

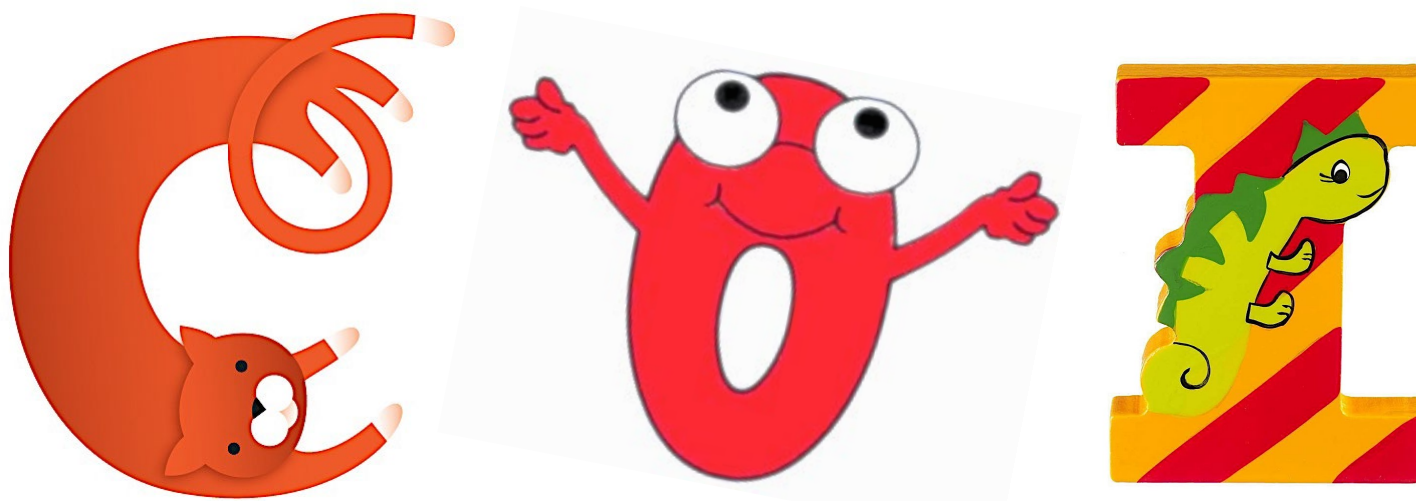


Symposium 6
Neuro Vaccines

Vaccines to Prevent Brain Damage in Newborns/Fetuses

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I will mention a number of unapproved vaccines, including ones developed by the abovementioned companies.

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Toxoplasma

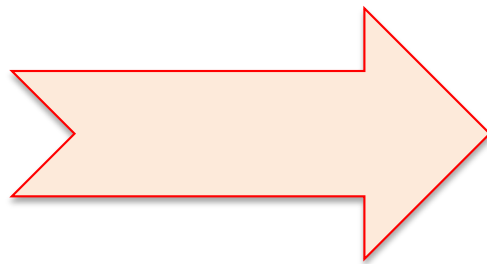
Herpes simplex virus

Others

Cytomegalovirus

(Syphilis, Zika virus)

Rubella



- Brain damage (microcephaly, hydrocephalus, calcification, cortical atrophy, etc.)
- Sensorineural hearing loss
- Chorioretinitis

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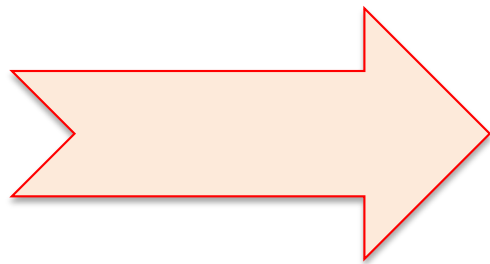
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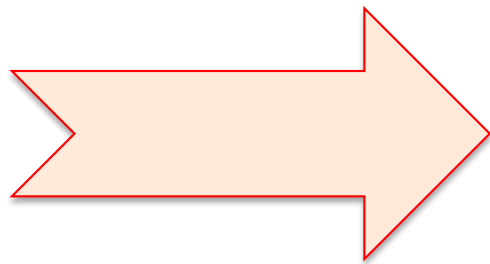
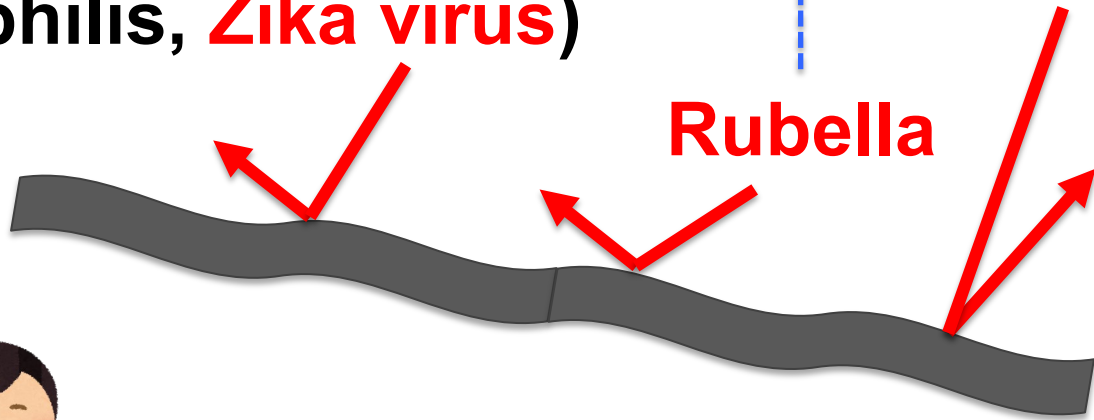


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Vaccines

to prevent fetal/neonatal brain damage following maternal infection

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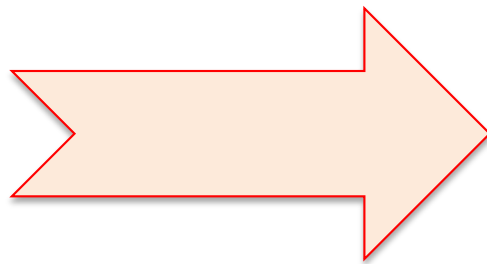
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Burden of Congenital CMV Infection

Congenital CMV infection rates in live births

Japan*	0.32%
North America, Europe, & Australia	0.5 – 1%
Latin America, Africa & most Asian countries	1 – 2%

Estimated annual live births with congenital CMV

Brazil	~ 35,000
India	270,000 ~ 540,000
<u>Japan*</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Nigeria	65,000 ~ 130,000
USA	20,000 ~ 30,000



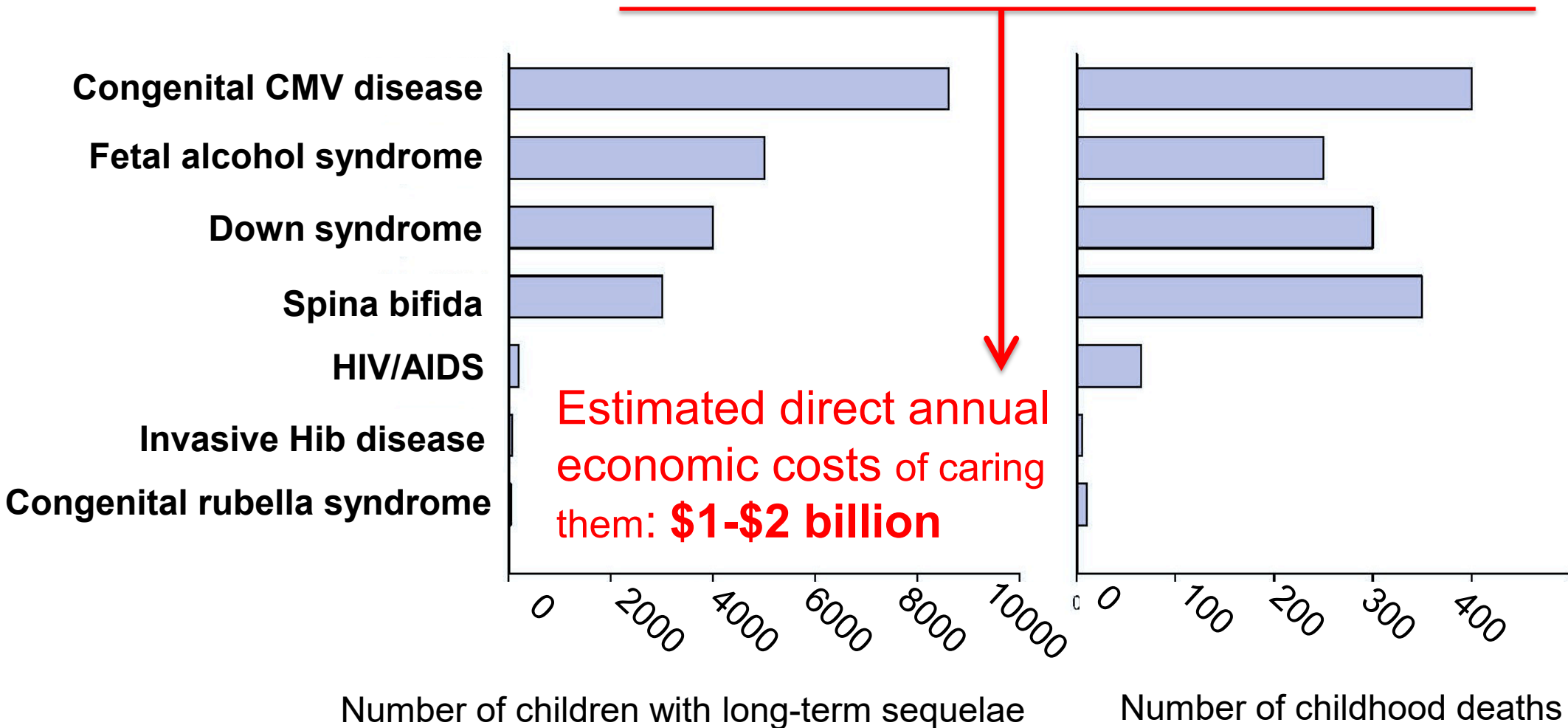
https://www.who.int/immunization/research/meetings_workshops/PDVAC_2017_CMV_Plotkin.pdf?ua=1

*Koyano S, Inoue N, Oka A, Moriuchi H, et al. BMJ Open 2011;1:000118



Estimates of the annual burden of the prominent childhood diseases/syndromes in the USA

An estimated 40,000 children are born with congenital CMV, causing an estimated 400 deaths and leaving approximately 8,000 children with permanent disabilities every year.



Vaccines for the 21st Century

Institute of Medicine, USA

<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/550.html>

Candidate vaccines according to a cost-effectiveness ratio of cost per QALY

Level I	Most favorable	Save money and QALYs
Level II	More favorable	Costs <\$10,000 per QALY saved
Level III	Favorable	Costs >\$10,000 and <\$100,000 per QALY
Level IV	Less favorable	Costs >\$100,000 per QALY saved



- **CMV vaccine** administered to 12-year-olds
- **Group B streptococcus vaccine** to be well-incorporated into routine prenatal care and administered to women during first pregnancy and to high-risk adults
- **Influenza virus vaccine** administered to the general population (once per person every 5 years, or one-fifth of the population)
- **Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus therapeutic vaccine**
- **Multiple sclerosis therapeutic vaccine**
- **Rheumatoid arthritis therapeutic vaccine**
- ***Streptococcus pneumoniae* vaccine** to be given to infants and to 65-year-olds

Live attenuated CMV vaccine

Recombinant CMV gB vaccine

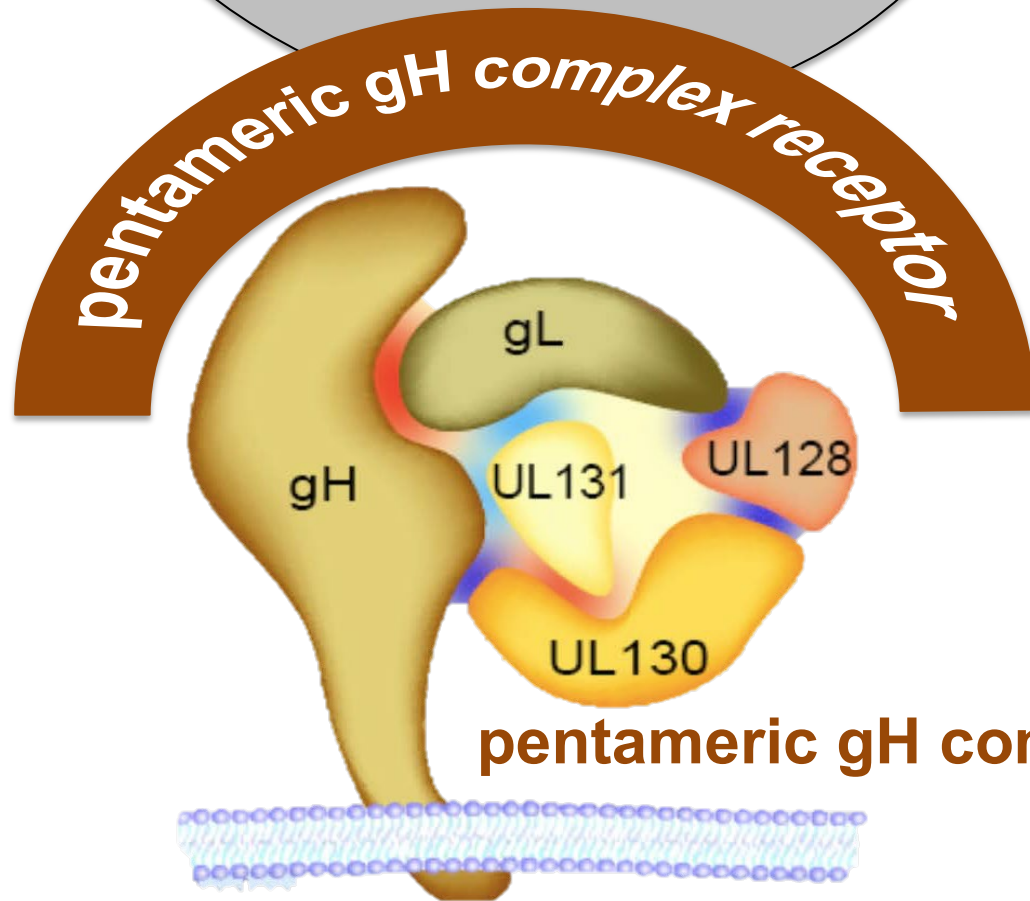
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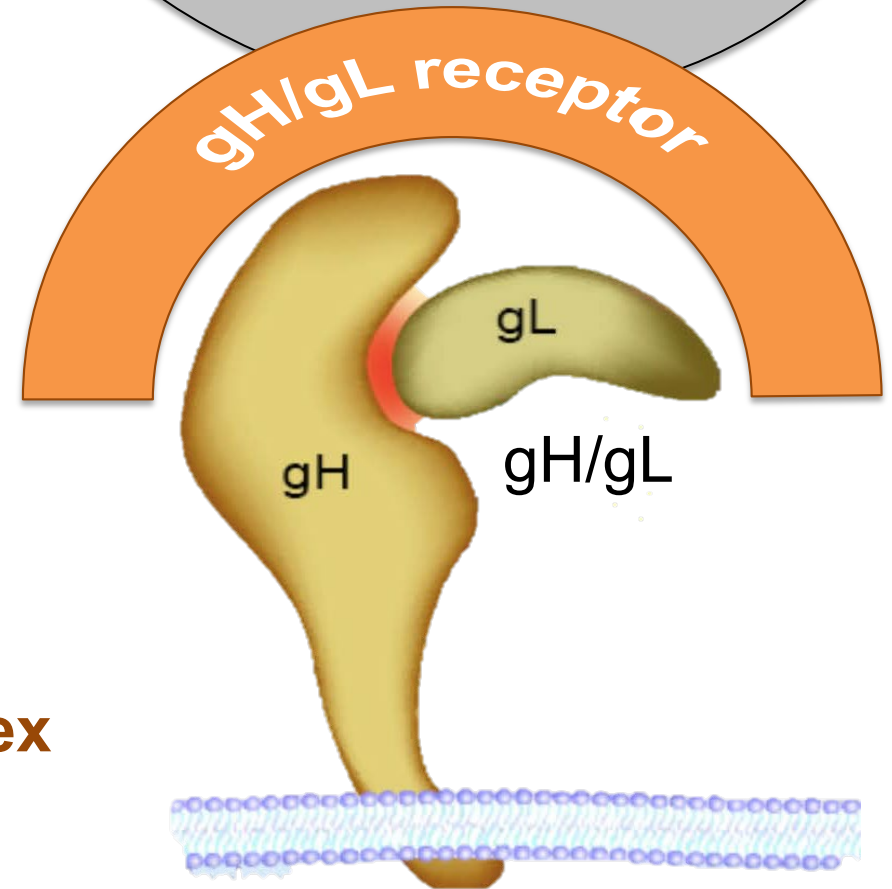
Several decades of extensive research have not met such urgent need

Epithelial/endothelial cell
(the main targets *in vivo*)

Fibroblast
(susceptible *in vitro*)

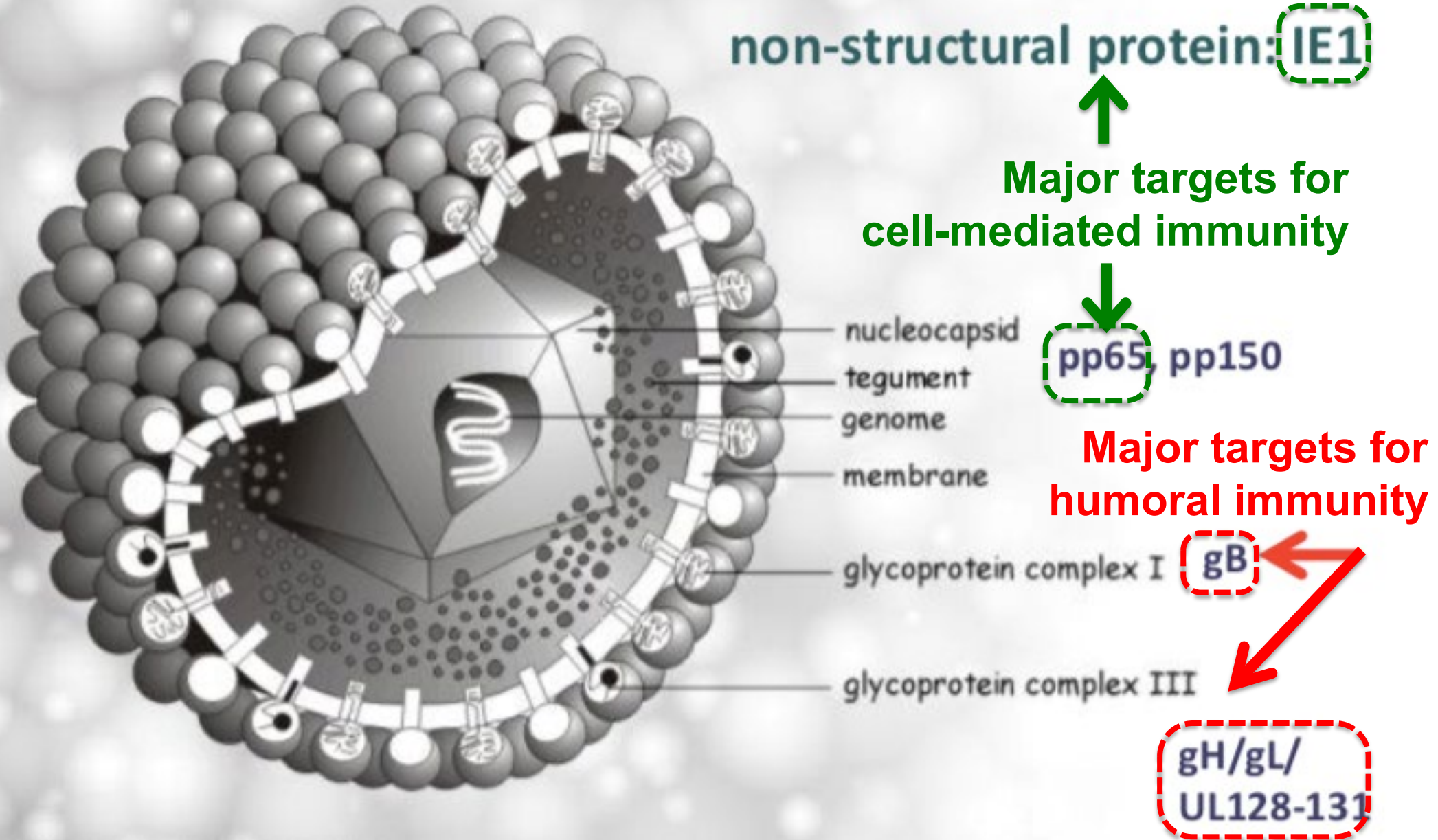


CMV (wild strain)



CMV (laboratory/**vaccine** strain)

Inducing Cell-mediated Immunity



Maternal humoral immunity did not prevent congenital CMV infection

The New England Journal of Medicine

2001; 344: 1366-71

INTRAUTERINE TRANSMISSION OF CYTOMEGALOVIRUS TO INFANTS OF WOMEN WITH PRECONCEPTIONAL IMMUNITY



SURESH B. BOPPANA, M.D., LISA B. RIVERA, M.P.H., M.B.A., KAREN B. FOWLER, DR.P.H., MICHAEL MACH, PH.D., AND WILLIAM J. BRITT, M.D.

Eleven of the 16 mothers with infected infants (69%) had antibodies against the gH epitopes present on two laboratory CMV strains, AD169 and Towne.

In a woman who is seropositive for CMV, reinfection with a different CMV strain can lead to intrauterine transmission and symptomatic congenital infection.



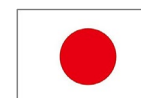
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Two (11%) of 18 cases of congenital CMV infection occurred via maternal CMV reinfection.

Maternal humoral immunity did not prevent congenital CMV infection with another gH subtype.

Short communication

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) glycoprotein H-based serological analysis in Japanese healthy pregnant women, and in neonates with congenital CMV infection and their mothers

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Likelihood of Transplacental Transmission of CMV from Mothers with Primary and Non-primary infection

From mothers

with **primary** infection **30 ~ 50%**

with **non-primary** infection **0.2 ~ 2%**

Estimated Annual Number of Children with Congenital CMV in the USA from Mothers with Primary and Non-primary Infection during Pregnancy

Wang et al., Clin Infect Dis 2011

Children with congenital CMV

born to sero**negative** mothers **3,722** (4,419 ~ 16,049)

born to sero**positive** mothers **29,918** (23,508 ~ 36,830)

Non-primary infection occurs more frequently than primary infection

Challenges for Developing CMV Vaccines

- Protective immune responses have not been defined.
- Preexisting seroimmunity does not provide complete protection.
- Most infants with congenital CMV in highly seropositive populations including low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) are born to mothers with preexisting seroimmunity.



Vaccine strategies that have been focused on preventing primary maternal infection during pregnancy may not be appropriate.

- Precise estimates of disease burden in LMIC are limited.



Insufficient interest by vaccine manufacturers and policymakers.

CMV Vaccine Candidates in Development or Clinical Trials

Live CMV Vaccines

Vaccine		Manufacturer	Clinical trials
Towne-Toledo chimera		MedImmune	
Replication-defective virus		Merck	Phase IIb
Alphavirus replicon		Novartis	Phase I
Vectored	MVA	City of Hope	Phase I
	Adeno	Queenland Inst	
	LCMV	Hookipa	Phase II
	ALVAC	Pasteur/Merieux	

Non-living CMV Vaccines

Vaccine (platform/Ag)		Manufacturer	Clinical trial
Subunit (recombinant)	gB	Sanofi Pasteur	Phase II
		GSK	
	Pentameric gH complex	Human Biomed	
Peptides		City of Hope	
DNA	gB + pp65	Astellas/Vical	Phase III
	gB + pp65 + IE1		Phase I
RNA (mRNA in LNP)		GSK/Moderna	
Dense bodies		Vaccine Project Management (Germany)	
eVLP*	gB	Variation Biotech	Phase I
	gB, pentameric gH, etc	RedVax GmbH	

*enveloped virus-like particle

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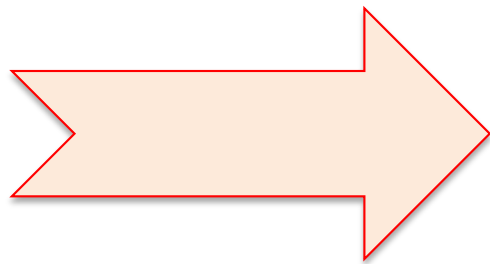
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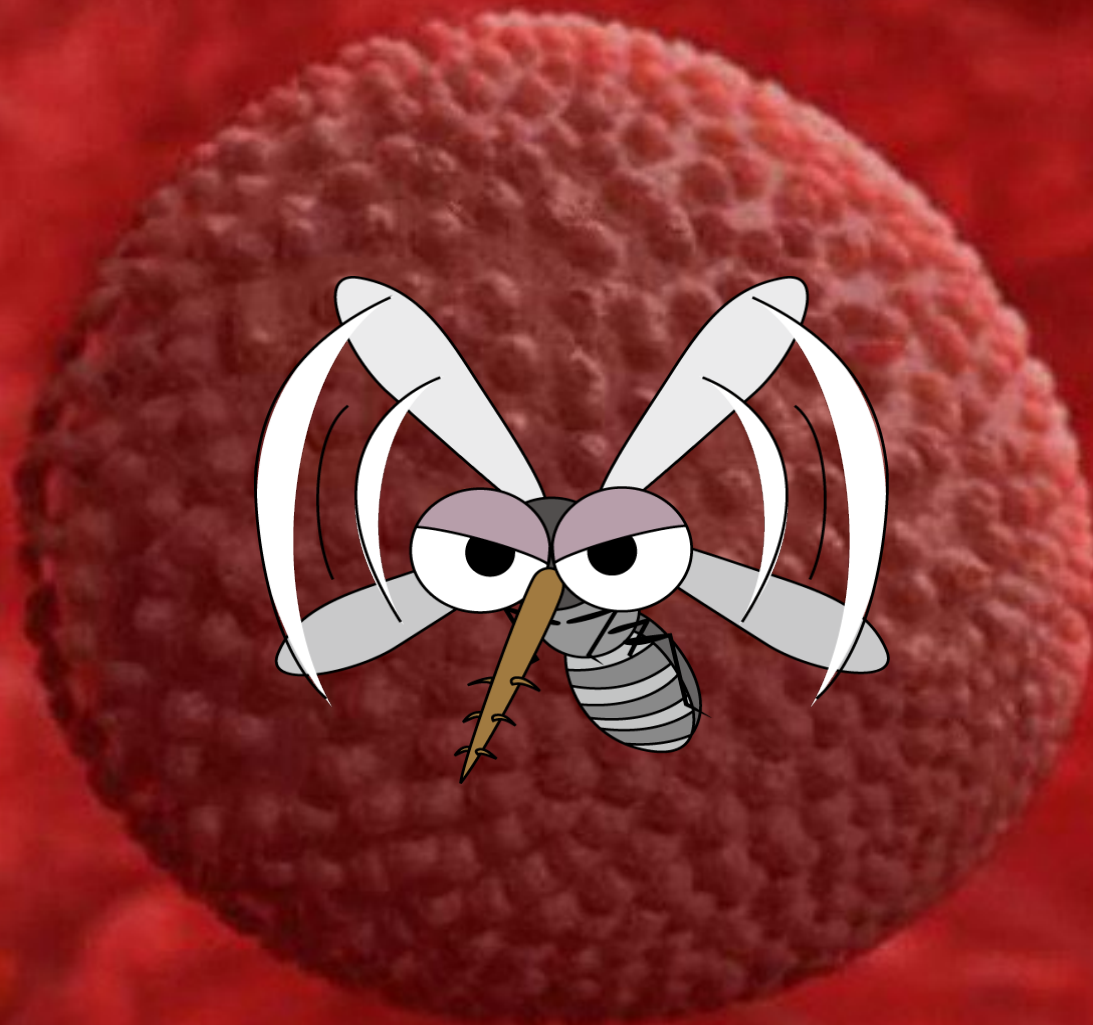
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FLAVIVIRUS

Enveloped ssRNA(+) virus



Yellow fever virus

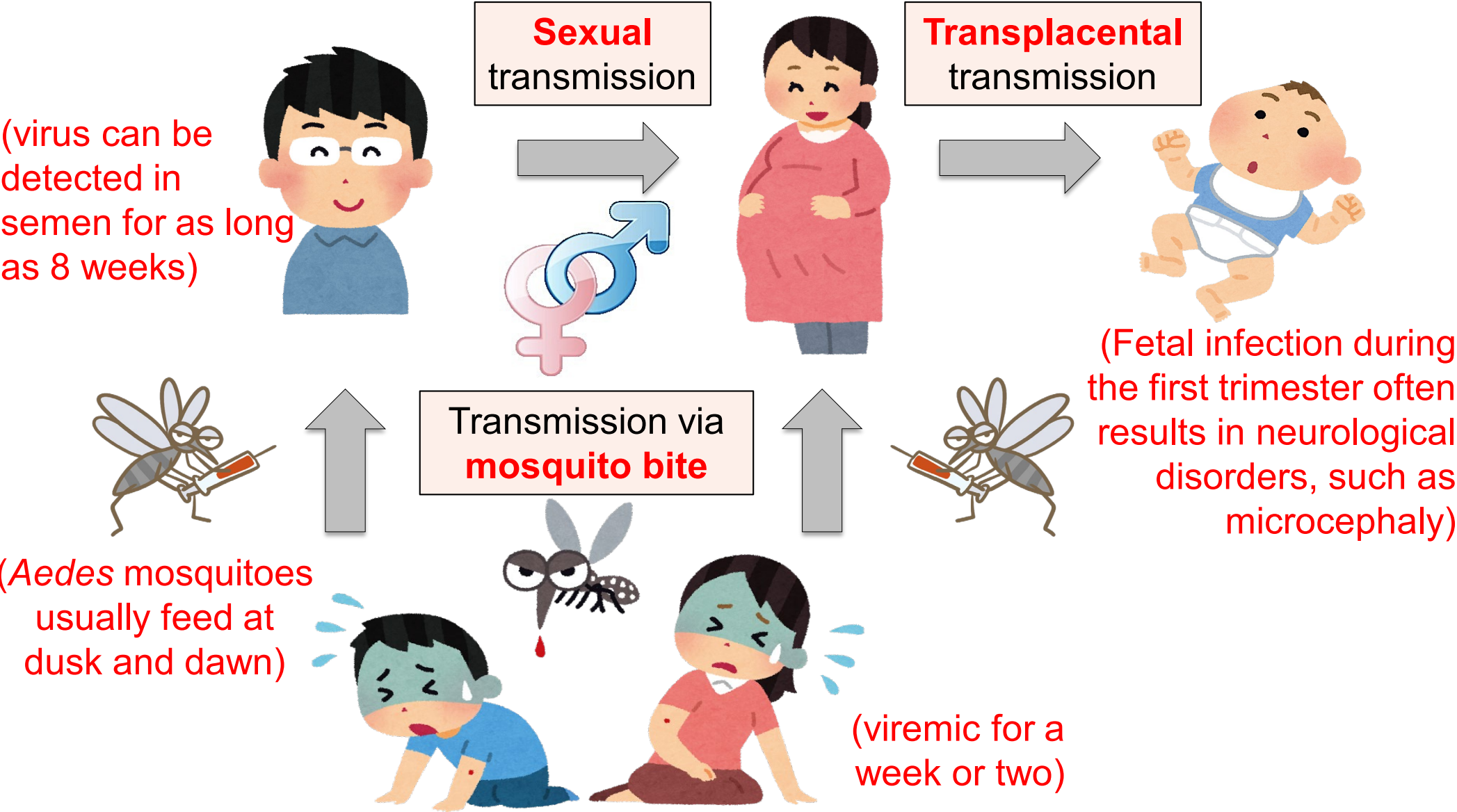
Dengue virus

Zika virus

West Nile virus

Japanese encephalitis virus

Zika Virus Transmission Cycle



Microcephaly



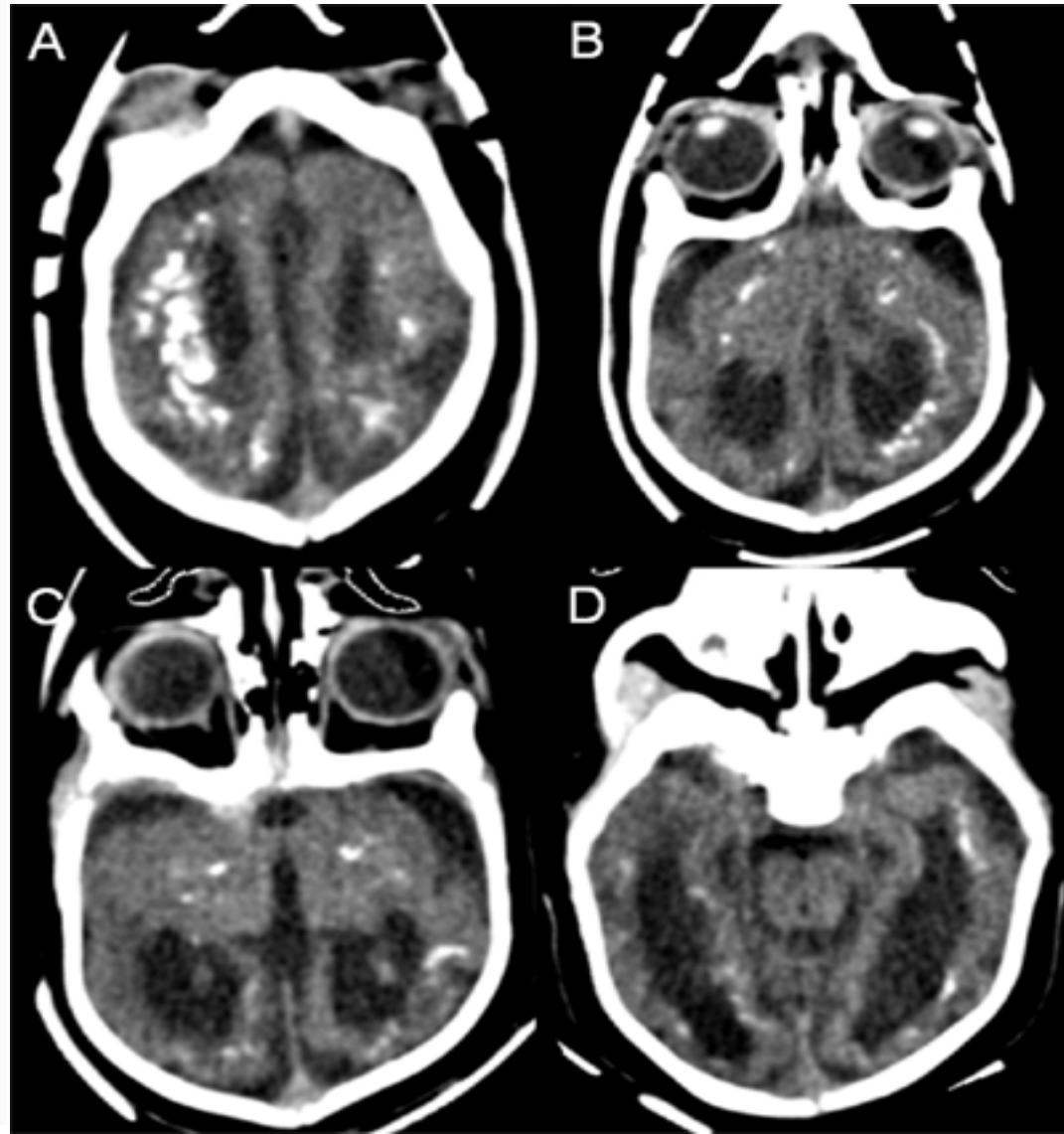
Baby with Typical Head Size



Baby with Microcephaly



Baby with Severe Microcephaly

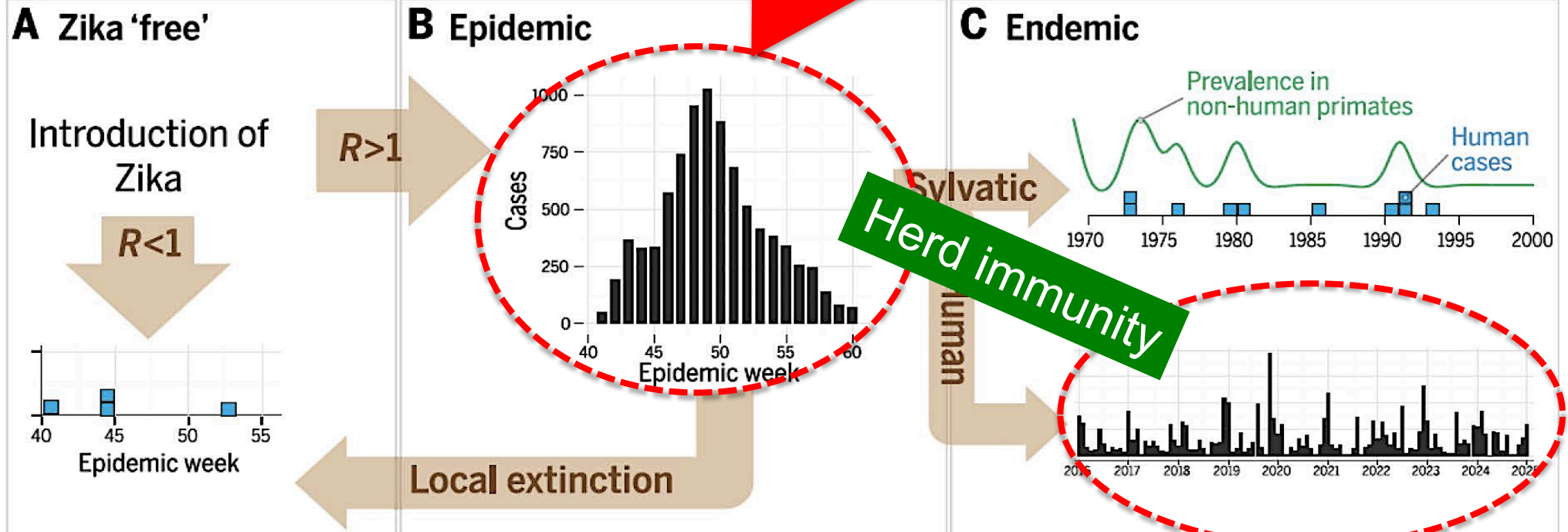


Scenarios from Introduction through Outbreak to Endemic of Zika Virus Infection

Everyone is susceptible

Both adults and children are infected with the virus

Dynamics



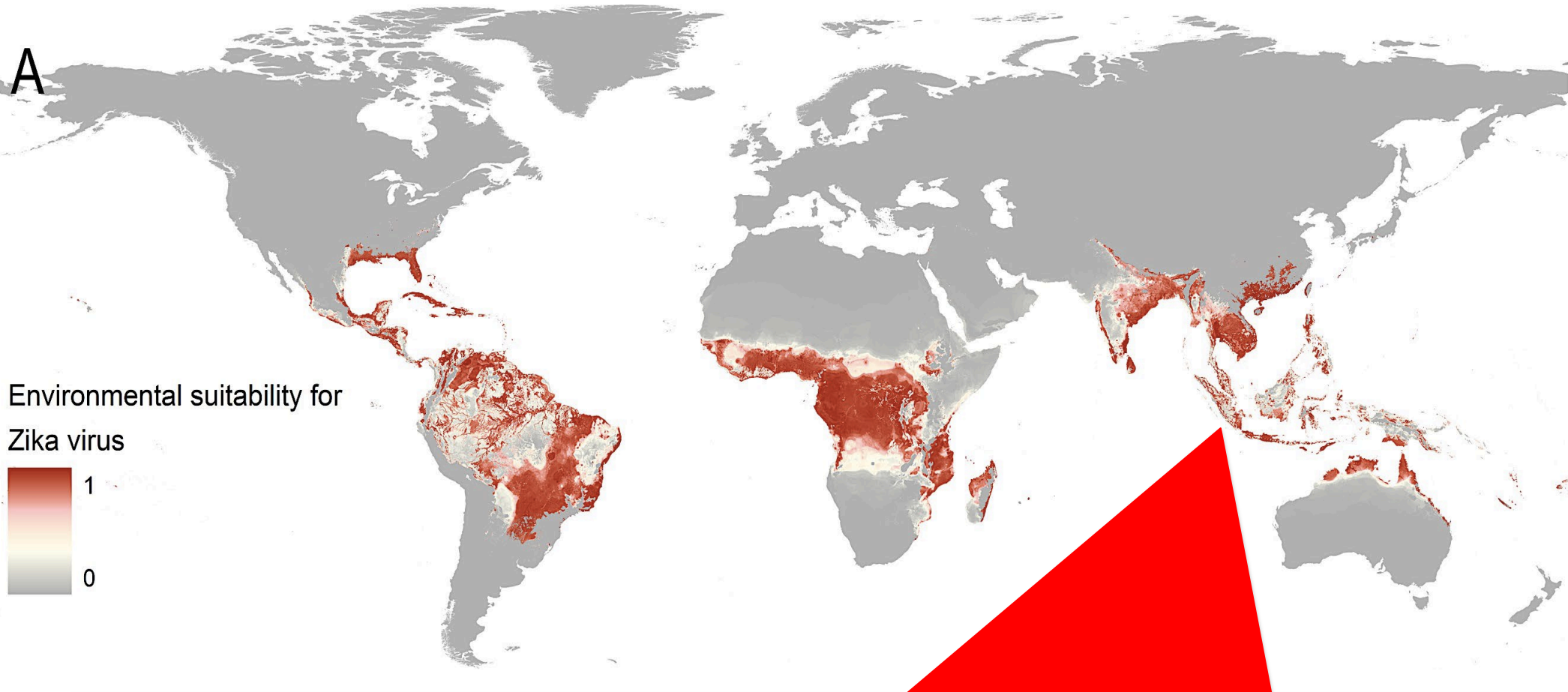
Children are susceptible

Children are almost exclusively infected with the virus

Mapping global environmental suitability for Zika virus

Messina JP et al. e-Life 2016

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Asia should be regarded as a Zika virus-endemic area.

Mosquitoes in Vietnam Carry Zika virus!

Date: Sun 16 Oct 2016 01:34 pm (GMT+7)

Source: VN Express International [edited]

<http://e.vnexpress.net/news/news/zika-virus-mosquitoes-detected-in-central-vietnam-3484407.html>



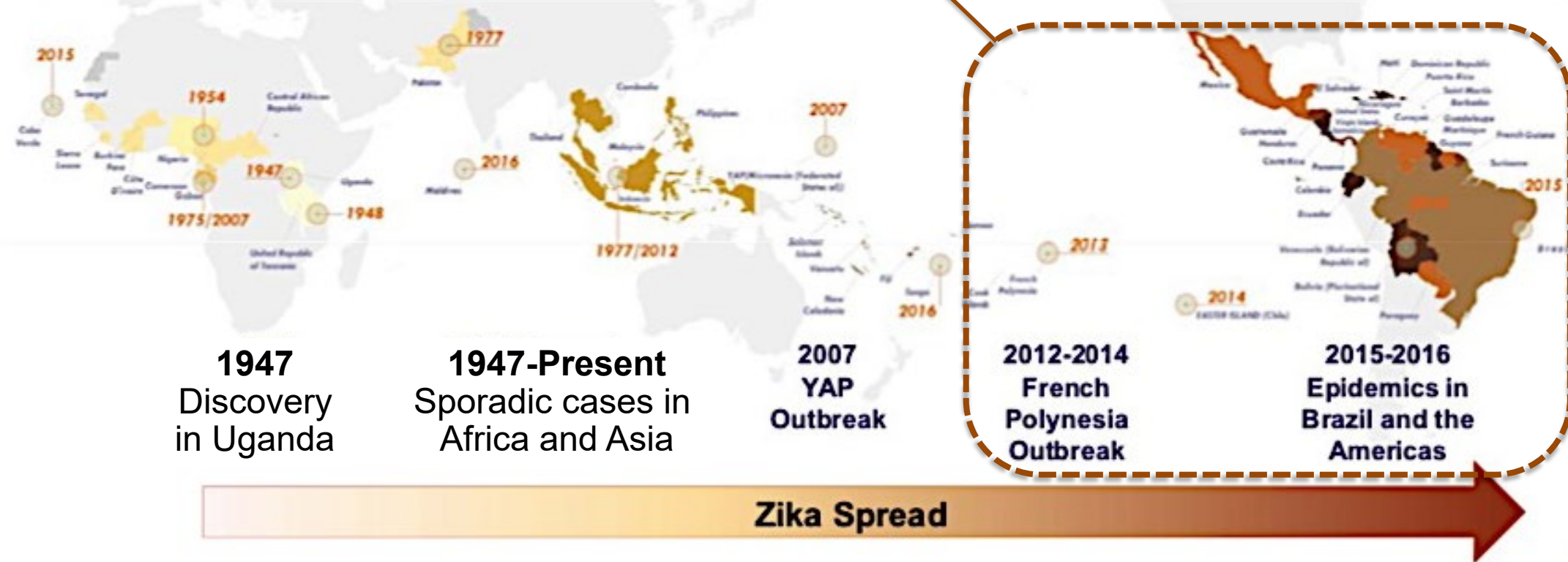
Viet Nam's National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology has discovered a small population of the *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus in the tourist town of Nha Trang in the central province of Khanh Hoa.

Out of 23,682 mosquitoes, 56 or **0.24% of the total, tested positive for Zika virus** and 26 or **0.12% for Dengue virus**, according to a study conducted by the institute from March 2015-May 2016.

Zika virus history (1947 ~ 2016)

https://www.who.int/bulletin/online_first/16-171082/en/

Emergence of microcephaly



Why are we recognizing ZIKV as such an awful virus NOW?

Asian strains may be less pathogenic than those in Latin America.

Science

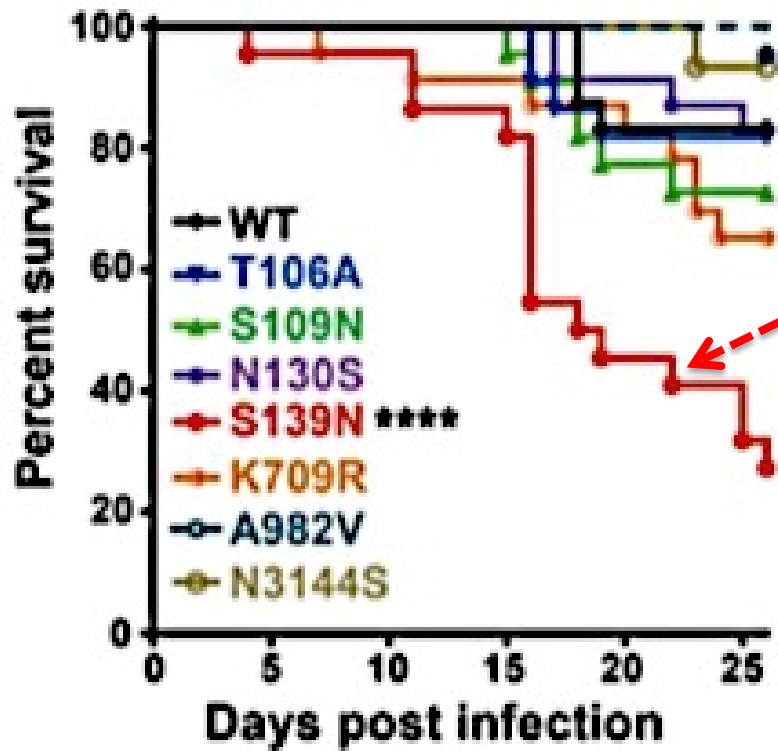
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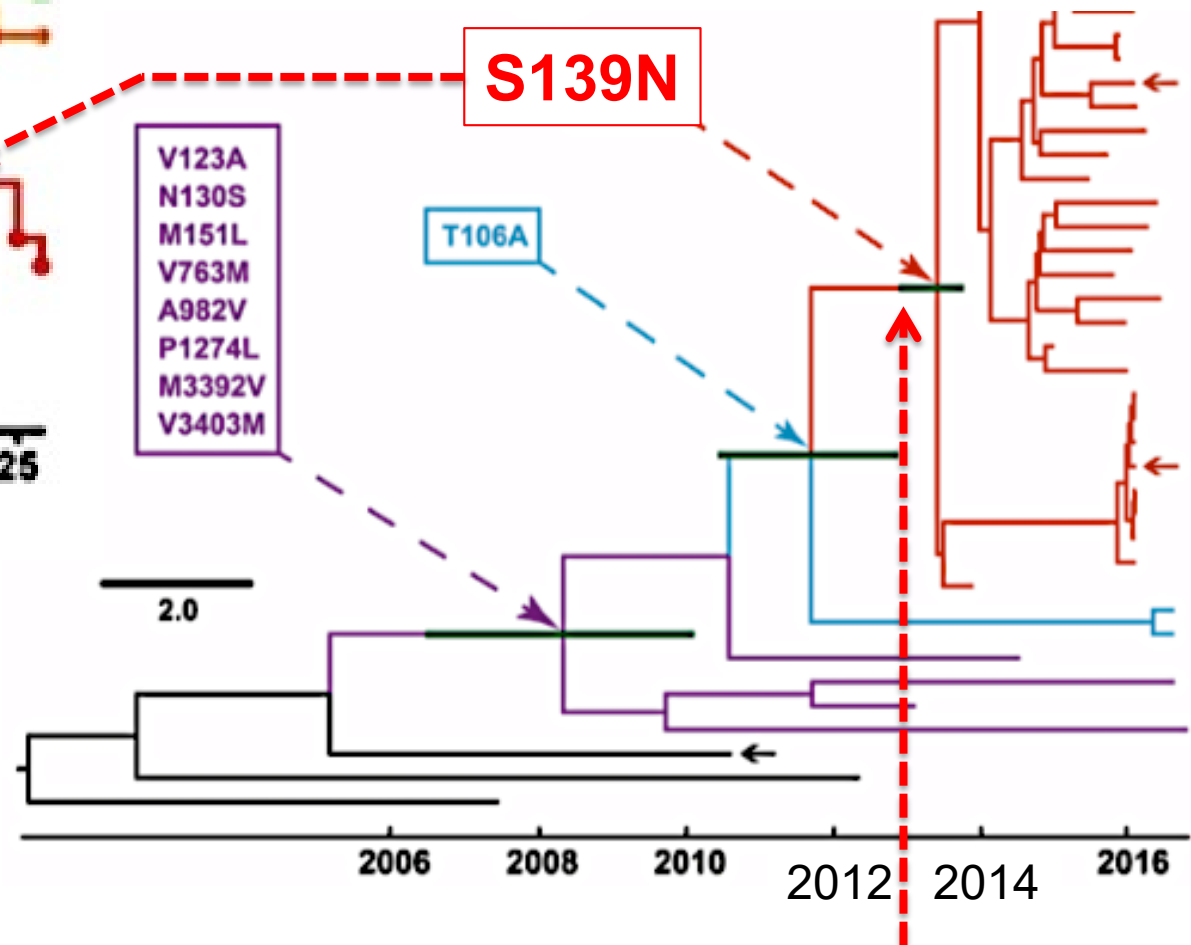
A single mutation in the prM protein of Zika virus contributes to fetal microcephaly

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Zika virus (ZIKV) has evolved into a global health threat due to its unexpected causal link to microcephaly. Phylogenetic analysis reveals that contemporary epidemic strains have accumulated multiple substitutions from their Asian ancestor. Here, we show that a single serine to asparagine substitution (S139N) in the viral polyprotein substantially increased ZIKV infectivity in both human and mouse neural progenitor cells (NPCs), led to more significant microcephaly in the mouse fetus, and higher mortality in neonatal mice. Evolutionary analysis indicates that the S139N substitution arose before the 2013 outbreak in French Polynesia and has been stably maintained during subsequent spread to the Americas. This functional adaptation makes ZIKV more virulent to human NPCs, thus contributing to the increased incidence of microcephaly in recent ZIKV epidemics.



The **S139N** mutant virus shows **enhanced neurovirulence** in neonatal mice



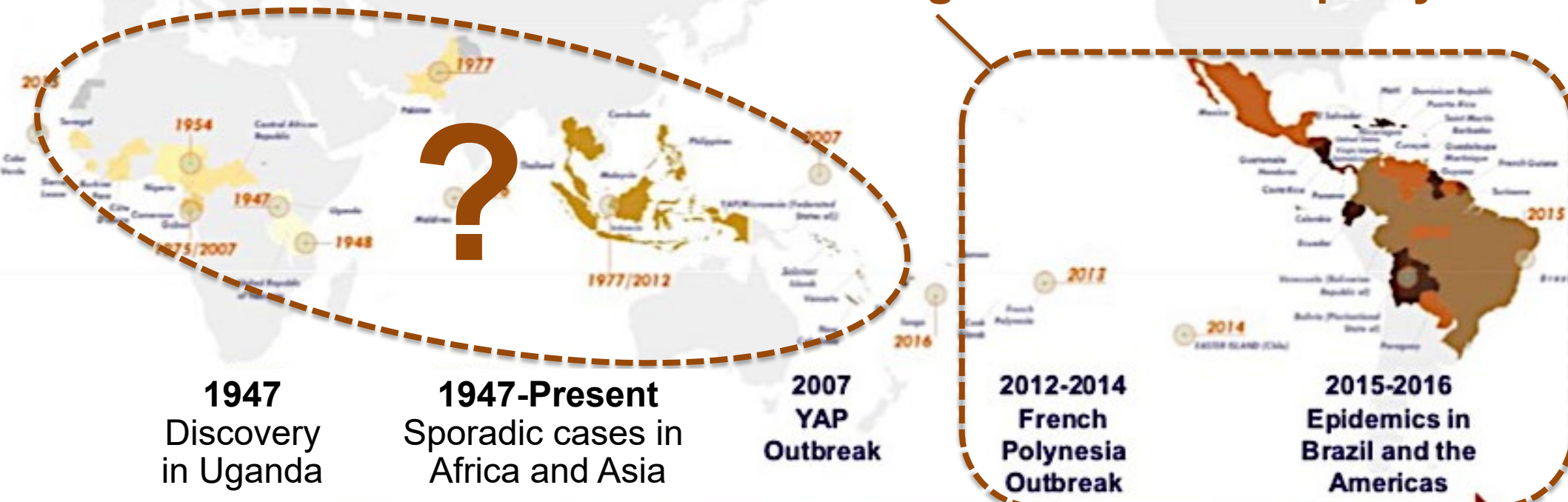
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Emergence of microcephaly



1947
Discovery
in Uganda

1947-Present
Sporadic cases in
Africa and Asia

2007
YAP
Outbreak

2012-2014
French
Polynesia
Outbreak

2015-2016
Epidemics in
Brazil and the
Americas

Zika Spread

Introduction of the S139N mutation

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Zika virus infection and microcephaly in Vietnam

**Even if less pathogenic, ZIKV in Asia
should never be non-pathogenic.**

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Ngoc Thanh Pham, Thuan Tran, Kouichi Morita,
Thi Quynh Mai Le, Duc Anh Dang, *Futoshi Hasebe*

Nagasaki University, Japan; NIHE, Vietnam



Figure: Facial features of a child aged 4 months exposed to Zika virus in Vietnam
The infant was born by spontaneous vaginal delivery (bodyweight 2.6 kg; length 50 cm; head circumference 22 cm at birth).

Successful Flavivirus Vaccines

	Vaccine type	Disease
Live attenuated	By serial passaging in mouse and chicken tissue (→YFV 17D)	Yellow fever (YF)
	SA14-14-2 strain	Japanese encephalitis (JEV)
	Chimeric virus containing the prM and E proteins of JEV and attenuated YFV 17D	
Inactivated	Inactivate the attenuated SA14-14-2 strain grown in Vero cells	
	Highly purified inactivated whole virus grown in primary chicken embryo cells	Tick-borne encephalitis



How about dengue virus (DENV) vaccines?

Challenges for Developing DENV Vaccines

- DENV consists of 4 serotypes that are substantially different from each other in the amino acid sequence of their E proteins.
 - Previous infection with one serotype can predispose the severe forms of dengue (DHF/DSS) upon re-infection by another serotype.
 - Endemic regions with co-circulating different serotypes have enormously expanded, followed by dramatic increase in the incidence of DHF/DSS.
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- ✓ Cross-reactive non-neutralizing antibodies (such as those present after infection with a heterologous serotype in sequential infections) and neutralizing antibodies at suboptimal concentrations can lead to **antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE)** of FcR-bearing cells.
 - ✓ Pre-existing cross-reactive T cells are also less efficient in viral clearance but can cause **“cytokine storm”**.



“Capillary leakage” ---- Development of **DHF/DSS**

Dengue Vaccine Race

Approved

Phase III

In Development



Sanofi-Pasteur

CYD-TDV (Dengvaxia®)

A live attenuated tetravalent chimeric vaccine made by replacing the prM and E genes of YFV attenuated 17D strain vaccine with those from the four DENV serotypes

NIH/Butantan

TetraVax-DV

A tetravalent admixture of live attenuated monovalent vaccines

Takeda

DENVax (TAK-003)

A recombinant chimeric vaccine with DENV1, DENV3, and DENV4 components on a DENV2 backbone

The New York Times

F.D.A. Approves the First Vaccine for Dengue Fever, but Limits Its Use

By [Katie Thomas](#) May 3, 2019

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first vaccine for dengue, Dengvaxia, but placed significant restrictions on its use because the vaccine has been shown to put some people at heightened risk for a severe form of the disease.

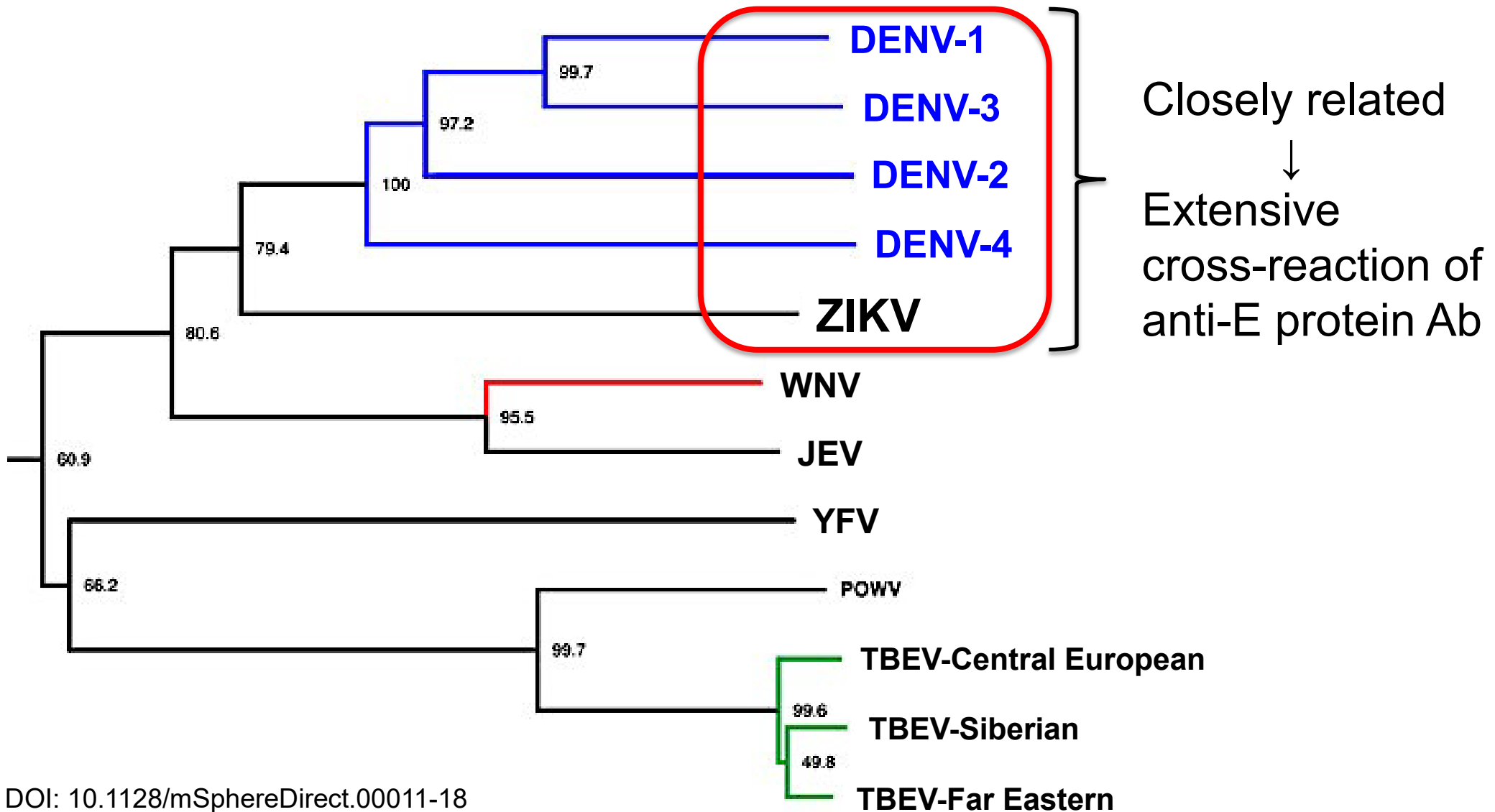
That decision came after Sanofi announced that in rare cases, if people who never had dengue were vaccinated and later became infected, the vaccine might provoke a much more severe form of the illness.

On May 1, the F.D.A. limited its approval to people aged 9 to 16 who live in areas where dengue is endemic and who are shown by lab testing already to have been infected with the disease.



In Manila, relatives of children who had died after receiving the Dengvaxia vaccine attended a hearing in 2018. Philippine officials halted use of Sanofi's vaccine amid concerns about the health risks. Noel Celis/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images

Phylogenetic tree of medically important flaviviruses based on E protein amino acid diversity



Challenges for Developing Zika Virus Vaccines

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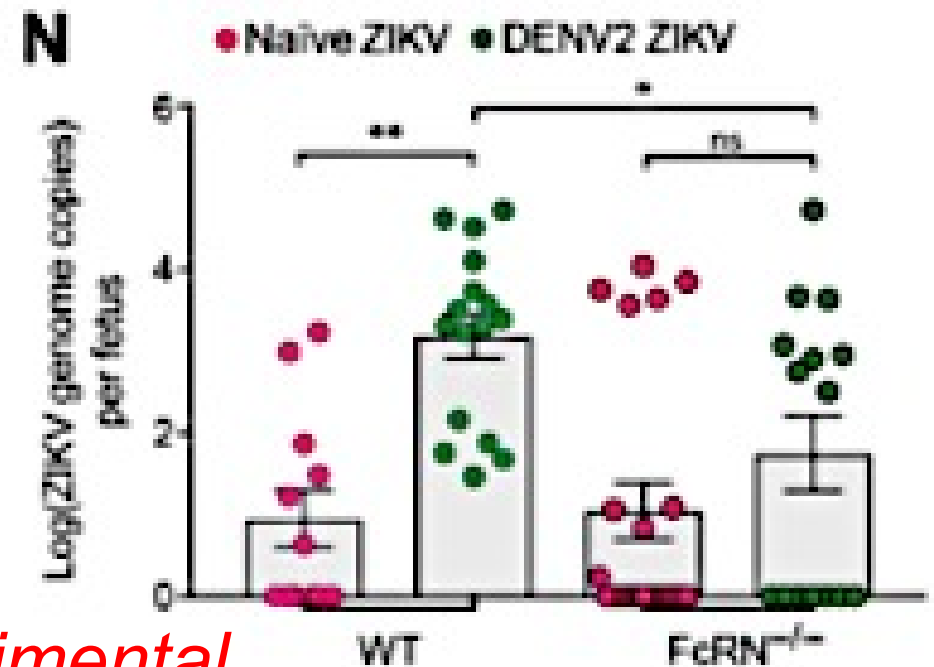
Pre-existing immunity against DENV may predispose serious Zika disease (CZS), and vice versa (DHF/DSS).

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Maternal immunity and antibodies to dengue virus promote infection and Zika virus–induced microcephaly in fetuses

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Maternal DENV immunity leads to FcRn-dependent enhancement of fetal Zika virus infection.



Suboptimal immunity can be detrimental.

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Insufficient interest by policymakers in Asian countries.

KHANH HOA BIRTH COHORT STUDY

National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), Hanoi, Vietnam

Khanh Hoa Provincial Public Health Service

Khanh Hoa General Hospital (KHGH), Nha Trang, Vietnam

Nagasaki University, Nagasaki, Japan



Approximately 2,000 pairs of mothers and babies were enrolled.



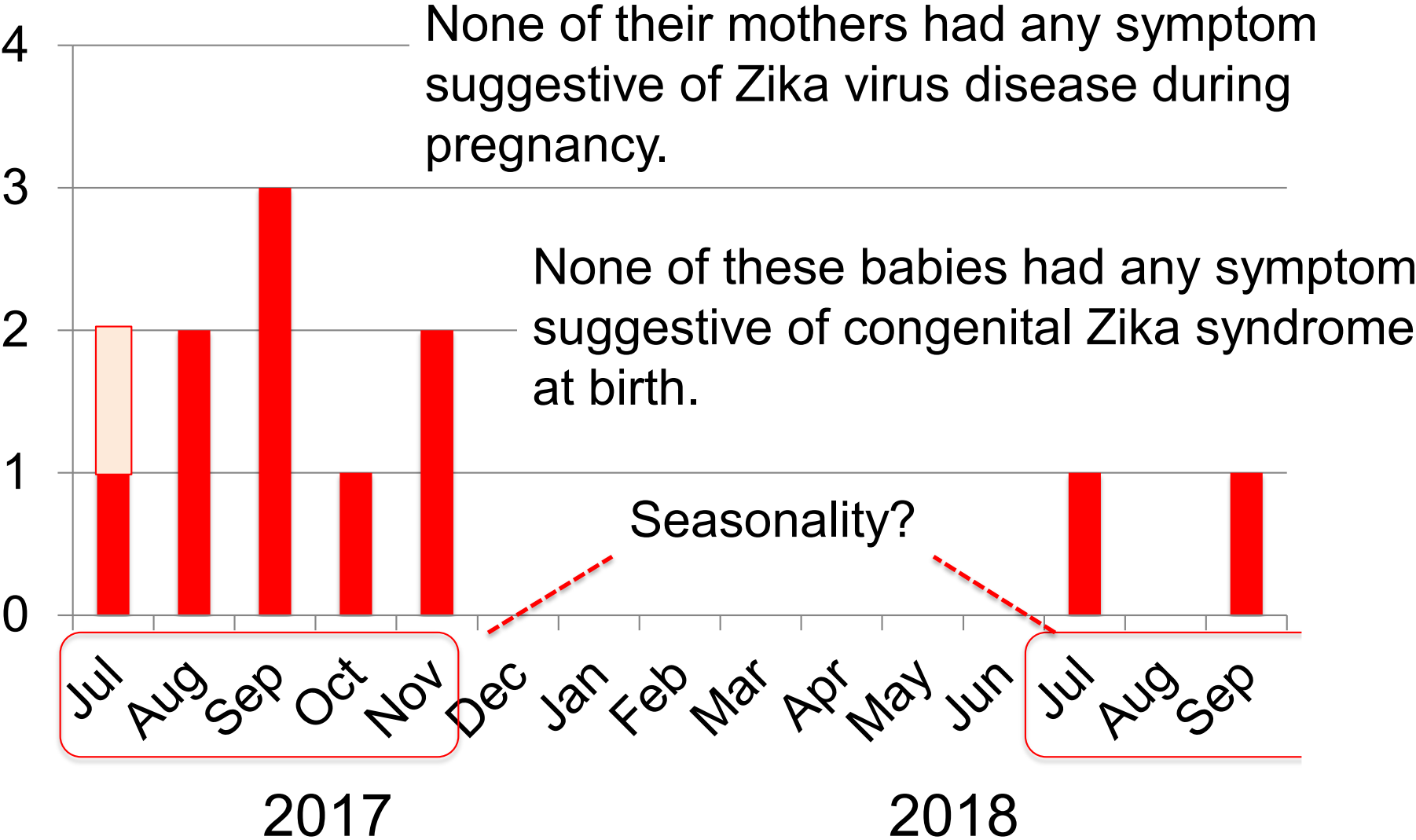
- ✓ Cord blood sera were tested for flavivirus serology.
- ✓ Saliva and cord blood specimens were tested for Zika virus RNA.

Summary of Infants with Congenital Zika Virus Infection

Part 2	Sample ID	Age (Y)	Sample collection date	IgM P/N ration (>2.0)			Flavi IgG (x1000)	ZIKV NT	PCR	
				ZIKV	DENV	JEV			PL	Saliva
	P-10	42	Jul/15	12.3	0.8	5.5	59.3	640	ND	+
Part 1 (Birth Cohort)	BC-54	34	Jul/27	2.0	0.7	0.6	41.7	1280	+	+
	BC-114	34	Aug/21	3.3	0.7	0.1	8.5	640	+	-
	BC-126	38	Aug/24	3.7	0.8	0.3	29.5	640	+	-
	BC-162	29	Sep/6	3.7	2.5	2.3	72.2	1280	+	-
	BC-171	29	Sep/8	2.0	0.6	0.5	17.3	640	-	-
	BC-292	23	Oct/25	2.0	0.8	0.5	31.7	2560	-	+
	BC-315	28	Nov/2	17.9	14.9	13.1	72.9	20480	-	-
	BC-321	42	Nov/6	7.9	6.0	5.8	57.4	2560	+	-
	BC-3112	21	Sep/22	8.6	2.0	0.6	10.3	1280	+	+
	BC-3786	28	Jul/18	2.0	1.4	0.5	33.4	320	ND	-
	BC-4013	25	Sep/19	2.3	0.6	1.2	24.0	640	ND	-

Incidence of congenital Zika infection: 0.54% in BC

Cases of Congenital Zika Virus Infection

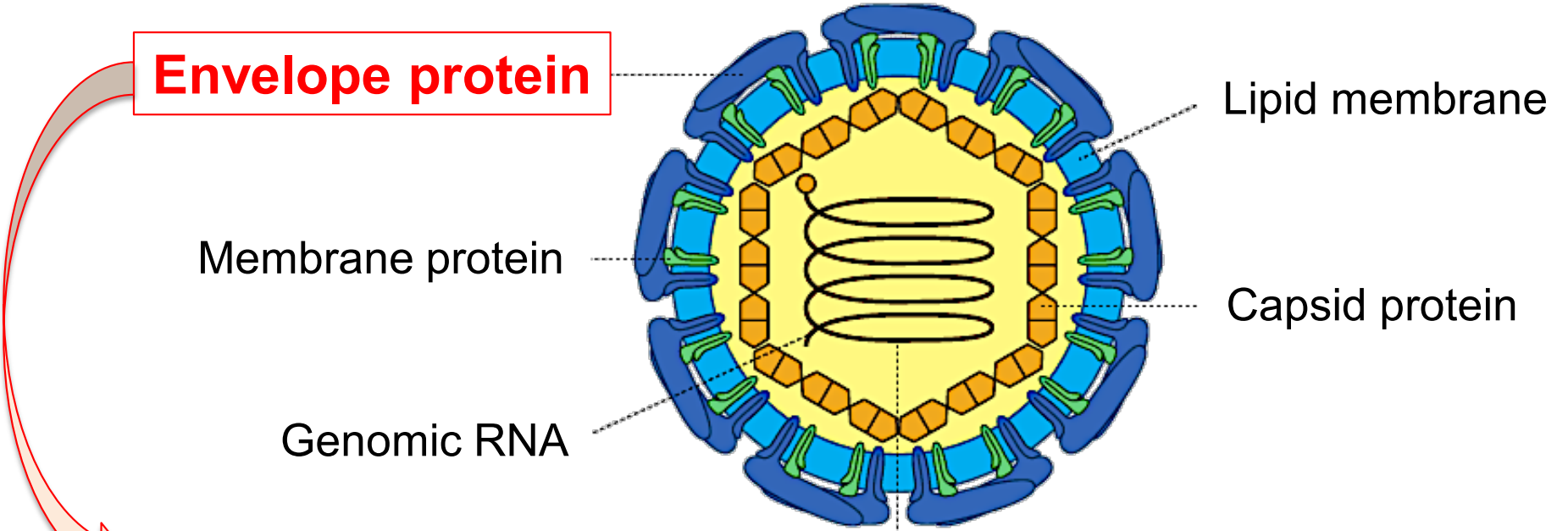


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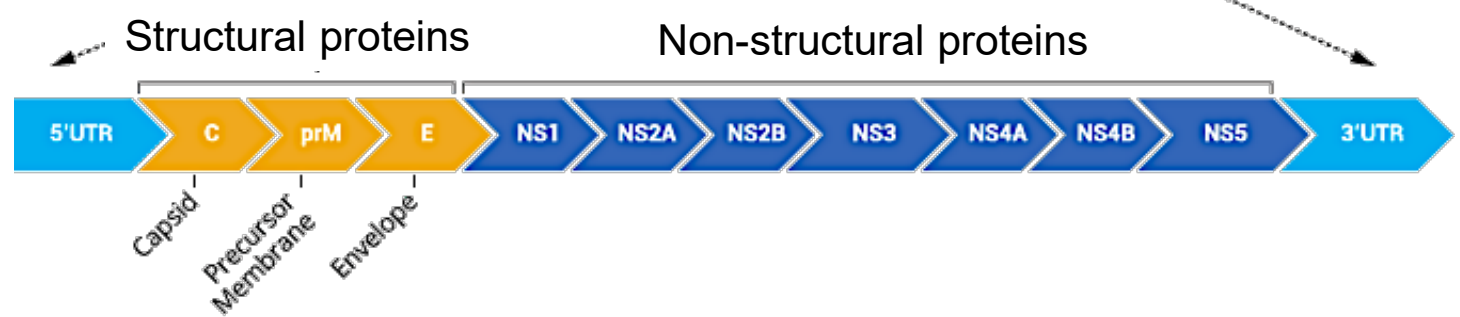
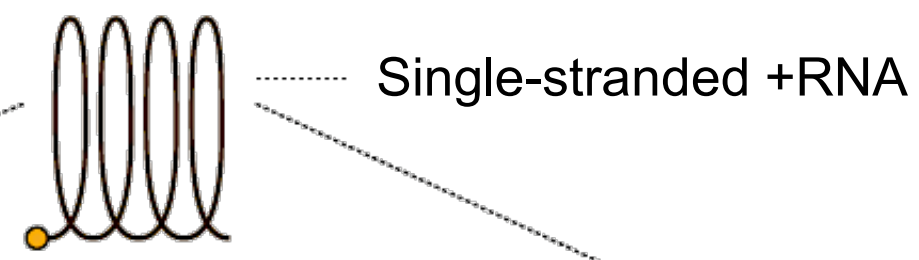
Sample ID	Neutralization titer (FRNT50)					
	ZIKV	JEV	DENV-1	DENV-2	DENV-3	DENV-4
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BC-54	1280	160	80	160	160	320
BC-114	640	<80	<80	80	<80	<80
BC-126	640	80	160	160	160	<80
BC-162	1280	80	320	320	320	320
BC-171	640	<80	80	160	<80	80
BC-292	2560	80	640	640	160	320
BC-315	20480	160	5120	5120	5120	1280
BC-321	2560	320	160	320	<80	640
BC-3112	1280	160	320	160	160	320

All of them had anti-DENV antibody

→ Pre-existing immunity against DENV predisposed CZI?



The main Zika virus immunogen



Zika virus structure

ZIKV Vaccine Candidates in Clinical Trials

Platform		Immunogen	Name	Main sponsor	Phase
DNA		prM-E	VRC5283	NIAID	II
			VRC5288	NIAID	I
			GLS-5700	GeneOne Life Science	I
mRNA		prM-E	mRNA-1325	Moderna Therapeutics	I
Inactivated virions		Whole virion	ZPIV	NIAID	I
			BBV121	Bharat Biotech	I
			PIZV	Takeda	I
			VLA1601	Valneva	I
Viral vector	Measles virus	prM-E	MV-ZIKV	Themis Bioscience	I
	Adenovirus	M-E	Ad26.ZIKV.001	Janssen	I
Live attenuated		Whole virion	rZIKV/D4Δ30-713	NIAID	I

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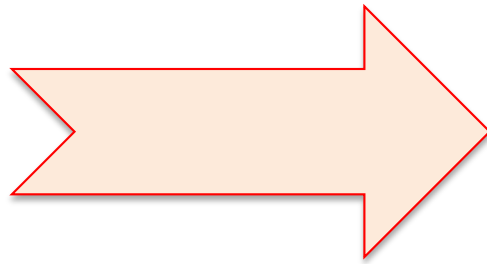
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Cytomegalovirus

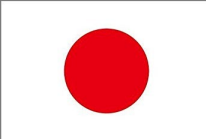


Rubella



The only TORCH pathogen that we have useful vaccines against all over the world

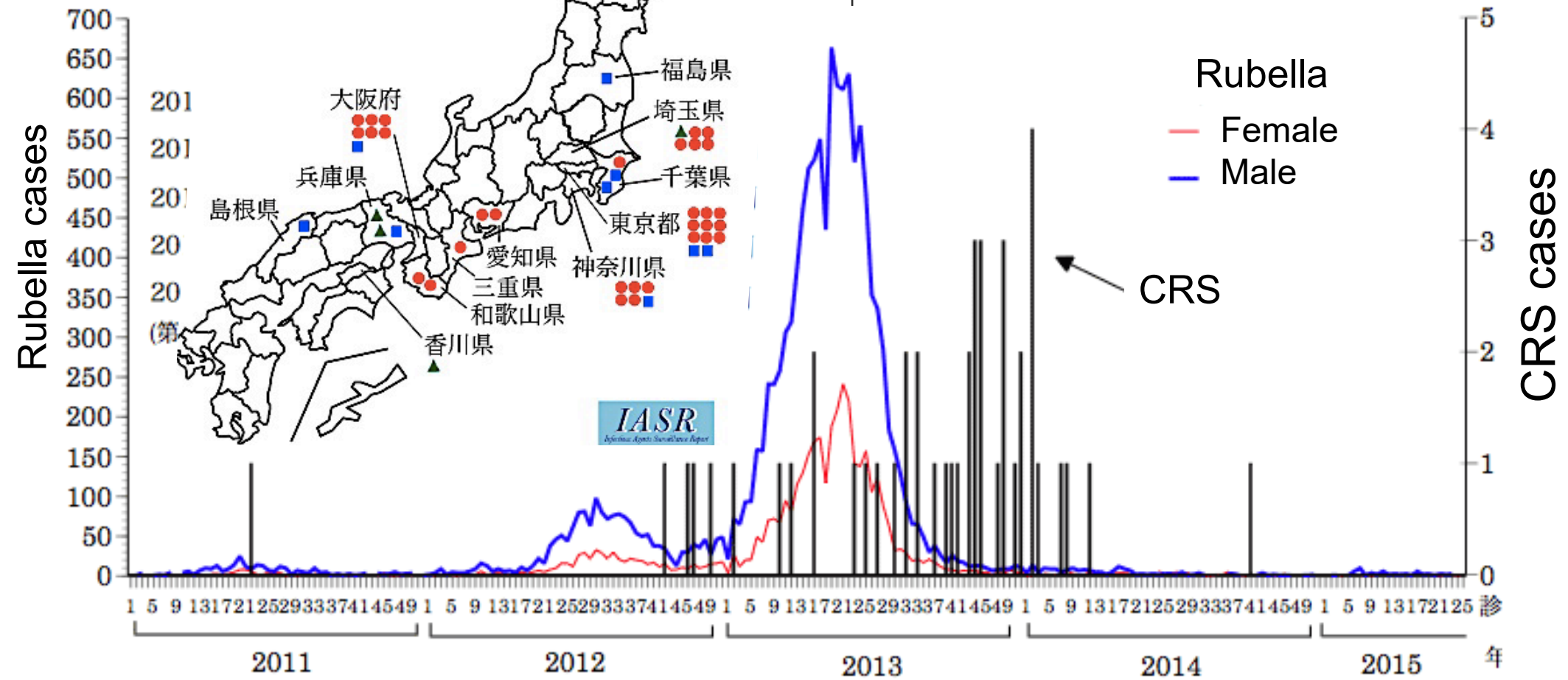
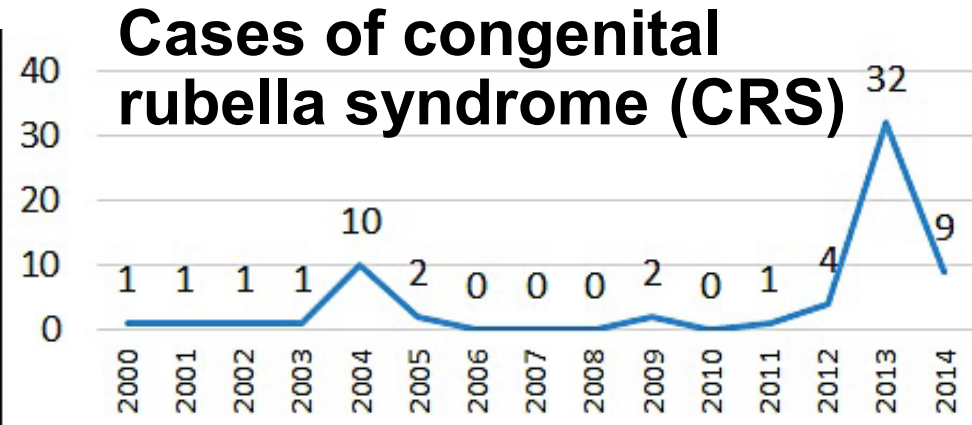
Rubella outbreak in 2012-13 and subsequent emergence of CRS cases



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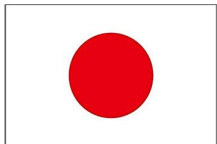
- ▲ 2012年 (n=4)
- 2013年 (n=32)*
- 2014年 (n=9)
- *感染地不明(n=1)

Cases of congenital rubella syndrome (CRS)



(Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Japan)

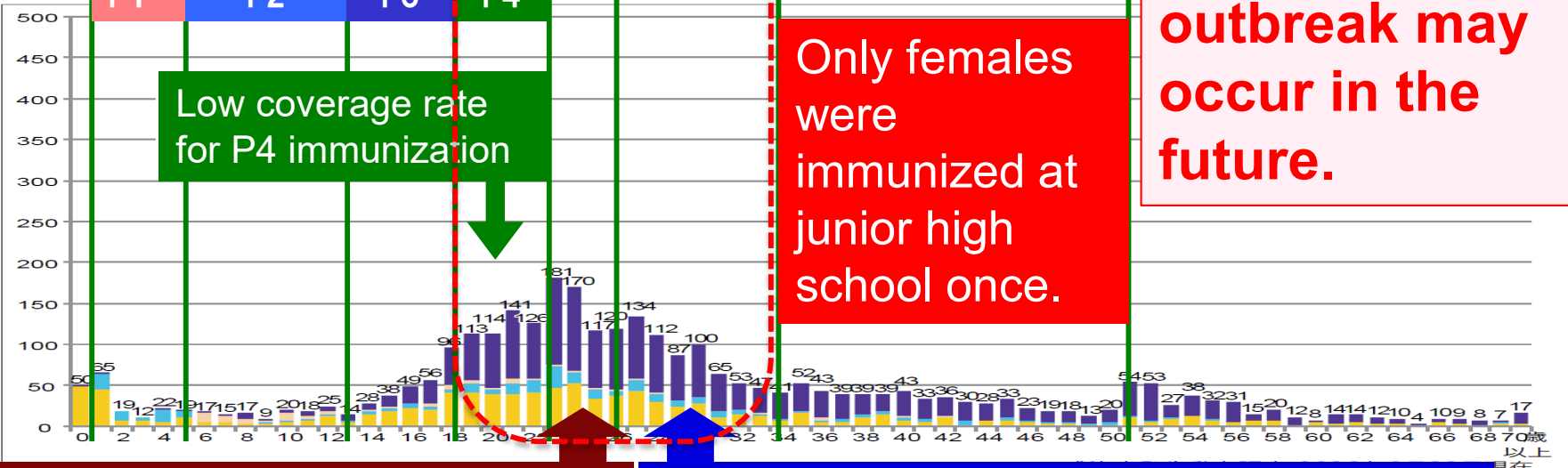
Rubella cases by gender, age and vaccination status (2013)



Male
(n=10,633)



Female
(n=3,213)



As long as susceptible population exist, another outbreak may occur in the future.

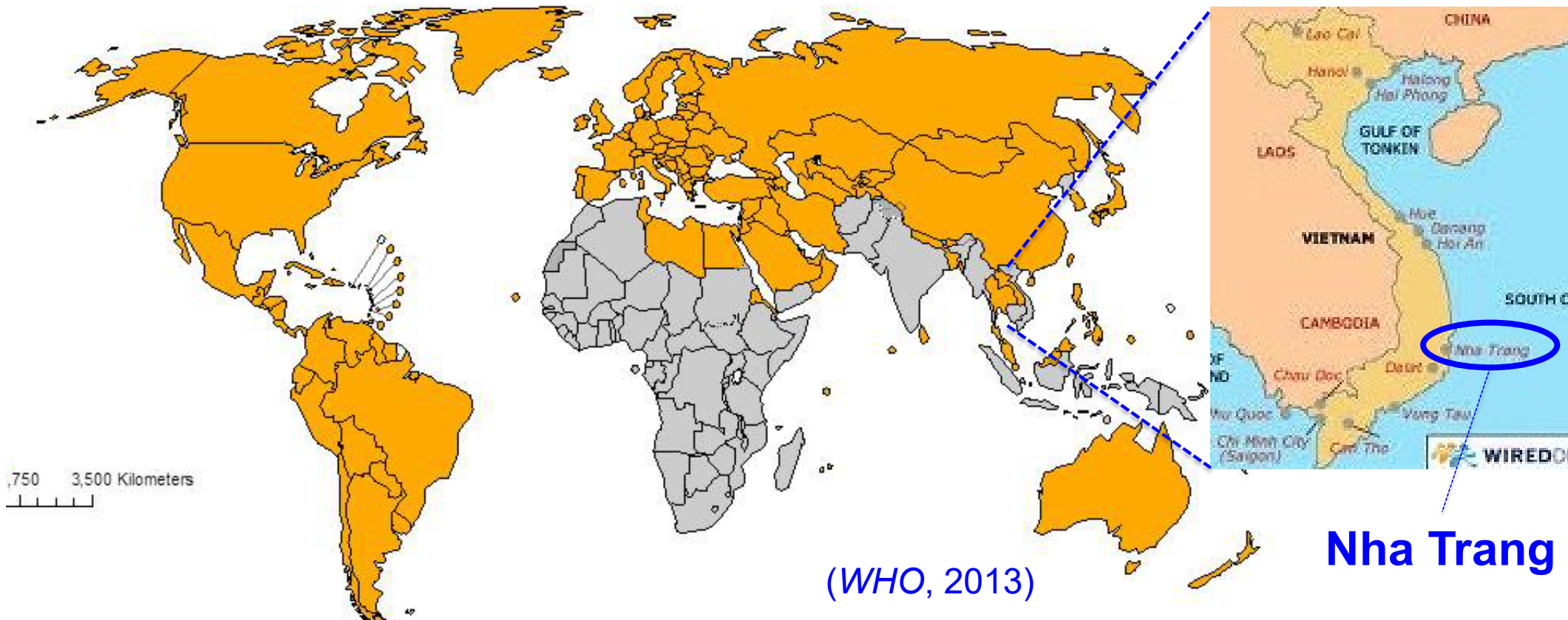
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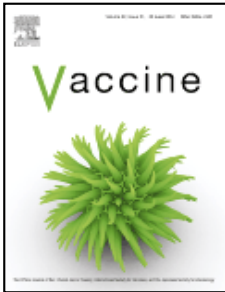
Both males and females were immunized once at private clinic during childhood.

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Rubella-containing vaccine had not been introduced into national immunization program until 2015 in Vietnam.

Countries Using Rubella Vaccine in National Immunization Schedule, 2012





**Rubella-IgG positive in 71%
⇒ 28.9% (95%CI: 26.9-30.9)
pregnant women were
susceptible to rubella.**

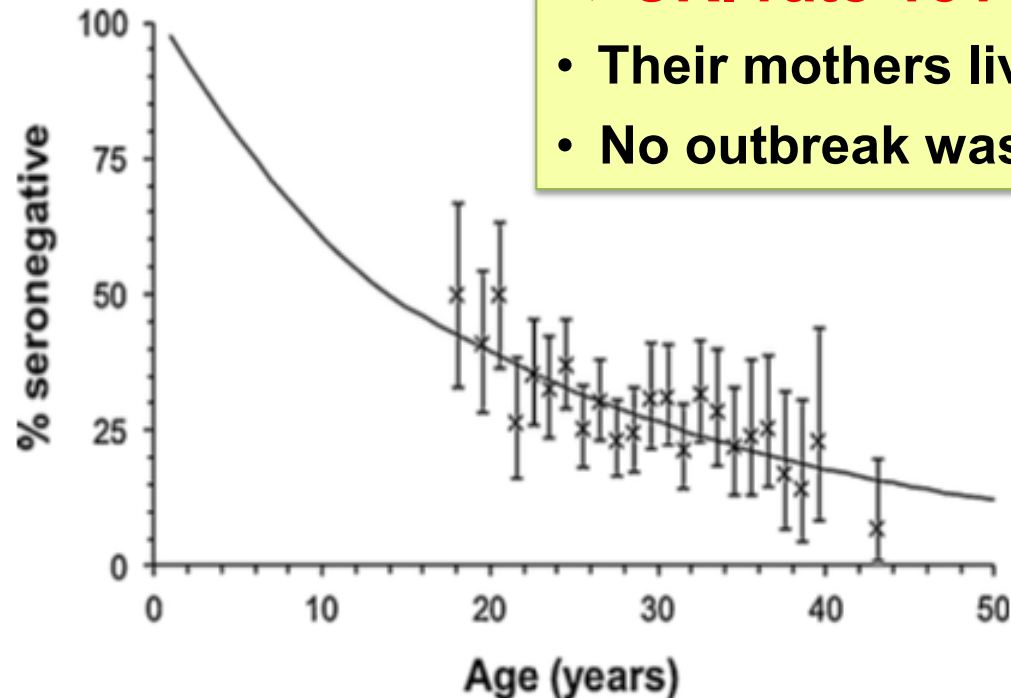
Seroprevalence of rubella in the cord blood of pregnant women and congenital rubella incidence in Nha Trang, Vietnam

Masami Miyakawa^{a,1}, Hiroshi Yoshino^b, Lay Myint Yoshida^b, Emilia Vynnycky^{c,f}, Hideki Motomura^a, Le Huu Tho^d, Vu Dinh Thiem^e, Koya Ariyoshi^b, Dang Duc Anh^e, Hiroyuki Moriuchi^{a,*}

Rubella-IgM positive in 3 infants

⇒ CRI rate 151 (95%CI: 0-322) per 100,000 live births

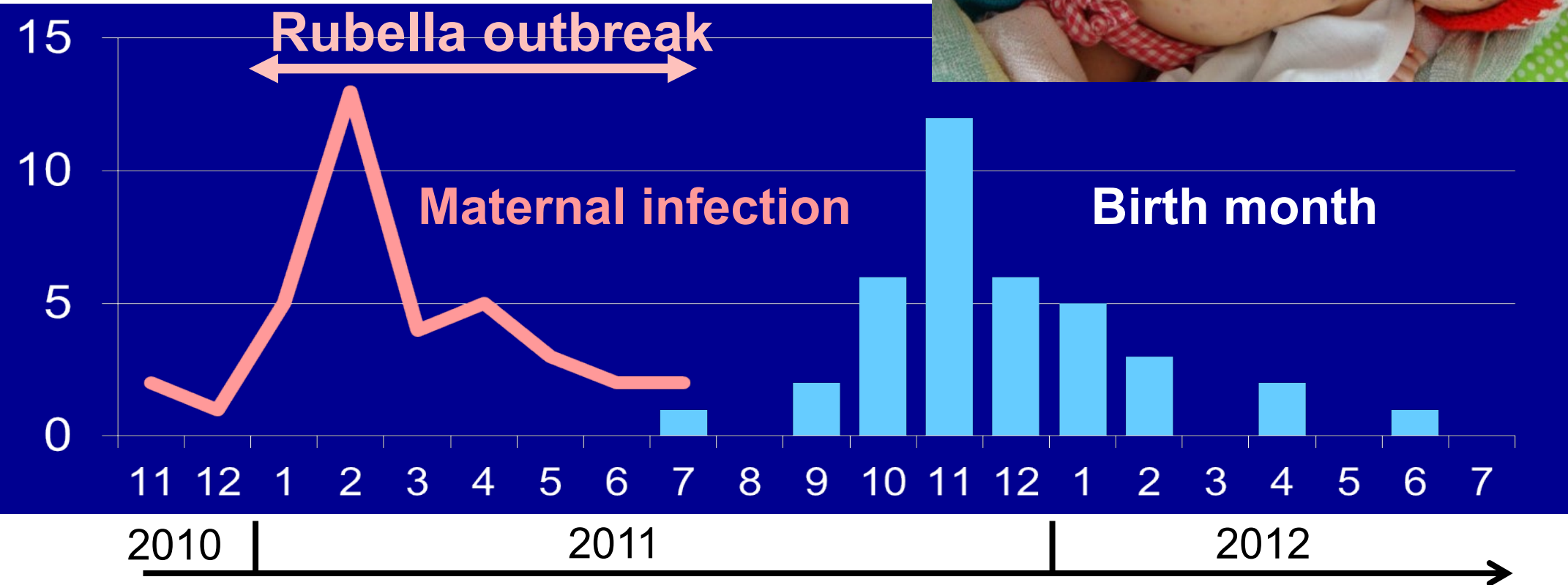
- Their mothers lived in different residential areas.
- No outbreak was reported in the area during study period.



Mathematical modeling estimated that 3788 (95%CI: 3283-4143) infants with CRS would be born annually in Vietnam with 234 (95%CI: 207-262) cases per 100,000 live births

Rubella outbreak in Nha Trang, followed by the emergence of CRS between 2011 and 2012

- A total of 38 babies were enrolled (**2.1 cases per 1000 live births**).
- M : F = 17 (45%) : 21 (55%)
- 14 (**37%**) **died**.



Viet Nam Launches Largest Measles-Rubella Immunization Campaign with United Nations Support

Ha Noi, 11 October 2014 -

The current campaign aims to reach 23 million children ages 1-14 with the MR vaccine over the next six months.



UNICEF Viet Nam\2014\Truong Viet Hung

Earlier this year, Viet Nam witnessed an unprecedented rise in measles infections which affected more than 5000 children including the loss of more than 140 young lives.

The MR immunization campaign, which lasts through to February 2015, is part of Viet Nam's commitment to the Measles & Rubella Initiative, a global partnership to ensure that no child dies from measles or is born with congenital rubella syndrome. The Measles & Rubella Initiative is led by the American Red Cross, the United Nations Foundation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

→ followed by the routine immunization for children aged 18 months



Rubella in Vietnam

Start surveillance & Awareness-raising activities

Catch-up campaign for children aged 9 months -14 years

Routine immunization for children aged 18 months

Year	Rubella cases	Rubella outbreak
2004~2005	<i>Estimated: a couple of millions cases annually</i>	Outbreak*
2010~2011		Outbreak*
2012	7,259	<u>No outbreak</u>
2014	193	
2015	765	
2016	301	
2017	83	
2018	20	

*Confirmed***

Every 6 yrs?

*Vaccine 2014; 32: 7065

**WHO WPRO

Pregnant women

2009-2010 Birth Cohort

Rubella	Tested, N	Positive, N (%)
RT-PCR (saliva)	-	-
IgM	1,988	3 (0.15%)
IgG	1,988	1414 (71.1%)

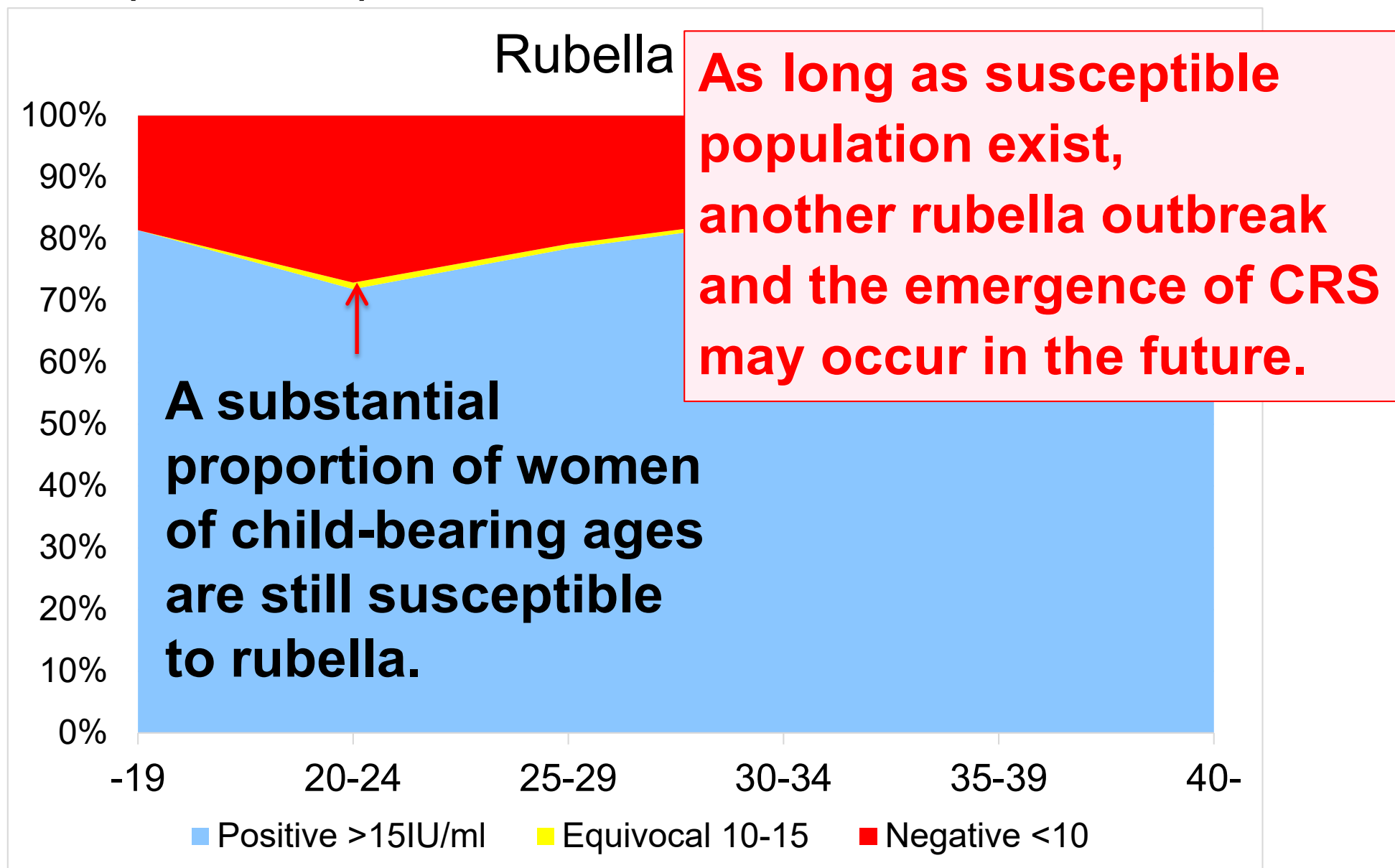


2017-2018 Birth Cohort

Rubella	Tested, N	Positive, N (%)
RT-PCR (saliva)	2,038	0 (0%)
IgM	2,038	0 (0%)
IgG	1,977	1,564 (79.1%)

More than 20% of pregnant women are still susceptible to rubella.

Seroprevalence of Rubella among Pregnant Women in Nha Trang, Vietnam (2017-2018)



Vaccine is a Diamond



Development

&



Distribution

Not only Development but also Distribution of Vaccines to those who need is critical.