weekly

Carlos Varas, a Miami-Dade County mosquito inspector, sprays around homes in the Wynwood area of Miami on August 2, 2016 Credit: Emily Michot/Miami



#### Zika Vaccines

Two DNA vaccines completed Phase 1 – Phase 2 started June in Puerto Rico for one – Phase 2 starting Jan 2017 for the other Whole inactivated vaccine with alum Phase 1 starting soon WHO website has about 20 different vaccines (live attenuated, chimeric, recombinant subunit, mRNA, VSV) Target populations: WORA, their sexual partners, travelers

#### **Pregnant?**

Warning: Zika might be linked to birth defects There is no vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection

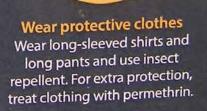
# Protect yourself from mosquito bites



Daytime is most dangerous Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.



Use insect repellent It works! Look for the following active ingredients: • DEET • PICARIDIN • IR3535





Mosquito-proof your home Use scittuns on windows and doors. Use air conditioning when available. Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.

#### For more information:

www.cdc.gov/chikungunya • www.cdc.gov/dengue • www.cdc.gov/zika



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### **Travel and Pregnancy**

Women who are pregnant should avoid travel to areas with ongoing Zika transmission - Modified (based on epidemiological data on Ae. aegypti distribution and dengue risk) to avoid travel to elevations <2000 m

Screen pregnant women after travel to Zika-infected areas



#### **Personal Protection Measures**

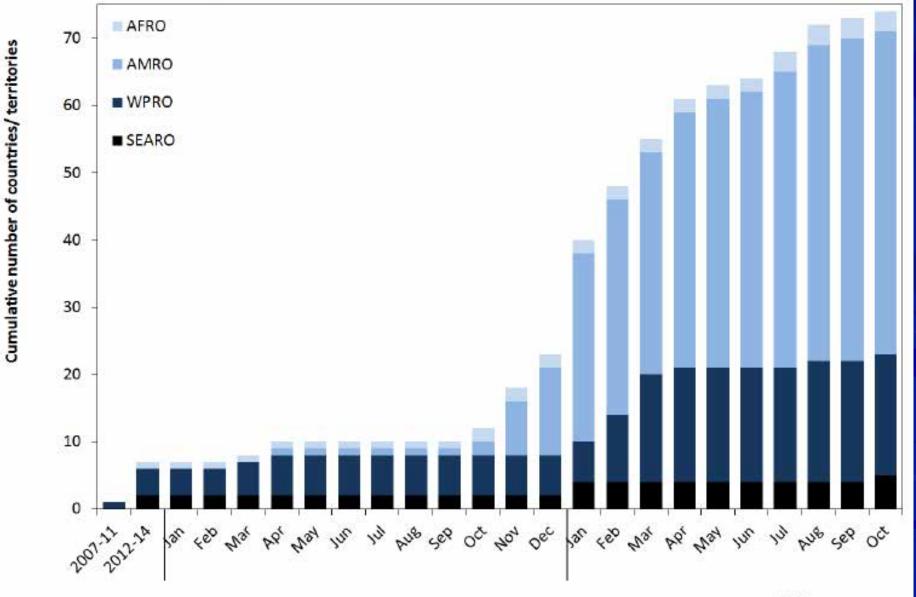
- Dark colors and strong scents attract mosquitoes
- Insect repellents providing long lasting protection:
  - DEET (20-30%)
  - Picaridin (icaridin) (20%)
  - IR3535
  - Oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol
  - If using both sunscreen and insect repellent, apply sunscreen first and then repellent
- Permethrin treatment of clothing

# Prevention of Sexual Transmission of Zika

After visiting areas with local Zika transmision:

- Sexual partners of pregnant women should practice safe sex or abstain from sexual activity for duration of pregnancy
- Men, both symptomatic and asymptomatic, should wait at least 6 months before attempting conception
- Asymptomatic and symptomatic women returning should wait at least 8 weeks before attempting conception

Figure 1. Cumulative number of countries and territories by WHO region<sup>3</sup> reporting mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission for the first time by year (2007–2014), and by month from 1 January 2015 to 26 October 2016



#### WHO Classifications of Zika Transmission

- Category 1: Countries with a reported outbreak from 2015 onwards
  - e.g. Angola, Brazil, Maldives
- Category 2: Countries with evidence of transmission before 2015 and ongoing transmission
  - e.g. Haiti, Viet Nam

 Category 3: Countries with evidence of local mosquito-borne Zika infections in or before 2015, but without documentation of cases in 2016, or outbreak terminated (interrupted transmision) e.g. Easter Island, French Polynesia

#### Conclusions

- Zika virus responsible for large outbreak in the Americas
- Clinical overlap with dengue and chikungunya
- Substantial morbidity due to congenital Zika syndrome and, to lesser extent, other neurological complications
- PCR preferred for diagnosis
- Improved diagnostics, Zika vaccine and potential therapeutics in near future
- Useful resources: CATMAT guidelines, CDC, PAHO and WHO web sites

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