



A Review: Zika Virus

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ABSTRACT

Zika virus (ZIKV) is a newly emergent relative of the Flaviviridae family and is linked to dengue and chikungunya. ZIKV is one of the rising pathogens promptly surpassing geographical borders. ZIKV infection was characterized by mild disease with fever, headache, rash, arthralgia, and conjunctivitis with exceptional reports of an association with Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) and microcephaly. However, since the end of 2015, an increase in the number of GBS associated cases and an astonishing amount of microcephaly in foetus and new-borns in Brazil have been related to ZIKV infection, raising serious worldwide public health concerns. ZIKV is transmitted by the bite of infected female mosquitoes of *Aedes* species. Clarifying such worrisome relationships is thus, a current unavoidable goal. Here, we extensively described the current understanding of the effects of ZIKV on health, clinical manifestation, diagnosis and treatment options based on modern, alternative and complementary medicines regarding the disease.

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INTRODUCTION

Zika fever (also called Zika virus disease) is associated with a degree of illness caused by the Zika virus. Most cases don't have any symptoms. Symptoms typically last but seven days "Zika virus: Rapid spread in the new world." Symptoms may include fever, joint pain, red eyes, headache, and a maculopapular rash. Infection has joined to Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS).

Zika fever is principally spread via the bite of mosquitoes of the arthropod genus *Aedes*. It can even be probably spread by sex and blood transfusions. The disease may spread from mother-to-child within the womb and cause microcephaly. Diagnosis is by testing the blood, urine, or saliva for the virus's RNA when the person is sick. Interference involves decreasing mosquito bites in areas wherever the illness happens. Efforts include the utilization of repellent, covering abundant of the body with consumer goods, dipteran nets, and obtaining eliminate standing water wherever mosquito reproduce. There's no effective immunizing agent. Health officers counselled that ladies in area plagued by outbreaks think which pregnant lady not travel areas wherever outbreaks were occurring whereas there is no specific treatment. Paracetamol (acetaminophen) could facilitate with the symptoms. Admission to hospital never necessary.¹

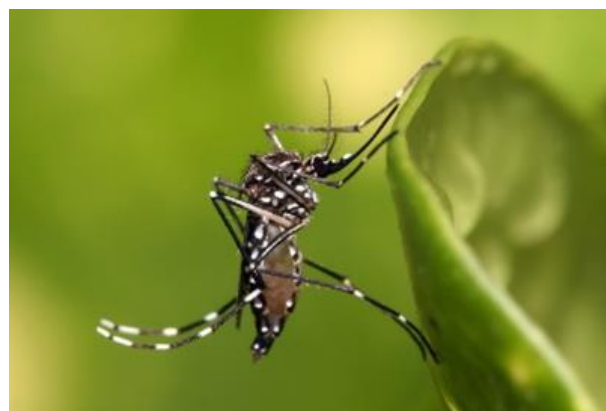


Figure 1: *Aedes aegypti*

Signs and symptoms

The most common signs and symptoms of Zika fever are fever, rash, red eyes, conjunctivitis (red eyes), muscle and joint pain, and headache, which are similar to signs and symptoms of dengue and chikungunya fever. The time from a mosquito bite to developing symptoms is not yet known, but is probably a few days to a week, the disease lasts for several days to a week and is usually mild enough that people do not have to go to a hospital.⁴

Guillain-Barre syndrome

Zika virus infections are connected to GBS, that is that fast onset of muscle weakness which will make dysfunction. Whereas each will happen to a similar time, it's troublesome to definitely connect to Zika virus because the reason for GBS. Many countries suffering from Zika outbreaks have rumored will increase within the rate of GBS and three deaths thanks to Zika connected Guillain-Barre rumored in Colombia.¹⁵



Pregnancy (Microcephaly)

It is believed that the sickness could be unfold from mother to child with in the uterus and cause microcephaly. This is not however confirmed.¹

Virology and Pathogenesis

ZIKA is an RNA virus containing 10,794 nucleotides encoding 3,419 amino acids. It is closely related to Sflaviviruses pondweni virus; the 2 viruses are the only members of their clade within the mosquito-borne cluster of laviviruses succeeding nearest relatives was embrace Ilheus, Rocio, and St. prizefighter phrenitis viruses; yellow jacksonvirus is that the example of the family, which also includes dengue, Japanese encephalitis, and West river viruses Studies in the Zika Forest suggested that ZIKV infection blunted thviremia caused by yellow fever virus in monkeys but 8 did not block transmission of yellow fever virus.

Information regarding pathogenesis of ZIKV is scarce but mpsquito-born flavi viruses are thought to replicate initially in dendritic cells near the site of inoculation than spread to lymph nodes and the blood stream. Though flavi viral replication is believed to occur in cellular protoplasm, one study styered thst ZIKV antigens may be found in infected cell nuclei Too date, infections ZIKV has been detected in human blood as early because the day of illness onset;viral macromolecule has been detected as late as 11 days after onset. The virus was iso;ated from the serum of monkey 9 days after experimental inoculation. ZIKV is killed by potassium permanganate, ether, and temperature 60 c, it's not effectively neutralised with 100 percent fermentation alcohol.⁵

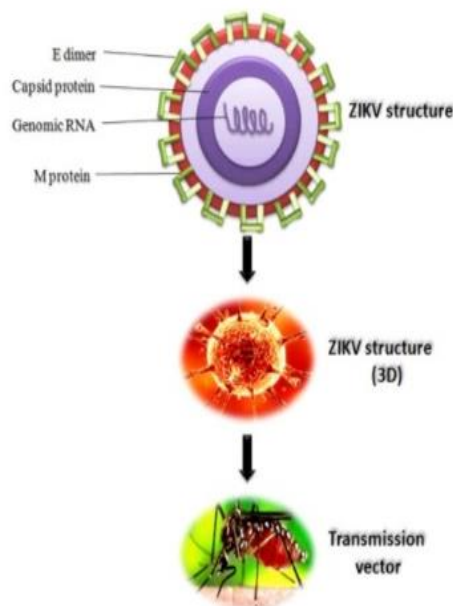


Figure 2: ZIKV structure

Vector

The zika virus is transmitted by daytime - Active mosquitoes as its vector. It is primarily transmitted by the

female *Aedes aegypti* in order to lay eggs but has been isolated from a number of arboreal mosquito species in the *Aedes* genus, such a *A. africanus apicoargenteus*, *A. furcifer*, *A. hensilli*, *A. luteocephalus* and *A. vittatus* with an extrinsic incubation period in mosquitoes of about 10 days. The potential societal risk of zika virus can be delimited by the distribution of the mosquito species that transmit it. The global distribution of the mosquito species that transmit it. The global distribution of the most cited carrier of Zika virus, *A.aegypti* is expanding due to global trade and travel .⁵

Epidemiology

The terribly 1st well-known case of Zika fever was in an exceedingly sentry macaque stationed on a tree platform within the Zika Forest in African country in 1947. Population surveys at the time in African country found a half dozen. 1% prevalence. The primary human cases were reported in African nation in 1954. a number of outbreaks are reported in tropical continent and in some areas in Southeast Asia. There are no documented cases of Zika virus within the Indian landmass. Surveys have found antibodies to Zika in healthy folks in India that may indicate past exposure, although it may even be because of cross-reaction with alternative flaviviruses. By victimization biological process analysis of Asian strains, it absolutely was calculable that Zika virus had affected to Southeast Asia by 1945. In 1977–1978, Zika viral infection was delineated as a reason behind fever in Republic of Indonesia. Before 2007, reported cases of Zika viral infection were of a discontinuous delicate infectious agent unhealthiness that got higher on its own associate degreed it absolutely was not thought of a rising infective agent.

The primary major eruption, with 185 confirmed cases, was reported in 2007 within the Yap Islands of the united States of Micronesia. A complete of 108 cases were confirmed by PCR or medical science and seventy two further cases were suspected. The foremost common symptoms were rash, fever, arthralgia, and inflammation, and no deaths were reported. The two-winged insects arthropod genus *hensilli*, that was the predominant species known in Yap throughout the eruption, was most likely the most vector of transmission. Whereas the means of introduction of the virus on Yap Island remains unsure, it's seemingly to possess happened through introduction of infected mosquitoes or a viraemic human with a strain associated with those in south East Asia. This was conjointly the primary time Zika fever had been reported outside continent and Asia. Before the yap island eruption, solely fourteen human cases had ever been reported.⁶

X Virus isolation in monkeys and mosquitoes

The virus was initial isolated in the April 1947 from a rhesus monkey old world monkey that had been placed in an exceedingly detain the zika forest of Uganda, close to lake Victoria, by the scientist of the infectious diseases analysis

institute. A second isolation from the two winged insects *A. africanus* followed at a similar website in January 1948.⁷

First evidence of human infection, 1952

Zika virus had been famed to infect humans from the results of serologic surveys in African nation and African country. A serosurvey of eighty four folks of all ages showed fifty had antibodies, with all higher than forty years aged being immune. It absolutely was not till 1954 that the victorious isolation of Zika virus from a person's was printed. This came as a part of a 1952 irruption investigation of jaundice suspected to be black vomit. It absolutely was found within the beed of a ten year previous Nigerian feminine with low grade fever, headache, and proof of protozoal infection, however no jaundice, WHO recovered among 3 days. Blood was injected into the brain of laboratory mice, followed by up to fifteen mice passages. The virus from mouse brains was then tested in neutralization tests mistreatment rhesus sera specifically resistant to Zika virus. In distinction, no virus was isolated from the blood of 2 infected adults with fever, jaundice, cough, diffuse joint pains in one and fever, headache, pain behind the eyes and within the joints. Infection was proved by an increase in zika virus specific bodily fluid antibodies (Justin Rowlett - BBC, news 2016) A 1953 analysis study conducted in Republic of India had shown a "significant numbers" of Indians tested of or Zika had exhibited associate immunologic response to the virus, suggesting if had long been widespread among human population.³

Micronesia, 2007

In April 2007, the primary eruption outside of Africa and Asia occurred on the island of Yap with in the Federate states of Micronesia, characterized by rash, pink eye, and hurting, that was at that start thought to the break bone fever, chikungunya, or Ross stream diseases serum samples from patients within the acute section of health problems contained RNA of Zika virus. There have been 49 confirmed cases, 59 unofficial cases, no hospitalization, and no deaths.⁷

Americas, 2015

Since April 2015, a large, in progress happening of Zika virus that began in Brazil has unfold to a lot of South and Central America and also the Caribbean. In Jan 2016, the agency issued A level a pair of travel alert for folks traveling to regions and sure countries wherever Zika virus transmission is in progress, and instructed that girls pondering turning into pregnant ought to talk to their physicians before traveling. Governments or health agencies of the UK, Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, and also the international organization presently issued similar travel warnings. In Colombia, Minister of Health and Social Protection Alejandro Gaviria Uribe counseled avoiding physiological state for eight months, whereas the countries of South American nation, Central American nation, and Jamaica have issued similar warnings, finish of Jan 2016, the authorities in American state Janeiro Rio

city|metropolis|urban center} de Janeiro, Brazil, declared plans to do to stop the unfold of the Zika virus throughout the 2016 Summer Olympic Games therein town. In Between Oct 2015 and Jan 2016, Brazilian health authorities reportable quite three, 500 abnormal condition cases, some with a severe sort and a few having died. The worst affected region of Brazil is its poorest, consisting of the three Northeastern states Paraiba, Pernambuco and Bahia, wherever regarding one p.c of newborns area unit suspected of being abnormality. As of Gregorian calendar month 2016 fifty two travel-associated Zika virus illness cases and no domestically noninheritable vector-borne cases had been reportable from the United States of America to the agency, although there have been nine native cases from United States of America territories Puerto Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and also the United States of America island (CDC, 2016). The continued public health emergency in Brazil presents the biggest affected population to this point and a singular chance to scrupulously study the potential link between Zika virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome, and abnormal condition.²

Causes

Zika virus is a mosquito born flavivirus closely related to the dengue virus. While mosquitoes are the vector, the reservoir species remains unknown, through serological evidence has been found in the West African monkeys and rodents.⁸

Transmission

The vertebrate hosts of the virus were primarily monkeys in a supposed endemical mosquito -monkey-mosquito cycle with solely occasional transmission to humans. Before the present pandemic began in 2007, zika virus "rarely caused recognised spill over infections in humans even in extremely endemic areas sometimes alternative, arboviruses became established as a person's sickness, although and unfold in a very mosquito human mosquito cycle, just like the black vomit virus and also the dengue virus (both flaviruses), and also the chikungunya virus Transmission is via the bite of mosquitoes from the *Aedes* genus, primarily mosquito in tropical regions. It's conjointly been isolated from *Ae. Africanus*, *Ae. Apico argenteus*, *Ae. Luteocephalus*, *Ae. Vittatus* and *Furcifer* .⁸

Diagnosis

It is a tough to diagnose zika infection supported clinical signs and symptoms alone these to overlaps with different arboviruses that area unit endemic to similar areas. The us centres for sickness management and bar (CDC) advises that "based on the standard clinical option the medical diagnosis for zika infection is broad, additionally to dandy fever, different concerns embody swamp fever, malaria rickettsia, typhoid fever, rubella measles, and parvo, picornavirus, andinivirus, and animal virus infection (example chicken Guinea and May aro, rossriver, barmah forest, o'nyong nyong, and sindbis viruses) in small case series, routine chemistry and complete blood



counts are normal In most patient's. If you have been reported to have mild leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and elevated liver transaminases. Zika virus will be known by reverse polymerase PCR (RT-PCR) in acutely unwell patients. However, the amount of pathology is short and also the World Health Organization recommends RT-PCR testing be done on liquid body substance collected inside one three to three} days of symptom onset or on spit or excreta samples collected throughout the primary 3 to five days. Once evaluating paired samples, Zika virus was detected a lot of oftentimes in spit than liquid body substance. The longest amount of detectable virus has been eleven days and Zika virus doesn't seem to ascertain latency. Later on, serology for the detection of specific IgM and IgG antibodies to Zika virus is used. IgM antibodies can be detectable within 3 days of the onset of illness. Serological cross-reactions with closely related flaviviruses like dengue and west Nile fever moreover as vaccines to flaviviruses are possible. Commercial assays for Zika antibodies are now available but have not yet proved.⁹

Commercial Diagnostic Tests for Zika



Figure 3: Diagnostic test for Zika

The authority recommends screening some pregnant ladies even though they are doing not have symptoms of infection. Pregnant ladies UN agency have travelled to affected areas ought to be tested between 2 and twelve weeks when their come from travel. Attributable to the difficulties with ordering and deciphering tests for Zika virus, the authority conjointly recommends that aid suppliers contact their native health department for help for girls living in affected areas, the authority has suggested testing at the primary antepartum visit with a doctor moreover as within the mid-second trimester, although this might be adjusted supported native resources and also the native burden of Zika virus. Additional testing ought to be done if there area unit any signs of Zika virus maladies with positive check results for Zika infection ought to have their vertebrate monitored by ultrasound each 3 to four weeks to observe their anatomy and growth.⁹

Infant and testing

Infants with suspected congenital Zika virus disease, the CDC recommends testing with both serologic and molecular assays such as RT-PCR, IgM ELISA and 10 plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT). Newborns with a mother who was potentially exposed and who have positive blood tests, microcephaly or intracranial calcifications should have further testing including a thorough physical investigation for neurologic abnormalities, dysmorphic features, splenomegaly, hepatomegaly, and rash or other skin lesions. Other recommended tests are cranial ultrasound, hearing evaluation, and eye examination. Testing should be done for any abnormalities encountered as well as for other congenital infections such as syphilis, toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus infection, lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus infection, and herpes simplex virus. Prevention:

- The virus is spread by mosquitoes, making mosquito avoidance an important element to disease control. The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that individual: Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use an insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), or IR3535
- Always follow product directions and reapply as directed.
- If you are also using sunscreen first, let it dry then apply insect repellent.
- Follow package directions when applying repellent on children. Avoid applying repellent to their hands, eyes, or mouth.
- Stay and sleep in screened in or air conditioned rooms.
- Use a bed net if the area where you are sleeping is exposed to the outdoors.¹⁰

Prevention strategies

The centre for diseases control and prevention additionally recommends ways for dominant mosquitoes like eliminating standing water, repairing septic tanks and victimization screens on doors and windows, spraying insect powder is employed to kill flying mosquitoes chemicals is utilized in water containers as a result of zika virus is also sexually transmitted men united nations agency have gone to a district wherever zika fever is happening ought to be endorsed to either abstain from sex or use contraceptives if their partner is pregnant and may thick about condom use if they are not.³

Vaccine development

National Institutes of Health (NIH), however officers warn that development of an immunogen might take years.

Effective vaccines exist for many flaviviruses. Vaccines for black vomit virus, Japanese redness, and tick-borne redness were introduced within the 30s, whereas the immunogen for dengue solely became obtainable to be used within the mid-2010s. Work has begun within the USA towards developing an immunogen for the Zika virus, consistent with Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of hypersensitivity reaction and Infectious Diseases. The researchers at the immunogen center have intensive expertise from operating with vaccines for alternative viruses like West Nile virus, chikungunya virus, and dengue.

Nikos Vasilakis of the middle for biodefence and rising Infectious Diseases foreseen that it should take 2 years to develop an immunogen, however ten to twelve years could also be required before a good Zika virus immunogen is approved by regulators for public use. AN Indian company, India biotech international, rumored in early february 2016 that is absolutely was acting on vaccine for the zika virus. The corporate functioning on 2 approaches to a vaccine “recombinant “involving biotechnology, and inactivated wherever the virus is in capable of reproducing itself however will still trigger on response. The corporate proclaimed animal trials of the inactivated version would start in last february.¹¹

Treatment:

There is presently no specific treatment for Zika infection. Care is corroborative with treatment of pain, fever, and itchiness. Some authorities have consoled against victimization pain pill and different NSAIDs as these are related to harm syndrome once used for different flaviviruses. In addition, pain pill use is mostly avoided in kids once attainable thanks to the chance of Reye syndrome. Zika virus had been comparatively very little studied till the main eruption in 2015, and no specific antiviral treatments are accessible here to fore. Advice to pregnant girls is to avoid any risk of infection to this point as attainable, as once infected there’s very little which will be done on the far side corroborative treatment. One in vitro study found that Zika virus could also be sensitive to antiviral treatment that is often used against different infectious agent infections; but, these results haven’t been tested in animals or humans.¹²

WHO Response

It is the original pan yankee Health organisation (PAHO) moreover because the world health organisation (WHO) has issued statements of concern concerning the widespread public health impact of the zika virus and its link to GBS and abnormally. The UN agency director general, Dr.Margaret chan, issued an announcement in Feb 2016 declaring that the recent cluster of abnormally cases and alternative medical speciality disorders reportable in Brazil, following an identical cluster in french oceania in 2014, constitute a public health emergency of international concern. The declaration permits the UN agency to coordinate international response to the virus

moreover as provides its steerage the force of jurisprudence below the international Health laws.¹³

Methods of Testing

Analysis of sample patients

Epidemic, together with clinical and laboratory findings for all patients, are reported elsewhere (M.R. Duffy et al., unpub. Data). A set of ZIKV-infected patients for whom acute- and convalescent-phase paired body fluid specimens had been collected was analyzed by victimization many medical science assays to guage the extent of cross reactivity to many connected flaviviruses. Patients were classified as primary flavivirus/ZIKV infected or secondary flavivirus/ZIKV probable infected. Primary flavivirus/ZIKV–infected patients were those in whom acute-phase body fluid specimens (<10 days) had no detectible antibodies (by immunoglobulin G enzyme-linked-immunosorbent serologic assay and plaque reduction neutralization take a look at any of the heterologous flaviviruses tested and were either immunoglobulin M-positive in their acute-phase specimen or IgM and immunoglobulin G positive for ZIKV in an exceedingly convalescent- phase specimen (seroconversion).

Serologic testing

Acute and convalescent-phase body fluid samples were tested by immunoglobulin G enzyme-linked-immunosorbent serologic assay with ZIKV matter as delineate for detection of immunoglobulin G to arboviruses. Samples were additionally tested by immunoglobulin M enzyme-linked-immunosorbent serologic assay as delineate with the subsequent infective agent antigens: ZIKV, DENV 1–4 mixture, yellow jack virus (YFV), Japanese cephalitis virus, and Murray depression cephalitis virus (Martin prosecuting officer et al., 2000) Testing for immunoglobulin M to West Nile River virus (WNV) and St. prize fighter cephalitis virus was performed by employing a microsphere immunochemical assay. Ratios of patient optical density values to negative management values (P/Ns) were calculated for immunoglobulin G and immunoglobulin M ELISAs. Values >3 were thought of positive, and values 2–3 were thought of equivocal. Neutralizing protein titers were determined by employing a PRNT with a ninetieth cut-off price.

Real Time RT-PCR

A time period RT-PCR was developed by victimization freshly derived sequence information obtained from many ZIKV-infected patients. All acute-phase specimens obtained throughout the Yap epidemic (n = 157) were tested during this assay with a pair of distinctive primer/probe sets. Seventeen samples were positive, ten were equivocal, and one hundred thirty were negative (data not shown). The equivocal designation indicates that a selected sample was a positive by just one of the two primer sets are the showed crossing threshold < 38.5, that suggests either a false positive result or a sample with the



low levels of Zikv ribonucleic acid below the outlined cutoff of the assay.

Review of literature

Zika virus (ZIKV) could be an animal virus associated with black vomit, dengue, West Nile, and Japanese redness viruses. In 2007 ZIKV caused illness of comparatively gentle disease characterised by rash, arthralgia, and pinkeye on Yap Island within the southwestern ocean. This was the primary time that ZIKV was detected outside of continent and Asia. The history, transmission dynamics, virology, and clinical manifestations of ZIKV sickness square measure mentioned, together with the chance for diagnostic confusion between ZIKV ill health and infectious disease. The emergence of ZIKV outside of its antecedently celebrated geographic vary ought to prompt awareness of the potential 17 for ZIKV to unfold to different Pacific islands and therefore the Americas. Mosquitoes that are genetically changed to stop them from transmission pathogens or, are infected with the Wolbachia microorganism, believed to inhibit the unfold virus.¹⁴

CONCLUSION

This case report provides proof that additionally to microcephalus, there could also be a link between Zika viral infection and puffiness foetalis and fetal dying. Given the recent unfold of the virus, systematic investigation of spontaneous abortions and stillbirths could also be secured to guage the danger that ZIKV infection imparts on these outcomes. The unfold of the Zika virus epidemic within the Americas is probably going to continue because the competent vectors *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes are cosmopolitan there. There's additionally a major increase within the variety of babies born with microcephalus within the north-eastern states of Brazil, however, the magnitude and geographical unfold of the rise has not nevertheless been well characterized.

Despite growing proof of a link between intra-uterine Zika viral infection and adverse physiological condition outcomes, a causative link between these events has not nevertheless been confirmed. The US authority and therefore the Public Health Agency of Canada have acted on the signal that Zika virus infections throughout physiological condition could increase the danger of adverse physiological condition outcomes, and issued travel warnings on fifteen and sixteen Gregorian calendar month 2016, severally. They advise that pregnant girls think about suspending trip the presently affected areas.

Additional specific recommendation is going to be issued for gynecologists and obstetricians also as midwives. Thanks to the potential link between Zika infection and neurologic and reaction complications like GBS, PAHO counseled establishing or strengthening police work of neurologic syndromes for all age teams on one December and strengthened it on seventeen Gregorian calendar month 2016. Any epidemiologic studies square measure needed to assess the strength of the association between Guillain–Barré syndrome and Zika infection taking account

that breakbone fever and Chikungunya are related to such neurologic complications, the frequency of incidence of this attainable neurologic impairment and population in danger. As neither treatment nor vaccines square measure out there, bar is predicated on personal protection measures just like the measures that square measure applied against infectious disease and chikungunya infections.

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