

**Vaccines against
Vector-borne Diseases:
~~Malaria~~, Dengue, Zika,
and Chikungunya**



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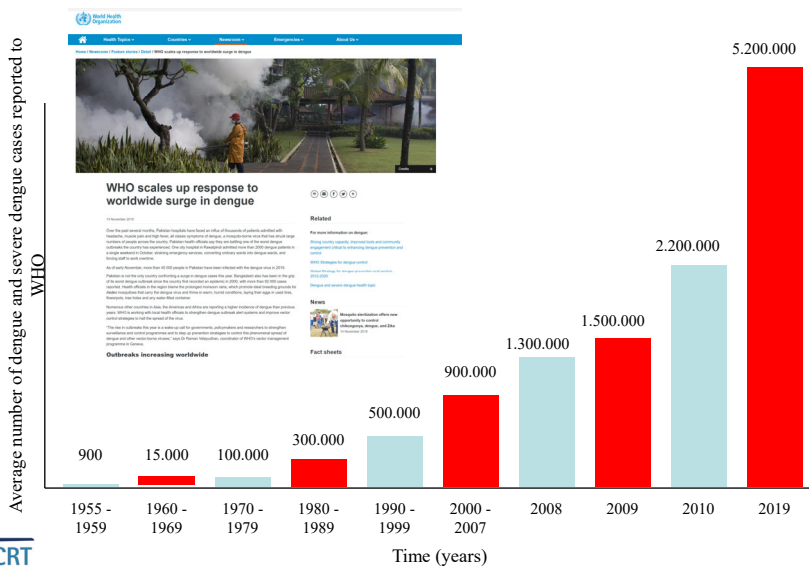
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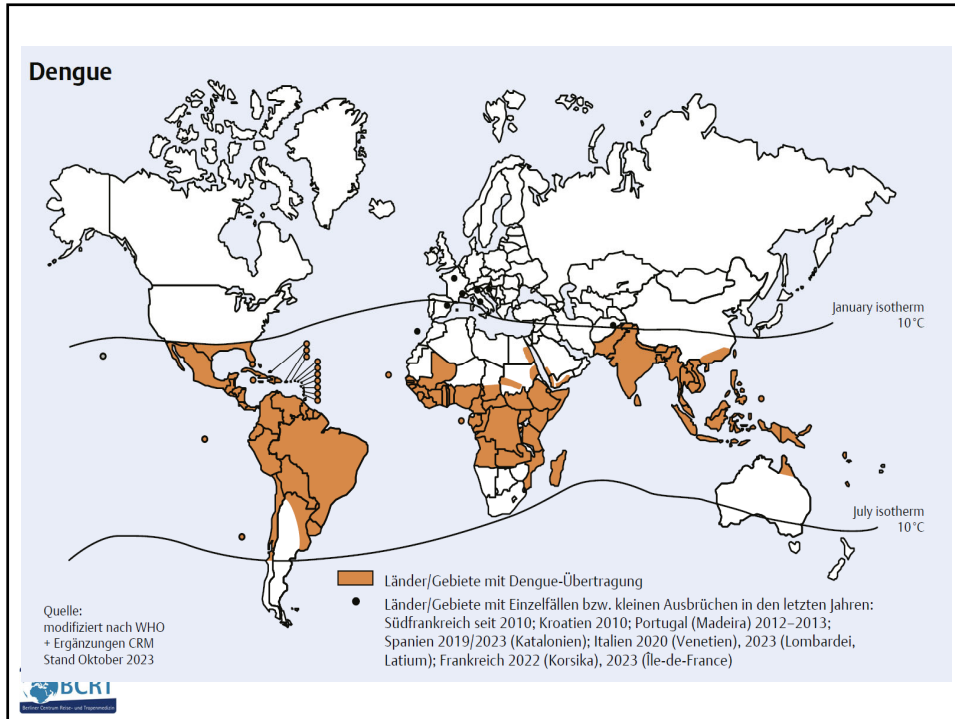
Rapid Increase of Dengue/DHF

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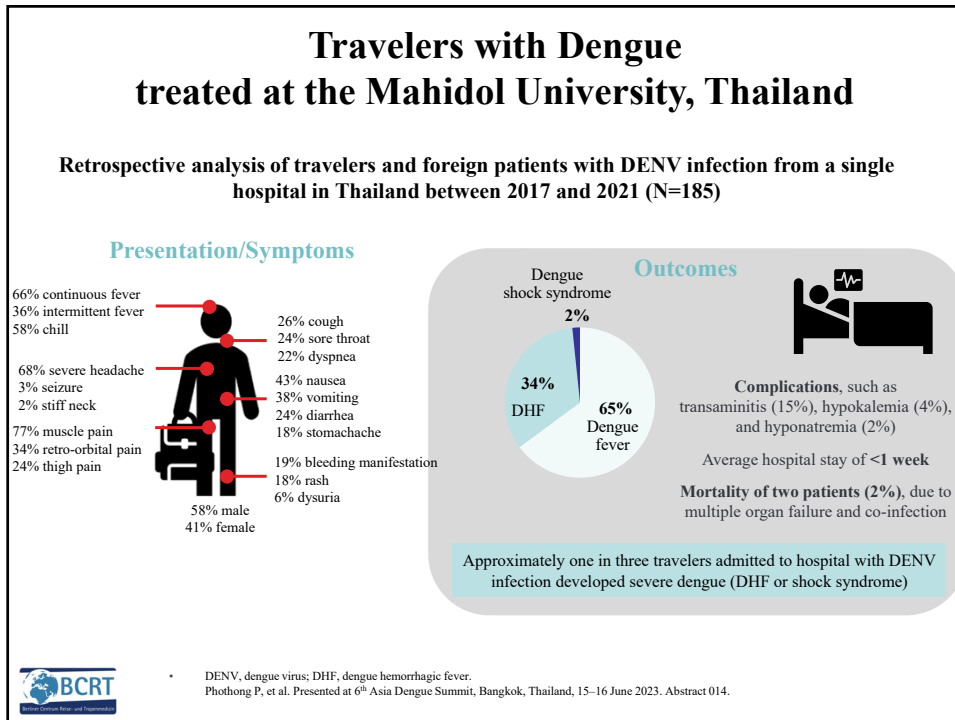


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Most hospitalizations and severe dengue after secondary infections

Although most hospitalizations and severe dengue cases occur among secondary infections, some occur during 3rd and 4th infections

Dengue virus infection sequence	Percent of infections that proceed to disease outcome during follow-up		
	Symptomatic VCD – 2y	Hospital – 5y	Severe VCD – 5y
1	48.7 (43.5-53.8)	3.4 (2.2, 4.8)	0.5 (0.1, 1.1)
2	55.3 (51.4-59.8)	12.7 (11.6, 14.0)	2.6 (2.0, 3.2)
3	30.5 (27.1, 34.4)	3.3 (2.6, 3.9)	1.0 (0.7, 1.4)
4	30.5 (27.1, 34.4)	3.3 (2.6, 3.9)	1.0 (0.7, 1.4)

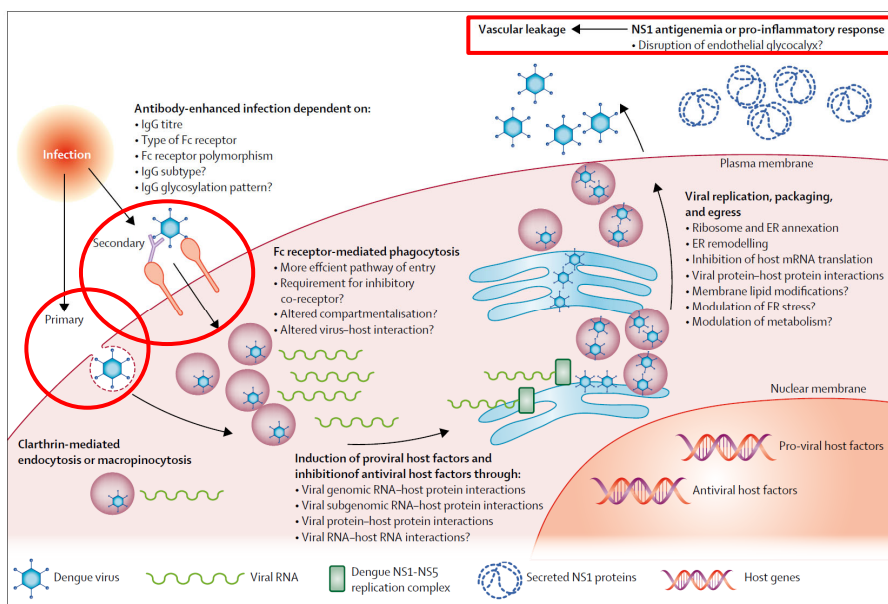
>85% of hospitalizations and severe disease in seropositive individuals

Sam Clifford and Stefan Flasche LSHTM, personal communication
Sridhar, NEJM 2018;379:327-40, Flasche et al, Plos Med 2016; 13(11):e1002181.



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Pathogenesis of Complicated Dengue / Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever



Source: Wilder-Smith et al. Dengue. Lancet 2019;393:350-63



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Viral factors: NS1 in immunopathology

- **NS1 can be considered as a virulence factor**
 - Interferes with complement activation
 - Binds to prothrombin and inhibits its activation
 - Binding to cells may enhance endocytosis and cytokine production, which may enhance DENV infection and increase vascular permeability
 - *Specific antibody response against NS1 appears to be protective against complications*

Avirutnan et al, J Immunol 187: 424 (2011)
Thiemmecca et al, J Immunol.97(10):4053 (2016)
Beatty, ScTrMed 7, 304, 304ra141 (2015)
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• Medline Search 1995-2020

- 9 detailed reports of dengue with fatal outcome among travelers from non-endemic countries.
 - 8 were female.
 - median age was 32 years (range 21–63)
 - 7 primary DENV infections, 1 secondary infection, 1 data not reported.
 - DENV-1 (n=2),
 - DENV-2 (n=2),
 - DENV-3 (n=3);
 - DENV-1 or 2 (n=1),
 - in one the serotype could not be determined.



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Fatal outcomes of imported dengue fever in adult travelers from non-endemic areas are associated with primary infections

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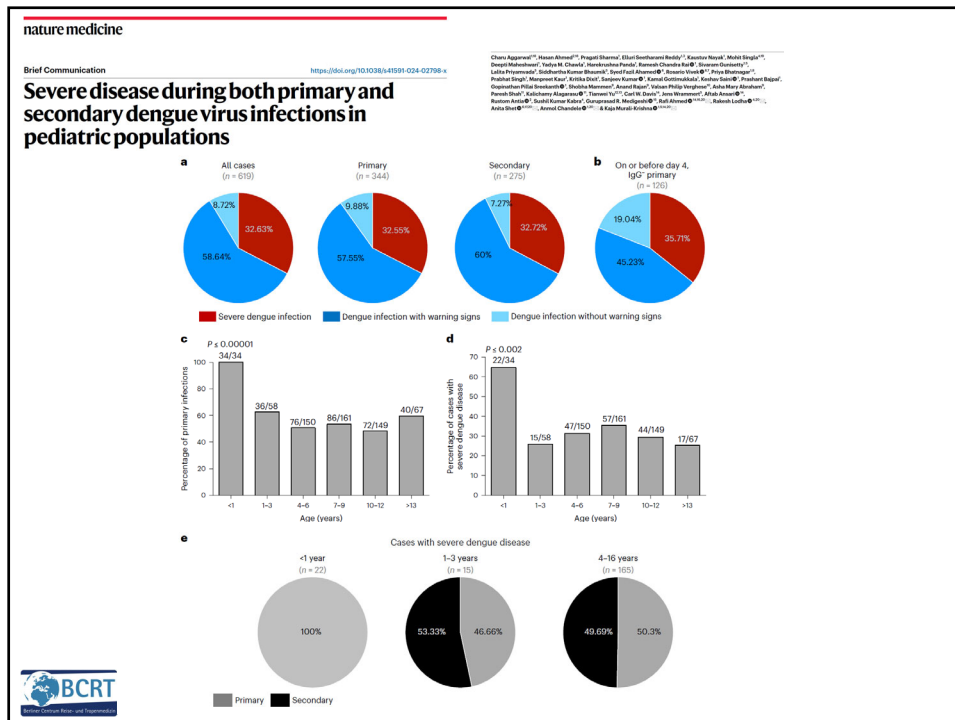
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Table 1. Overview of published cases of imported dengue with fatal outcomes (n = 9)

Year	Gender	Age	Country of residence	Country of dengue acquisition	Cause of Death	Time of death (DPOs/days)	Dengue diagnosis and serotype		Primary/Secondary dengue infection		Ref.	
							RT-PCR	DENV-3	lgM	lgG		
1998	F	25	Netherlands	Thailand	Cerebral edema	6	RT-PCR	DENV-3	Prim.	1/128	1/16	¹⁰
2002	F	32	Finland	SE Asia	Cerebral hemorrhage	37	PRNT	DENV-1/2	Prim.	POS	NEG	¹³
2005	F	28	USA	Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	¹⁸
2005	F	30	Norway	Mexico	Subarachnoid hemorrhage	8	RT-PCR	DENV-2	Prim.	POS	NEG	¹⁴
2008	F	50	Norway	Thailand	DSS	7	RT-PCR	DENV-1	Prim.	POS	NEG	¹¹
2009	M	54	Netherlands	Saint Martin	DSS	4	RT-PCR	DENV-2	Prim.	NEG	NEG	¹⁵
2009	F	21	Germany	France	Postoperative hemorrhage	11	RT-PCR	DENV-1	Sec.	1/20	1/2560	¹⁷
2012	F	63	USA	USA	Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis	38	RT-PCR	DENV-3	Prim.	POS	-	¹⁹
2015	F	34	Australia	Papua New Guinea	Myocarditis/cerebral edema	6	RT-PCR	DENV-3	Prim.	POS	NEG	²¹

F = female, M = male, DSS = dengue shock syndrome, DPO = days post-onset, RT-PCR = real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction, PRNT = plaque reduction neutralization testing, DENV-3 indicates dengue serotype, Prim. = primary, Sec. = secondary, POS = positive, NEG = negative, - = data missing.



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Issues with Dengue Vaccines

- Vaccine must be effective against all four serotypes
- After dengue infection with one serotype, there is (usually) lifelong protection against this serotype
- Second infection with a different serotype (heterotypic infection) poses a risk of severe dengue, presumably due to antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE)

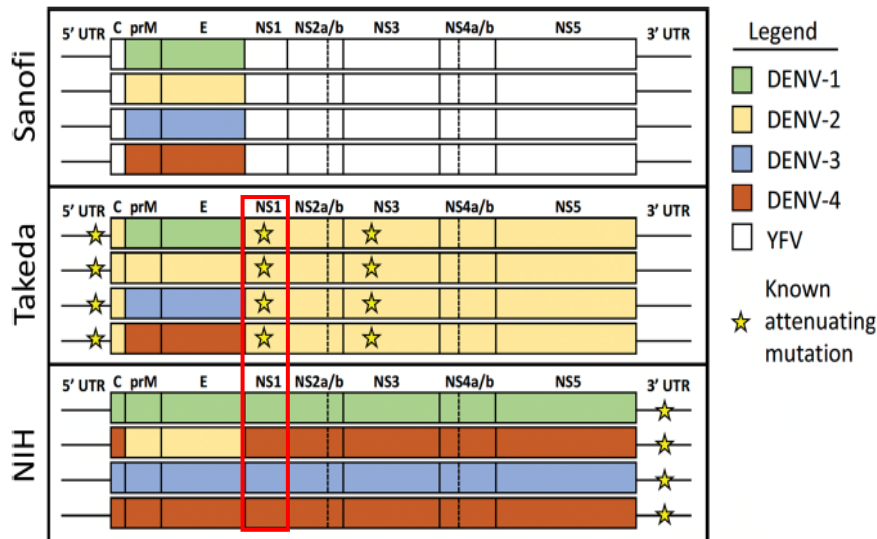
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Figure from: Feinberg MB, Ahmed R. Advancing dengue vaccine development. *Science.* 2017;358(6365):865-6.

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Dengue-Vaccine I

- (Business Standard via NewsPoints Desk)
Sanofi Pasteur in talks to bring first dengue vaccine to India - (Business Standard via NewsPoints Desk)

(Ref: Business Standard)
 December 10th, 2015
 Tags: NewsPoints, Dengvaxia, Sanofi, India, Immunisation, Viral Infections, General Practice, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Corporate Affairs

- Sanofi's Pasteur division has engaged in talks with Indian officials to introduce its dengue vaccine Dengvaxia, which was cleared earlier this week in Mexico, to the country, as reported Business Standard Thursday.
- "Sanofi Pasteur is in contact with the Indian authorities for registration of our vaccine," a company representative stated.
- In clinical testing in India, "we found the vaccine safe and immunogenic in Indian adults with results comparable to clinical studies carried out in Asia," a company spokesman said, adding "the results will support our licence application in India."
- Dengvaxia became the first dengue vaccine approved anywhere globally when Mexican regulators cleared the treatment for use against all four dengue serotypes in patients aged nine to 45 who live in areas where the disease is endemic.
- "If you vaccinate 20 per cent of the population in the 10 endemic countries that participated in the studies for Dengvaxia, you could potentially reduce the dengue burden by 50 per cent in five years," Sanofi Pasteur explained.



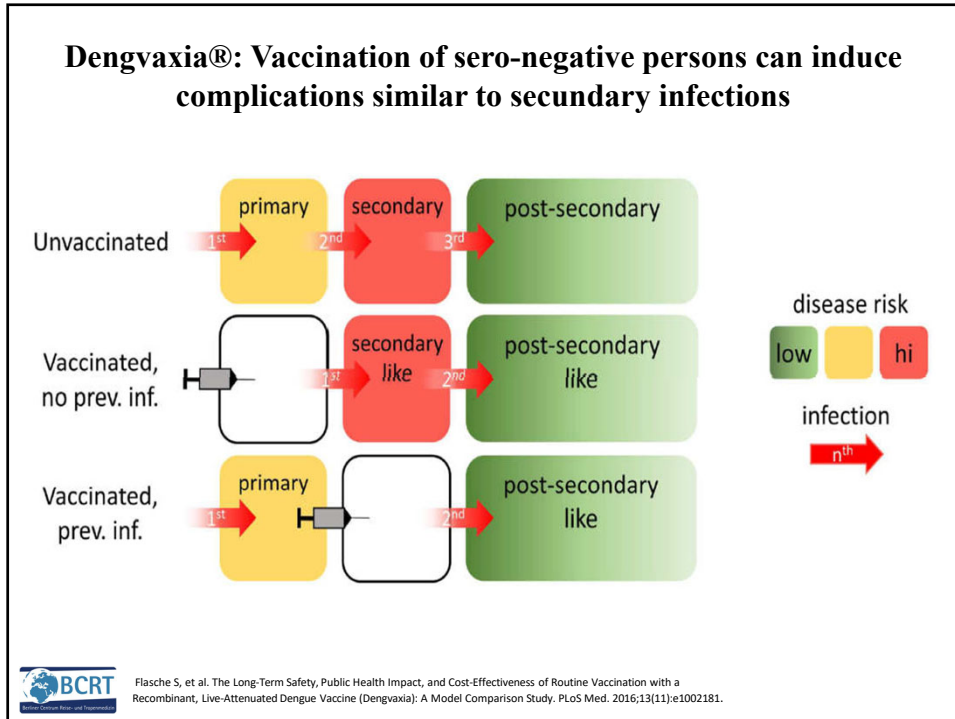
CYD-TDV (Dengvaxia®)

- Live vaccine against all 4 serotypes
- Backbone yellow fever vaccine virus, DEN 1-4 chimeras
- 3-shot-schedule: 0, 6, 12 months
- Very high immunogenicity
- Protection approx. 20% for non-immune people, approx. 60% after a dengue episode
- Caution for non-immune people: **risk of DHF on contact with wild virus** (signal after 2 years)
- Authorization in Europe
- Only used in French overseas territories

Philippines prepared for 'worst-case scenario' after 733,000 given dengue vaccine that could worsen disease
 Government school immunisation programme



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Dengue-Vaccine II

WHO prequalifies new dengue vaccine

15 May 2024 | News release (Reading time: Less than a minute (2/8) words)

A new vaccine for dengue received prequalification from the World Health Organization (WHO) on 15 May 2024. TAK-003 is the second dengue vaccine to be prequalified by WHO. Developed by Takeda, it is a live-attenuated vaccine containing weakened versions of the four serotypes of the virus that cause dengue. WHO recommends the use of TAK-003 in children aged 6-10 years in settings with high dengue burden and transmission intensity. The vaccine should be administered in a 2-dose schedule with a 3-month interval between doses.

"The prequalification of TAK-003 is an important step in the expansion of global access to dengue vaccines, as it is now eligible for procurement by the agencies including UNICEF and WHO's lead UN Region Country WHO Director for Regulation and Prequalification. "With only two dengue vaccines to date prequalified, we look forward to more vaccine development coming forward for assessment, so that we can ensure worldwide health of communities who need it."

The WHO prequalification for also includes CVD-1001 vector against dengue developed by Sanofi Pasteur. Dengue is a vector-borne disease transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. Spreads dengue is a potentially fatal complication which can develop from dengue infection.

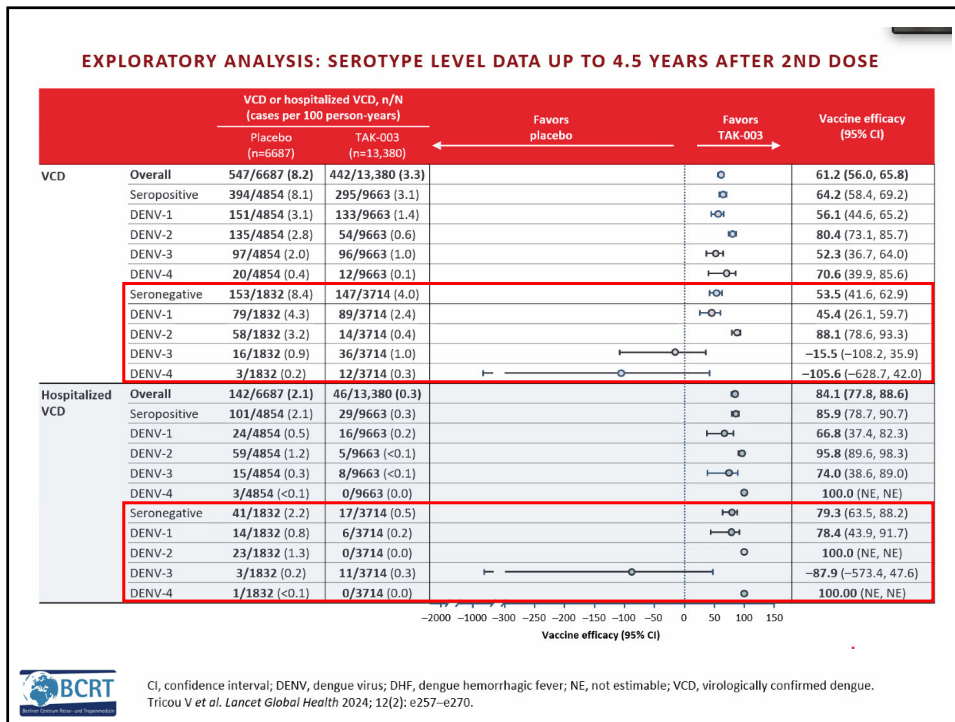
It is estimated that there are over 100,000 million cases of dengue worldwide each year and 5.0 billion people living in dengue endemic countries, most of which are in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. The largest number of dengue cases reported was in 2023 with the WHO Region of the Americas reporting 6.6 million cases and 2,000 deaths. Dengue cases are likely to increase and expand geographically due to climate change and urbanization.

Takeda Dengue Vakzine, TAK-003 (Qdenga®)

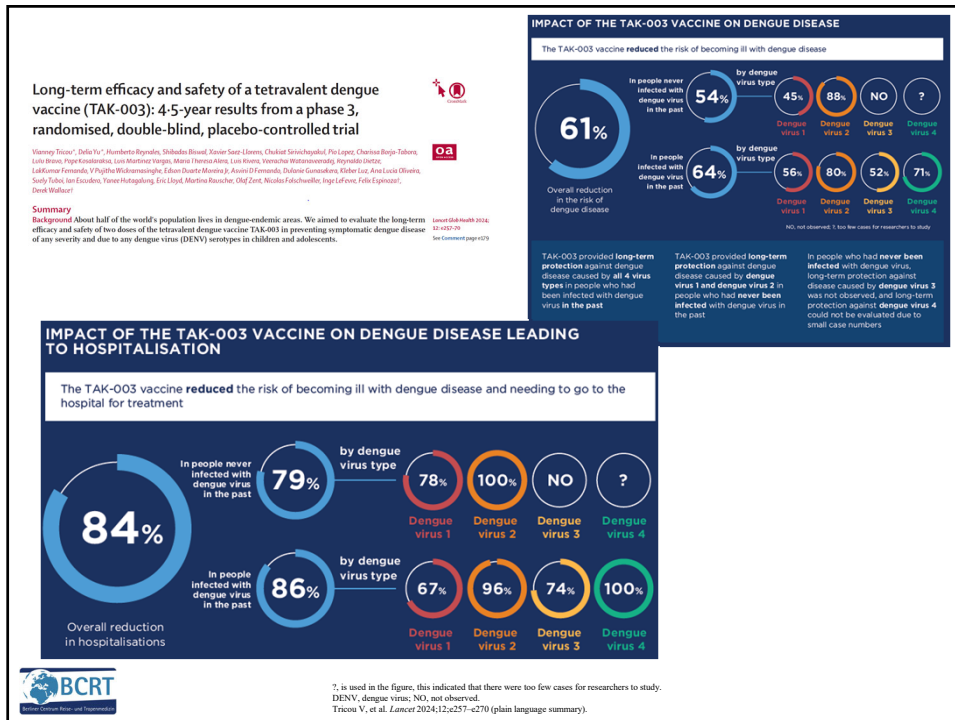
- Live vaccination against all 4 serotypes
- Basis: attenuated dengue 2 vaccine virus, DEN 1, 3, 4-chimeras
- 2 shot-schedule: 0, 3 months
- Very high immunogenicity
- Protective efficacy total population 80.2%
- Protective effectiveness after 1st vaccination 81.1%
- Protection against hospitalisation: 90.4%
- No significant protection against dengue 4
- Significantly no protection against dengue 3 (in non-immune people)
- Few data for older adults
- Side effects at placebo level
- **No signal for DHF in contact with wild virus (after >5 years of follow-up)**

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Dengue-Vaccine III

Butantan Dengue Vaccine (TV003)

- Live attenuated DEN1, 3, 4, DEN2 chimera with DEN4 backbone
- Single shot
- Currently in phase 3

Vaccine Efficacy (VE) through 2 years

	Butantan-DV		Vaccine Efficacy ^b	(95% CI)
	Cases/ Total no.	Cases/ Total no.		
Any Serotype^a				
Regardless of Serostatus	35/10215	100/5947	79.6%	(70.0, 86.3)
With Prior Exposure	8/4994	45/3023	89.2%	(77.6, 95.6)
Without Prior Exposure	26/4826	55/2690	73.6%	(57.6, 83.7)
DENV-1^c				
Regardless of Serostatus	9/10215	50/5947	89.5%	(78.7, 95.0)
With Prior Exposure	1/4994	19/3023	96.8%	(81.0, 99.8)
Without Prior Exposure	8/4826	31/2690	85.6%	(69.1, 94.0)
DENV-2^c				
Regardless of Serostatus	26/10215	50/5947	69.6%	(50.8, 81.5)
With Prior Exposure	7/4994	26/3023	83.7%	(63.1, 93.5)
Without Prior Exposure	18/4826	24/2690	57.9%	(20.8, 78.1)

• There were no cases of DENV-3 or DENV-4 during the first 2 years of follow-up of the study

^a 2 year follow up postvaccination for each participant. Per Protocol population.
^b The vaccine efficacy objective was considered met if the lower bound of the 2-sided 95% confidence interval (CI) was greater than 25% for DENV disease caused by any serotype (combined) for the primary objective or by each serotype (separately) for the secondary objectives.
^c Participants with multiple dengue episodes were counted as single cases.
^d Vaccine efficacy was estimated based on the exact binomial method proposed by Chan and Bohidar, and the 95% CI was estimated using Baker's exact CI.
^e Participants with positive dengue-specific serotype result in a single symptomatic, virologically confirmed dengue (VCD) episode or multiple symptomatic VCD episodes will be counted in each corresponding row for secondary objective.

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Dengue-Vaccine IV

NIH Dengue Vaccine (TV005)

- Live attenuated DEN1, 3, 4, DEN2 chimera with DEN4 backbone
- Increased dose of DEN2 chimera (10⁴ PFU, as opposed to 10³ PFU in TV003)
- Single shot
- Currently in phase 2

The Journal of Clinical Investigation CLINICAL MEDICINE

TV005 dengue vaccine protects against dengue serotypes 2 and 3 in two controlled human infection studies

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Table 2. Primary efficacy endpoint and frequency of viremia in vaccine or placebo recipients following DENV2 or DENV3 challenge

	No. with viremia (%)	No. with rash (%)	No. with neutropenia (%) ^a
After DENV2 challenge			
TV005 vaccinees + DENV2 challenge (n = 21)	0	0	0
Placebo + DENV2 challenge (n = 21)	21 (100%)	21 (100%)	1 (4.8%)
P value ^b	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.50
After DENV3 challenge			
TV005 vaccinees + DENV3 challenge (n = 23)	0	0	2 (8.7%)
Placebo + DENV3 challenge (n = 20)	17 (85%)	20 (100%)	5 (25%)
P value ^b	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.15

^aNeutropenia is defined as an ANC of 1,000/mm³ or less. ^bOne-sided Fisher's exact test was used to determine endpoints of higher proportion among placebo recipients versus TV005 vaccinees.

BACKGROUND. Disease due to dengue viruses is a growing global health threat, causing 100–400 million cases annually. An ideal dengue vaccine should demonstrate durable protection against all 4 serotypes in phase III efficacy trials, however the lack of circulating serotypes may lead to incomplete efficacy data. Controlled human infection models help disseminate vaccine candidates and supply critical data to supplement efficacy trials. We evaluated the efficacy of a leading live-attenuated tetravalent dengue vaccine candidate, TV005, against infection with a newly established dengue serotype 3 or an established serotype 2 challenge virus.

METHODS. Two randomized, controlled clinical trials were performed. In study 1, a total of 42 participants received TV005 or placebo (n = 21 each), and 6 months later, all were challenged with dengue 2 virus (DENV2:30) at a dose of 10⁷ PFU. In study 2, a total of 23 participants received TV005 and 20 received placebo, and 6 months later, all were challenged with 10⁷ PFU dengue 3 virus (DENV3:30). The study participants were closely monitored for safety, viremia, and immunologic responses. Infection, measured by post-challenge viremia, and the occurrence of rash and neutropenia were the primary endpoints. Secondary endpoints included safety, immunologic, and virologic profiles following vaccination with TV005 and subsequent challenge with the DENV2:30 or DENV3:30 strain.

RESULTS. TV005 was well tolerated and protected all vaccinated volunteers from viremia with DENV2 or DENV3 (none infected in either group). Placebo recipients had post-challenge viremia (100% in study 1, 85% in study 2), and all experienced rash following challenge with either serotype.

CONCLUSIONS. TV005 is a leading tetravalent dengue vaccine candidate that fully protected against infection with DENV2 and DENV3 in an established controlled human infection model.

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Qdenga®: Product Approval, Recommendations in Europe and by WHO

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Authorization for the prevention of dengue fever from the age of 4y

SAGE-WHO

For endemic areas:

The vaccine to be considered for introduction in settings with high dengue disease burden and high transmission intensity to maximize the public health impact and minimize any potential risk in seronegative persons.

The vaccine to be introduced to children aged 6 to 16 years of age. Within this age range, the vaccine should be introduced about 1-2 years prior to the age-specific peak incidence of dengue-related hospitalizations. The vaccine should be administered in a 2-dose schedule with a 3-month interval between doses.

For travellers:

- Persons living in non-endemic countries who have previously been infected may benefit
- Frequent travellers, long-term travellers, migrants, and long-term expatriates have a higher likelihood of previous dengue infection
- The benefits of vaccination with TAK-003 are lower for travellers who have never experienced dengue infection
- Travellers need to be informed that the vaccine may not confer protection against DENV3 and DENV4 if they are seronegative, and that there is a potential risk of severe dengue if seronegative individuals are exposed to DENV3 and DENV4.
- Although pre-vaccination screening to determine serostatus is not required, where available its use could be considered to inform the assessment of risks and benefits.
- Protection starts 14 days after the first dose and has been demonstrated between the first and second dose; hence, the first dose can be given up to 14 days before travel to a dengue-endemic country.
- Until more data become available on efficacy-safety profiles, WHO recommends a lower age limit of 6 years and an upper limit of 60 years for travellers.



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- All travellers are at risk – no specific behaviour or destination
- Rate of asymptomatic cases is unknown
- Rate of complications is unknown, reasons are not clear
- Many cases develop in destination countries and are treated there
- Treatment is largely symptomatic, monoclonals may be game changers
- An effective protection against dengue is important
- Current advice to travelers to dengue endemic regions:
 - Avoid travel (unrealistic)
 - Mosquito bite protection (incomplete)
 - Vaccination (incomplete)
- But: not vaccinating puts travellers at risk of infection!



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Chikungunya



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CHIKV is a single-stranded RNA alphavirus¹

Phylogenetic analysis has revealed 3 distinct strains^{1,2}

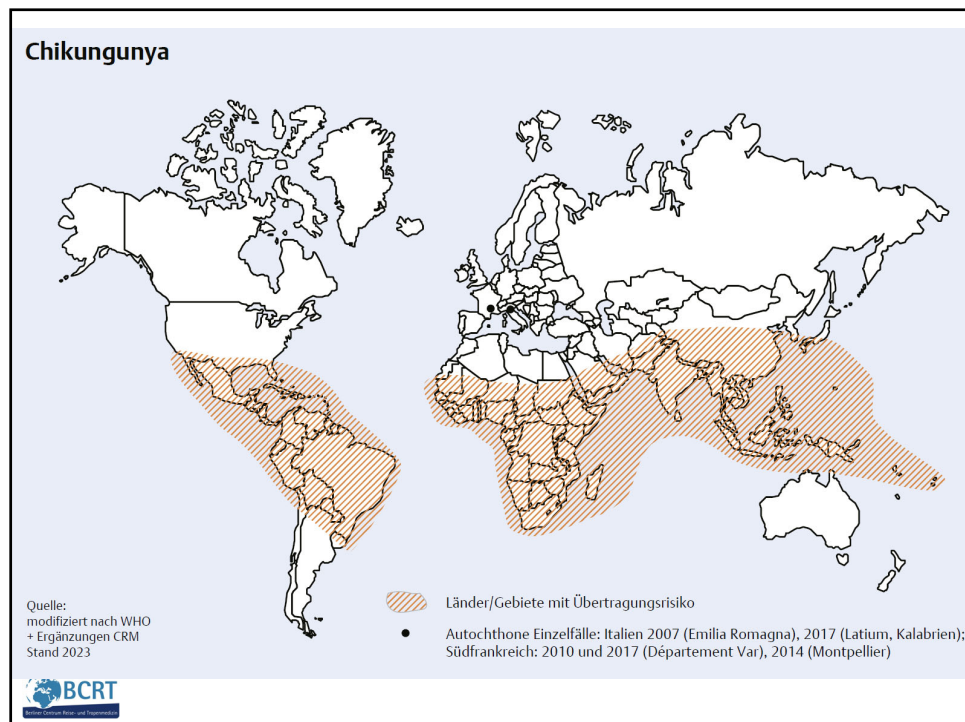
- ✓ West African
- ✓ East-Central-South African (ECSA)
- ✓ Asian

- CHIKV is spread by the same mosquitoes that transmit dengue and Zika viruses.
- The symptoms of these diseases are similar, leading to misdiagnosis and delays in treatment in areas where they are common³



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Chikungunya Disease Process

Acute Phase (up to 97%) ¹	Chronic Phase (4% to 78%) ^{5,6}
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms typically begin 3–7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito¹ • Viremic for 5-10 days^{2,3} • Acute symptoms typically resolve in 7–10 days¹ • Sub-acute post-viremic state (6-21 days) can occur^{3,4} <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Persistent articular symptoms ➢ Tenosynovitis and bursitis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pattern similar to Rheumatoid Arthritis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Characterized by peripheral spondylarthritis, undifferentiated arthritis, fibromyalgia, neuropathic chronic pain • Fatigue is other main persistent symptom, can last for months to years^{7,8} • Risk factors for developing chronic symptoms:^(6,9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ >45 years of age ➢ high viral load during acute phase ➢ severe immunologic response in post-viremic phase

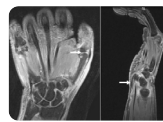
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Chikungunya: Rheumatologic Disease

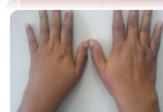
Post-CHIKV Rheumatism - 2 forms -	Effect of Arthritis/Polyarthritis	Impact on Quality of Daily Life
Mechanical musculoskeletal disorders	Long-term joint pain	• Rising from chair
	Stiffness after immobility ^{1,4}	• Walking
Chronic inflammatory arthritis	Multiple joints affected, ie, spine, shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, knee, ankles, feet	• Picking up objects
	Can be triggered by change in temperature and physical effort ⁵	• Opening a bottle
	May require surgery	• Self care
		• Physical impact on leisure time and limitations on activity



Carpitis and thumb arthritis (left) – Multiple tenosynovitis of fingers and wrist (right)¹



2 years after CHIKV infection: Intense arthritis of metacarpophalangeal joints and wrist³



Symmetrical inflammatory polyarthritis²



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Chikungunya: Persistent Rheumatologic Disease is Common

Outbreak	Year	Number of Patients	Observation Period	% Patients Affected	Post-Chik Chronic Disorders	Source
Réunion	2005	662	6 months	93.7	Rheumatic symptoms	Queyriaux et al. <i>Lancet Infect Dis</i> 2008
Italy	2007	250	12 months	66.5	Myalgia, asthenia or arthralgia	Moro et al. <i>J Infect</i> 2012
Réunion	2005	88	18 months	63.6	Persistent arthralgia	Borgherini G et al. <i>Clin Infect Dis</i> 2008
Italy	2007	180	36 months	60	Arthralgia	Schilte et al. <i>PLoS Negl Trop Dis</i> 2013
Réunion	2005	147	15 months	57	Rheumatic symptoms	Sissoko et al. <i>PLoS Negl Trop Dis</i> 2009
Kerala, India	2007	1396	15 months	57	Polyarthralgia	Mathew et al. <i>Int J Clin Pract</i> 2011
Aruba	2014	248	>6 weeks >12 months	43.8 26.3	Chronic polyarthralgia	Huits et al. <i>PLOS One</i> 2018
French Guyana	2014	168	3 months 6 months	40.4 31.3	Rheumatic or musculoskeletal pain	Bonifay et al. <i>Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis</i> 2018
South Africa	1975-1977	107	3-5 years	12	Residual joint symptoms such as stiffness, swelling, and pain	Brighton et al. <i>S Afr Med J</i> 1983



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Review

Cardiomyopathy and Death Following Chikungunya Infection: An Increasingly Common Outcome

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Abstract: Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) is vectored by *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes and is found throughout tropical and sub-tropical regions. While most infections cause mild symptoms such as fever and arthralgia, there have been cases in which cardiac involvement has been reported. In adults, case reports include symptoms ranging from tachycardia and arrhythmia, to myocarditis and cardiac arrest. In children, case reports describe symptoms such as arrhythmia, myocarditis, and heart failure. Case reports of perinatal and neonatal CHIKV infections have also described cardiovascular compromise, including myocardial hypertrophy, ventricular dysfunction, myocarditis, and death. Myocarditis refers to inflammation of the heart tissue, which can be caused by viral infection, thus becoming viral myocarditis. Since viral myocarditis is linked as a causative factor of other cardiomyopathies, including dilated cardiomyopathy, in which the heart muscle weakens and fails to pump blood properly, the connection between CHIKV and the heart is concerning. We searched PubMed, Embase, LILACS, and Google Scholar to identify case reports of CHIKV infections where cardiac symptoms were reported. We utilized NCBI Virus and NCBI Nucleotide to explore the lineage/evolution of strains associated with these outbreaks. Statistical analysis was performed to identify which clinical features were associated with death. Phylogenetic analysis determined that CHIKV infections with cardiac symptoms are associated with the Asian, the East Central South African, and the Indian Ocean lineages. Of patients admitted to hospital, death rates ranged from 26–48%. Myocarditis, hypertension, pre-existing conditions, and the development of heart failure were significantly correlated with death. As such, clinicians should be aware in their treatment and follow-up of patients.

Keywords: CHIKV; chikungunya; myocarditis; cardiomyopathy; cardiovascular

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Risk of death following chikungunya virus disease in the 100 Million Brazilian Cohort, 2015–18: a matched cohort study and self-controlled case series

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Summary
 Chikungunya virus outbreaks have been associated with excess deaths at the ecological level. Previous studies have assessed the risk factors for severe versus mild chikungunya virus disease. However, the risk of death following chikungunya virus disease compared with the risk of death in individuals without the disease remains unexplored. We aimed to investigate the risk of death in the 2 years following chikungunya virus disease.

Methods
 We used a population-based cohort study and a self-controlled case series to estimate mortality risks associated with chikungunya virus disease between Jan 1, 2015, and Dec 31, 2018, in Brazil. The dataset was created by linking national databases for social programmes, notifiable diseases, and mortality. For the matched cohort design, individuals with chikungunya virus disease recorded between Jan 1, 2015, and Dec 31, 2018, were considered as exposed and those who were alive virus disease-free and also during the study period were considered as unexposed. For the self-controlled case series, we included all deaths from individuals with a chikungunya virus disease record, and each individual acted as their own control according to different study periods relative to the date of disease. The primary outcome was all-cause natural mortality up to 720 days after onset of chikungunya virus disease symptoms, and secondary outcomes were cause-specific deaths, including ischaemic heart disease, diabetes, and cerebrovascular diseases.

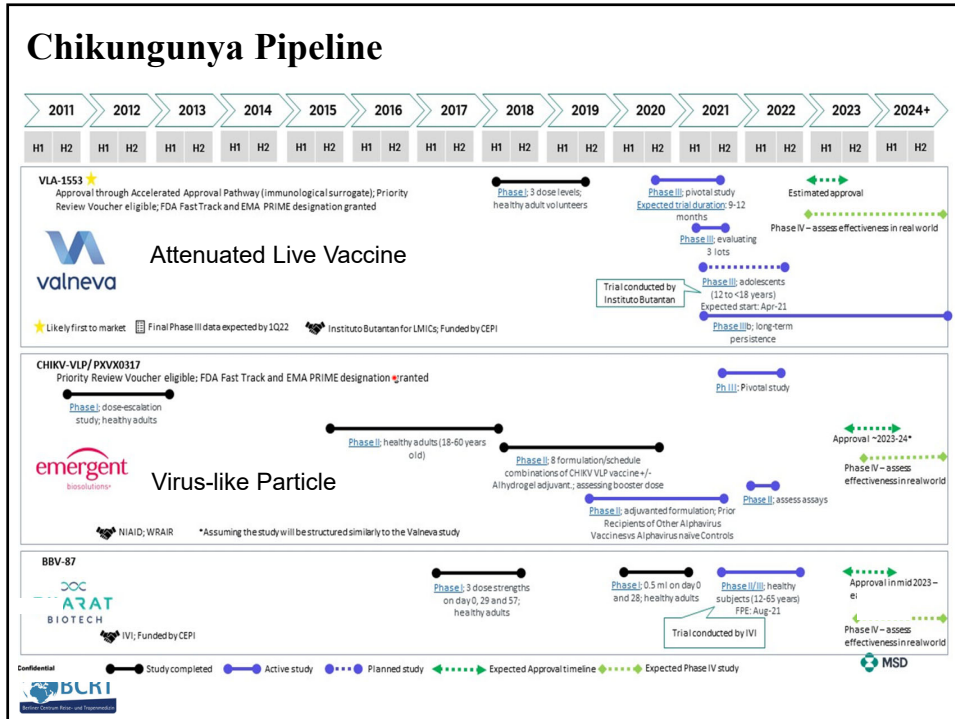
Findings
 In the matched cohort study, we included 143787 individuals with chikungunya virus disease who were matched at the day of symptom onset to unexposed individuals using sociodemographic factors. The incidence rate ratio (IRR) of death within 7 days of chikungunya symptom onset was 3.40 (95% CI 1.43–20.09) as compared with the unexposed group and decreased to 2.28 (1.56–3.37) at 15–34 days and 1.95 (1.32–3.31) at 85–168 days, with IRR close to 1 and wide CIs in the subsequent periods. For the secondary outcomes, the IRR of deaths within 28 days after disease onset were: 1.80 (1.05–2.90) for cerebrovascular diseases, 1.75 (1.13–27.00) for diabetes, and 1.07 (1.25–0.90) for ischaemic heart disease, and there was no evidence of increased risk in the subsequent periods. For the self-controlled case series study, 1931 individuals died after having had chikungunya virus disease and were included in the analysis. The IRR of all-cause natural death within 7 days of symptom onset of chikungunya virus disease was 3.75 (1.10–10.40) and decreased to 1.79 (1.20–2.60) at 15–34 days and 1.99 (1.32–2.79) at 85–168 days. For the secondary outcomes, the IRR of deaths within 28 days after disease onset were: 2.71 (1.50–4.90) for cerebrovascular diseases, 8.43 (1.05–11.23) for diabetes, and 2.38 (1.33–4.26) for ischaemic heart disease, and there was no evidence of increased risk at 85–168 days.

Interpretation
 Chikungunya virus disease is associated with an increased risk of death for up to 84 days after symptom onset, including deaths from cerebrovascular diseases, ischaemic heart diseases, and diabetes. This study highlights the need for equitable access to approved vaccines and effective anti-chikungunya virus therapeutics and reinforces the importance of robust vector control efforts to reduce viral transmission.

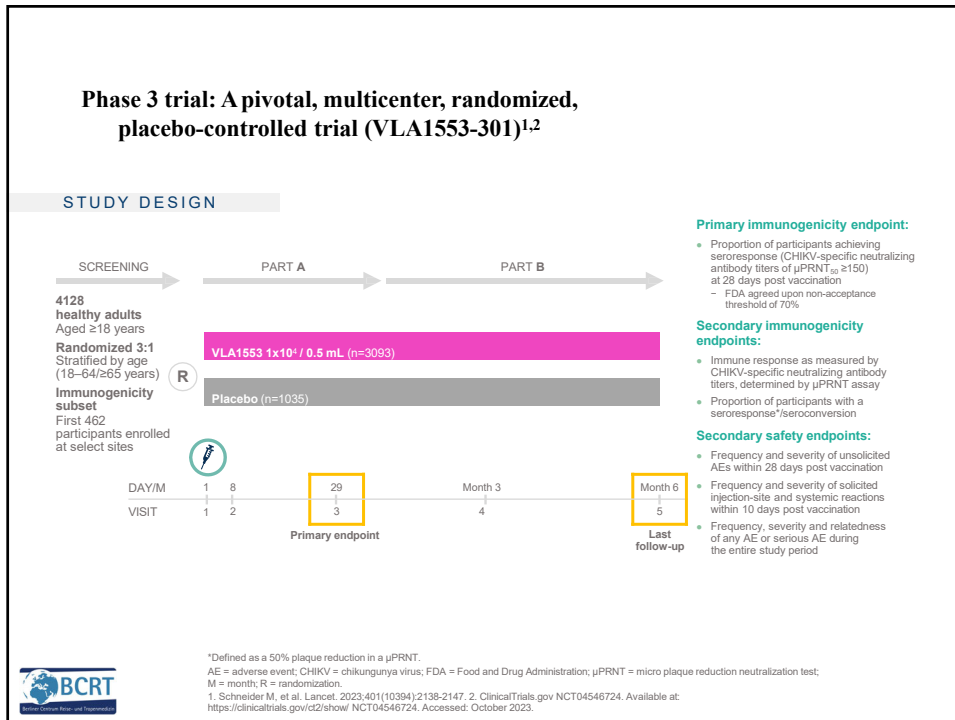




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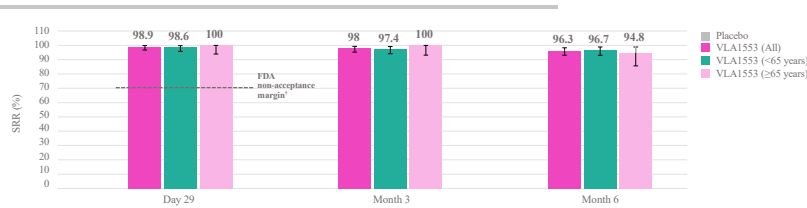


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The pivotal trial of vaccine candidate VLA1553 met its primary endpoint¹

- VLA1553 induced a seroresponse* in 98.9% of participants after 1 month, exceeding the FDA threshold¹
- High SRR of 96.3% was maintained at 6 months¹
- Seroresponse was unaffected by age (98.6% in participants aged <65 years and 100% in ≥65 years at Day 29)¹

SRR in baseline seronegative subjects (per-protocol population)^{1,2}



*Defined as CHIKV neutralizing antibody titer ≥150 by μPRNT₅₀. ¹The lower bound of the 95% CI for the SRR at Day 29 in the VLA1553 group needed to exceed 70% neutralizing antibody titers determined using μPRNT₅₀ assay. CHIKV = chikungunya virus; CI = confidence interval; FDA = Food and Drug Administration; μPRNT₅₀ = 50% micro plaque reduction neutralization test; SRR = seroresponse rate. ²1. Schneider M, et al. Lancet. 2023;401(10394):2138-2147. 2. VALNEVA Data on file (unpublished data).

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Safety and immunogenicity of a single-shot live-attenuated chikungunya vaccine: a double-blind, multicentre, randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



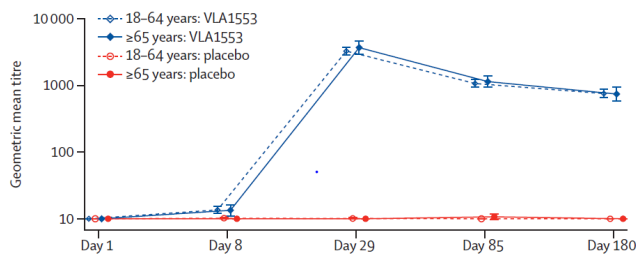
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Summary

Background VLA1553 is a live-attenuated vaccine candidate for active immunisation and prevention of disease caused by chikungunya virus. We report safety and immunogenicity data up to day 180 after vaccination with VLA1553.

Methods This double-blind, multicentre, randomised, phase 3 trial was done in 43 professional vaccine trial sites in the USA. Eligible participants were healthy volunteers aged 18 years and older. Patients were excluded if they had history of chikungunya virus infection or immune-mediated or chronic arthritis or arthralgia, known or suspected

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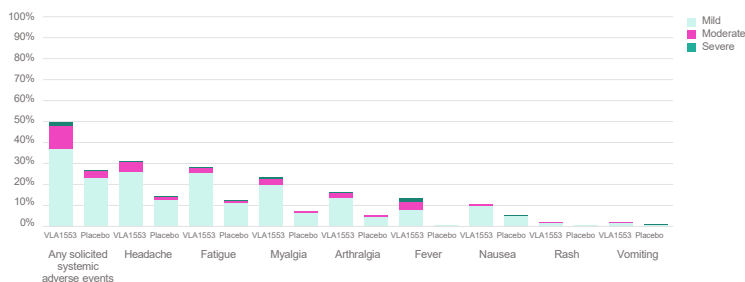
Number of participants	Day 1	Day 8	Day 29	Day 85	Day 180
18-64 years: VLA1553	207	198	207	194	184
18-64 years: placebo	73	70	73	69	68
≥65 years: VLA1553	59	53	59	52	58
≥65 years: placebo	23	23	23	22	23



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Vaccine candidate VLA1553 was generally well tolerated across all age groups, with most AEs classified as mild/moderate¹

Solicited systemic adverse events by maximum severity*¹



*Safety and tolerability of the vaccine were assessed in the safety population. Participant eDiaries were used for the collection of daily oral body temperature, solicited injection-site and systemic adverse events up to 10 days post vaccination. Participants with solicited AEs after vaccination with VLA1553, and placebo by maximum severity.
 AE = adverse event.
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Phase 3 safety, immunogenicity, and lot-consistency study of CHIKV VLP in healthy adults and adolescents¹

Randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, parallel-group design with four treatment groups

Participants were randomized in a 2:2:2:1 ratio within each age stratum (12 to <18, 18 to <46, and 46 to <65 years) to receive one of three consecutively manufactured lots of adjuvanted CHIKV VLP vaccine (40 µg of CHIKV VLP plus 300 µg aluminium hydroxide adjuvant) or placebo as follows:

Dose groups²:

- Group 1:** CHIKV VLP lot 104 (n=919)
- Group 2:** CHIKV VLP lot 105 (n=948)
- Group 3:** CHIKV VLP lot 106 (n=927)
- Group 4:** Placebo: n=464

Study population

Healthy adolescent and adult participants 12 to <65 years of age

Study centers

Multicenter study
47 sites in the US

Number of participants

3258

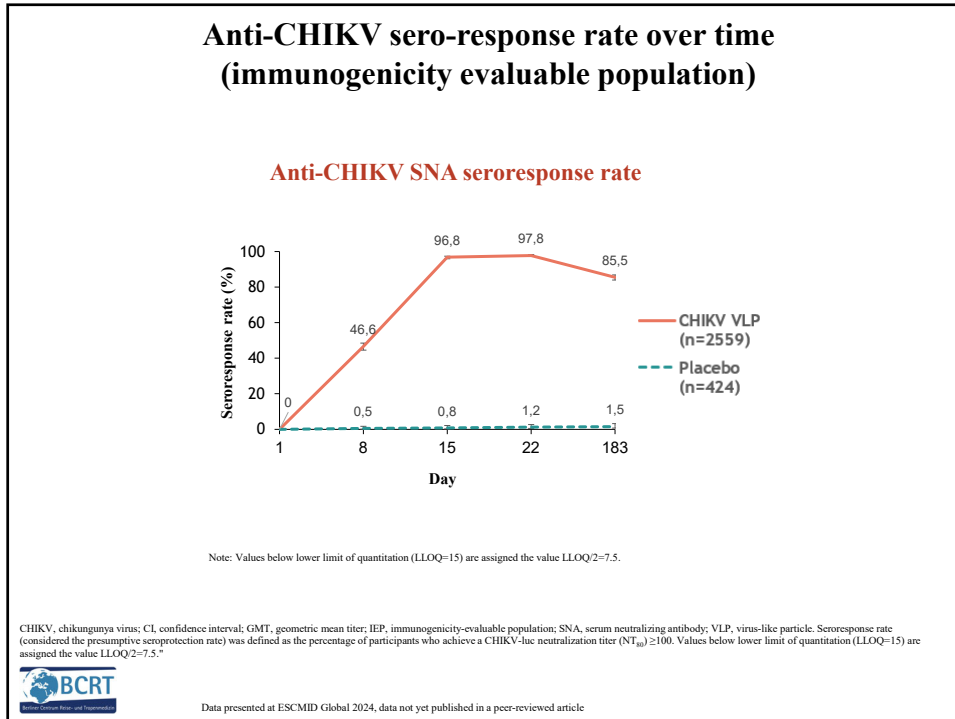
Study duration

6 months (183 days)

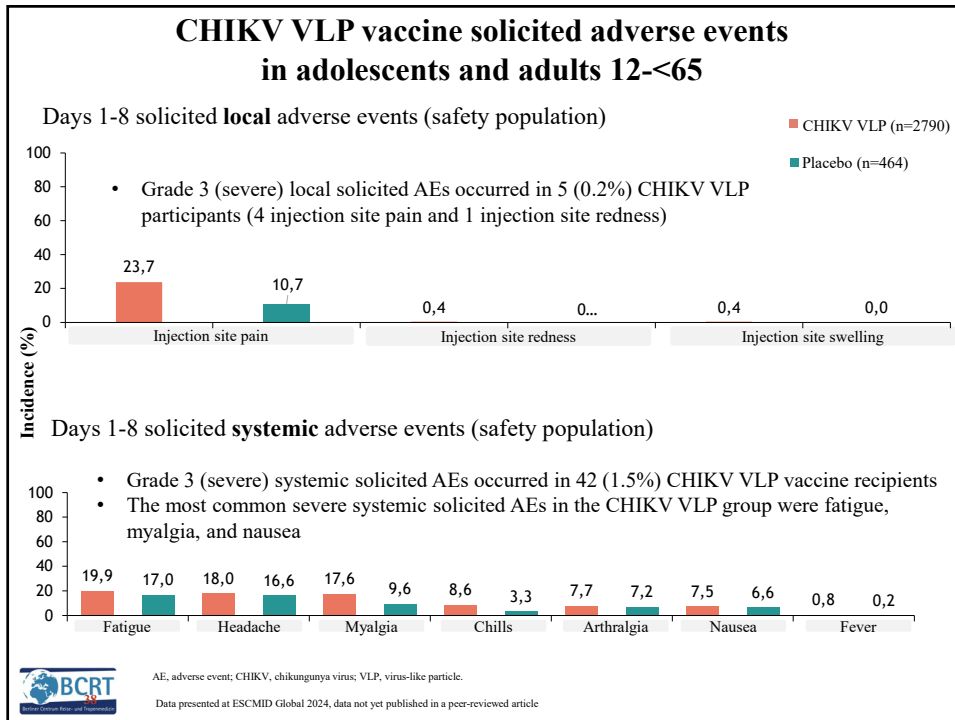


CHIKV, chikungunya virus; VLP, virus-like particle; n, number of participants.
 1. NCT05072080. ClinicalTrials.gov. 2. A nested lot consistency sub study was performed in adult participants 18 to <46 years of age in the CHIKV VLP treatment groups (groups 1-3).
 Data presented at ESCMID Global 2024, data not yet published in a peer-reviewed article

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Approval of VLA1553 (Ixchiq®) in the USA

FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA Approves First Vaccine to Prevent Disease Caused by Chikungunya Virus

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Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Ixchiq, the first chikungunya vaccine. Ixchiq is approved for individuals 18 years of age and older who are at increased risk of exposure to chikungunya virus.

The chikungunya virus is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Chikungunya is an emerging global health threat with at least 5 million cases of chikungunya virus infection reported during the past 15 years. The highest risk of infection is in tropical and subtropical regions of Africa, Southeast Asia, and parts of the Americas where chikungunya virus-carrying mosquitos are endemic. However, chikungunya virus has spread to new geographical areas causing a rise in global prevalence of the disease.

The most common symptoms of chikungunya include fever and joint pain. Other symptoms may include a rash, headache, and muscle pain. Some individuals may experience debilitating joint pain that persists for months or even years. Treatment includes rest, fluids, and over-the-counter medications for pain and fever.

“Infection with chikungunya virus can lead to severe disease and prolonged health problems, particularly for older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions,” said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. **“Today’s approval addresses an unmet medical need and is an important advancement in the prevention of a potentially debilitating disease with limited treatment options.”**

Ixchiq is administered as a single dose by injection into the muscle. It contains a live, weakened version of the chikungunya virus and may cause symptoms in the vaccine recipient similar to those experienced by people who have chikungunya disease.

The safety of Ixchiq was evaluated in two clinical studies conducted in North America in which about 3,500 participants 18 years of age and older received a dose of the vaccine with one study including about 1,000 participants who received a placebo. The most commonly reported side effects by vaccine recipients were headache, fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain, fever, nausea and tenderness at the injection site.



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Chikungunya Vaccination for U.S. Travelers Decision Tree

Healthcare provider should assess a traveler’s risk for chikungunya virus infection based on planned itinerary:

- All travelers to countries at risk for chikungunya should take precautions to avoid mosquito bites.
- For some travelers aged 18 years with higher risk itineraries, chikungunya vaccine might be indicated.

Traveling to a country or territory where there is a chikungunya outbreak?

- Yes:** Chikungunya vaccine **RECOMMENDED.**
- No:** Traveling to a country or territory without an outbreak but with evidence of chikungunya virus transmission among humans within the last 2 years* and in one of these groups?
 - Age ≥65 years, particularly those with underlying medical conditions, who are likely to have at least moderate exposure† to mosquitoes? OR
 - Staying for a cumulative period of 6 months or more?
 - Yes:** Chikungunya vaccine **MAY BE CONSIDERED.**

Factors to assess when considering use of chikungunya vaccine

- Assess likelihood of exposure to chikungunya virus**
 - Evaluate level of disease activity at destination:**
 - Is there an outbreak? Is there evidence of recent chikungunya virus transmission?
 - Assess duration of travel or residence and likelihood of future travel to areas with transmission:**
 - Longer duration travel increases the likelihood a traveler might be exposed to an infected mosquito or future outbreak
 - Current and future travel plans should be considered as this will impact cumulative infection risk
 - Discuss likelihood of exposure to Aedes species mosquitoes and of adherence to prevention measures:**
 - Aedes species mosquito mostly bite during the day, can bite indoors and outdoors, and are most numerous in urban areas
 - Traveler willingness to use preventive measures (e.g., mosquito repellent, protective clothing) will influence risk
 - Risk will be lower for travelers mainly in mosquito-protected indoor settings (e.g., buildings with air conditioning or window screens)
- Assess risk factors for severe disease outcomes**
 - Consider age of traveler:**
 - Adults aged >65 years, infants aged <1 year, and neonates have a higher risk for rare but severe disease presentations
 - Older age (e.g., >65 years) is a risk factor for long-term arthralgia after infection
 - Review underlying medical conditions of traveler:**
 - Certain medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, cardiac disease, hypertension) increase the risk for severe disease
 - Pre-existing joint problems are a risk factor for long-term arthralgia after infection
- Assess traveler preferences**
 - Explore individual’s personal values:**
 - Travelers likely have differing risk tolerance for the possibility of acquiring chikungunya or the possibility of an adverse event after vaccination

*CDC posts information on countries and territories with outbreaks or evidence of chikungunya virus transmission among humans during the last 2 years at <https://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/gen/index.html>.

†Moderate exposure could include travelers who might have at least 2 weeks (cumulative) of exposure to mosquitoes in indoor or outdoor settings. It does not include travelers who might have limited exposure to mosquitoes (e.g., business travelers likely to be mainly in mosquito-protected indoor settings).

Web available by CDC on May 15, 2024.

<https://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/hcp/vaccine/index.html>

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Zika



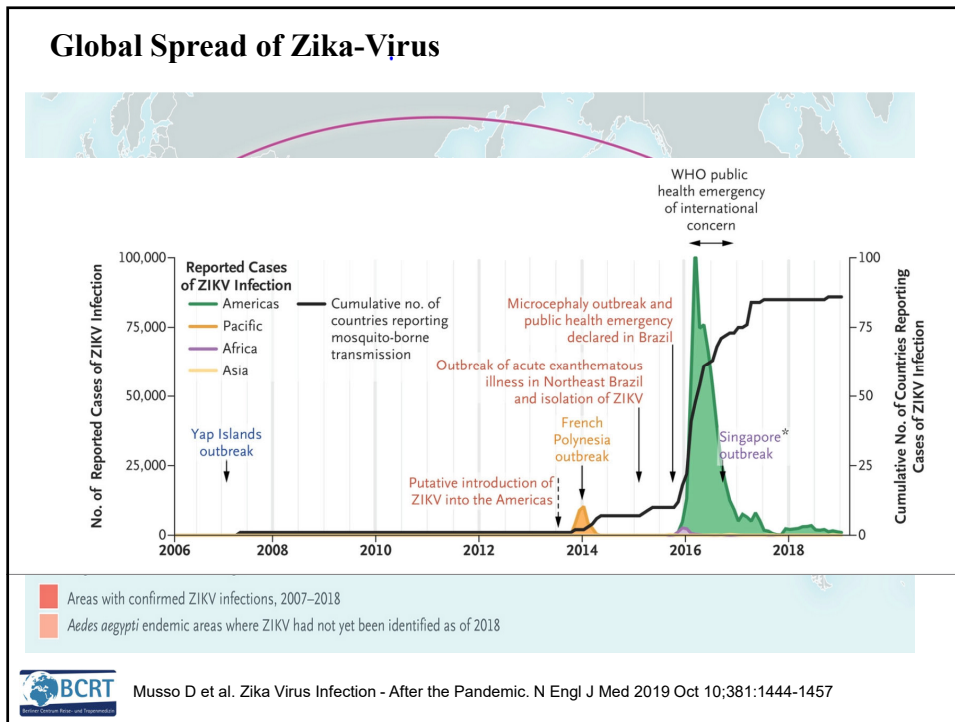
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Zika-Virus

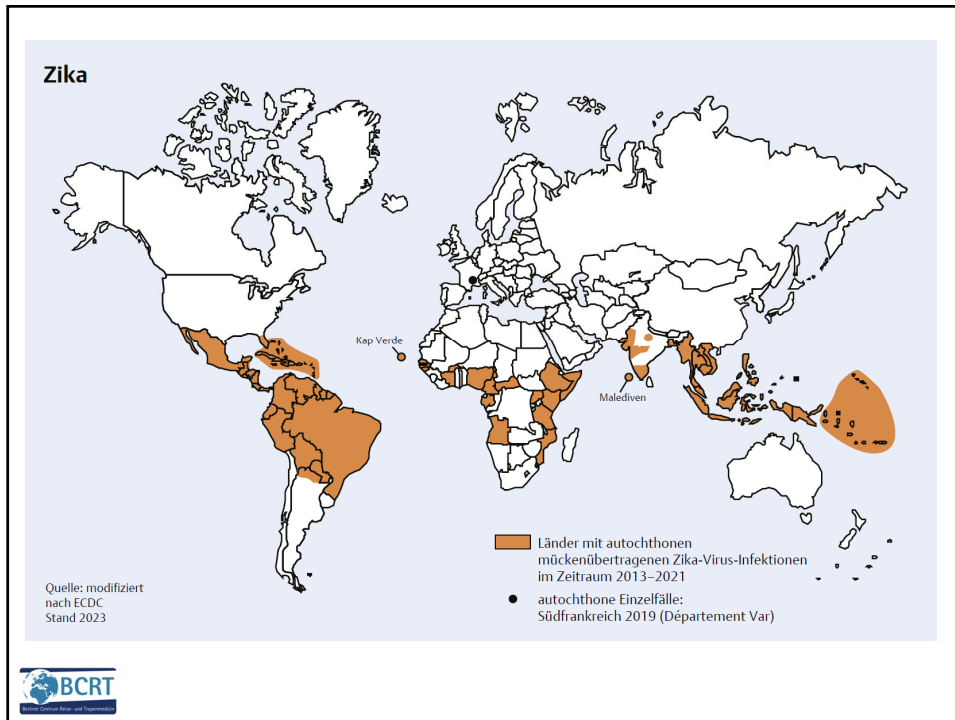
- ✓ Flavivirus
- ✓ First isolated in 1947 from a rhesus monkey at a research station in the Zika Forest in Entebbe/Uganda
- ✓ Occurs naturally in tropical Africa
- ✓ Transmitted by mosquitoes of the genus Aedes, especially Ae. Aegypti
- ✓ In 2009, human infection with Zika virus was reported for the first time outside Africa and Asia, namely on the Yap Islands of Micronesia
- ✓ The largest outbreak up to date occurred in 2016 in Latin America
- ✓ Symptoms: skin rash, fever, joint pain, conjunctivitis and, more rarely, muscle pain, headaches, vomiting
- ✓ The skin rash lasts an average of six days, other symptoms disappear earlier.
- ✓ Guillain-Barré-Syndrome may occur as complication
- ✓ Viremia during pregnancy leads to viral neurotropism in newborn: brain damage and microcephaly
- ✓ Zika can be transmitted by sex



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Clinical features of dengue, Zika and chikungunya viral infection

Features	Zika	Dengue	Chikungunya
Fever ¹	++	+++	+++
Rash ¹	+++	++	++
Joint pain ¹	++	+	+++
Conjunctivitis ¹	++	-	-
Muscle pain ¹	+	+++	+
Headache ¹	+	++	++
Hemorrhage	Rare	++	Rare ²
Shock ¹	-	+	-
Guillain-Barré syndrome	Rare ³	Very rare ⁴	Very rare ⁵
Neurological infection	Rare	+	+
Case fatality rate	Very rare ⁶ (Except fetal loss)	<1% ⁷	0.1% ⁸

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Zika Vaccine Candidates in Clinical Trials

Vaccine type	Vaccine name	Antigen	Phase	Developer(s)	Adjuvant
Inactivated vaccines	ZPIV	Whole virus	I	NIAID/WRAIR/BIDMC	Alum
	PIZV/TAK-426	Whole virus	I	Takeda Pharmaceuticals	Alum
	VLA1601	Whole virus	I	Valneva Austria GmbH	Alum
	BBV121	Whole virus	I	Bharat Biotech International	Alum
DNA vaccines	VRC5288	prM/E	I	NIAID, VRC	None
	VRC5283	prM/E	II	NIAID/VRC	None
	GLS-5700	prM/E	I	GeneOne Life Science/Inovio Pharmaceuticals	None
Live-attenuated vaccine	rZIKV/D4Δ30-713	rZIKV/D4Δ30-713	I	NIAID	None
mRNA vaccines	mRNA 1325	prM/E	II	Moderna Therapeutics	None
	mRNA 1893	prM/E	II		None
Viral vectored vaccines	MV-ZIKA-RSP	prM/E	I	Themis Bioscience GmbH	None
	MV-ZIKA	prM/E	I	Themis Bioscience GmbH	None
	ChAdOx1 ZIKA	CprME/NS	I	University of Oxford	None
	Ad26.ZIKV.001	ZIKV M-Env	I	Janssen Vaccines and Prevention B.V.	None

Abbreviations: ZPIV, ZIKV purified inactivated vaccine. PIZV, purified inactivated Zika virus vaccine. VRC, Vaccine Research Center. prM, premembrane. E, envelope. WRAIR, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. NIAID, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (USA). BIDMC, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. ChAdOx1, Chimpanzee adenovirus Oxford 1. MV, measles virus vaccine.

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Potential Advantages and Disadvantages of Various Zika Vaccine Candidates

Vaccine type	Advantages	Disadvantages	Principle of generation
Inactivated vaccines	High safety for immunosuppressed people. Better stability for storage.	Low immunogenicity Need adjuvants or multiple doses to enhance immunity.	Composed of viral particles along with other pathogens that were cultured.
Live-attenuated vaccines	Persistent immune response without adjuvants or multiple doses.	Not recommended for immunosuppressed people or gravidas because of potential hazards.	Reduce the virulence of a pathogen while maintaining its activity.
DNA vaccines	Better stability for storage. Better perform vaccine design by adding or deleting.	Low immunogenicity. Low therapeutic efficacy due to the degradation of DNA.	An antigen from a pathogen is cloned and inserted into the DNA plasmid.
mRNA vaccines	Provide a better safety profile because of less insertional mutations.	Low-temperature storage owing to instability. Need to boost immunization.	Synthesized with the virtually desired sequence.
Viral vectored vaccines	Induce stronger immune responses.	Not recommended for immunocompromised persons or gravidas.	Insert genes encoding the proteins of pathogenic microorganisms into the vector.



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Zika vaccine could be in production by year's end, says maker

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A vaccine against the Zika virus could be in production later this year, said a Canadian developer who previously led the effort to develop the ZMapp treatment for Ebola virus disease.

Gary Kobinger, head of vector design and immunotherapy in the special pathogens programme at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory, told Reuters. "This vaccine is easy to produce. It could be cranked to very high levels in a really short time."

Kobinger's laboratory is collaborating with a team at the University of Pennsylvania led by David Weiner and with Inovio Pharmaceuticals and GeneOne Life Science of South Korea.

Inovio's chief executive, Joseph Kim, called Kobinger's timeline aggressive but possible. "I believe this will be the first to go into human testing. We believe we're ahead of the pack in the race for a Zika vaccine," he told Reuters.

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Moderna won't advance US-backed Zika vaccine without more outside funding

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Moderna Zika COVID-19 BARDA

Work on the vaccine dates back to at least 2016, when Moderna announced that BARDA was providing \$8 million to finance a phase I toxicology study. (Nathawat Somsak/Getty Images)

Moderna does not plan to advance a midstage Zika vaccine without additional outside cash, despite receiving U.S. funding thus far, according to a regulatory disclosure.

The news, tucked into Moderna's annual report released Friday, throws cold water on the most mature vaccine in Moderna's public health pipeline. The company is also working on vaccines for mpox and Nipah under the public health umbrella, both of which are in phase I studies.

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