

# Zika virus emergence and response

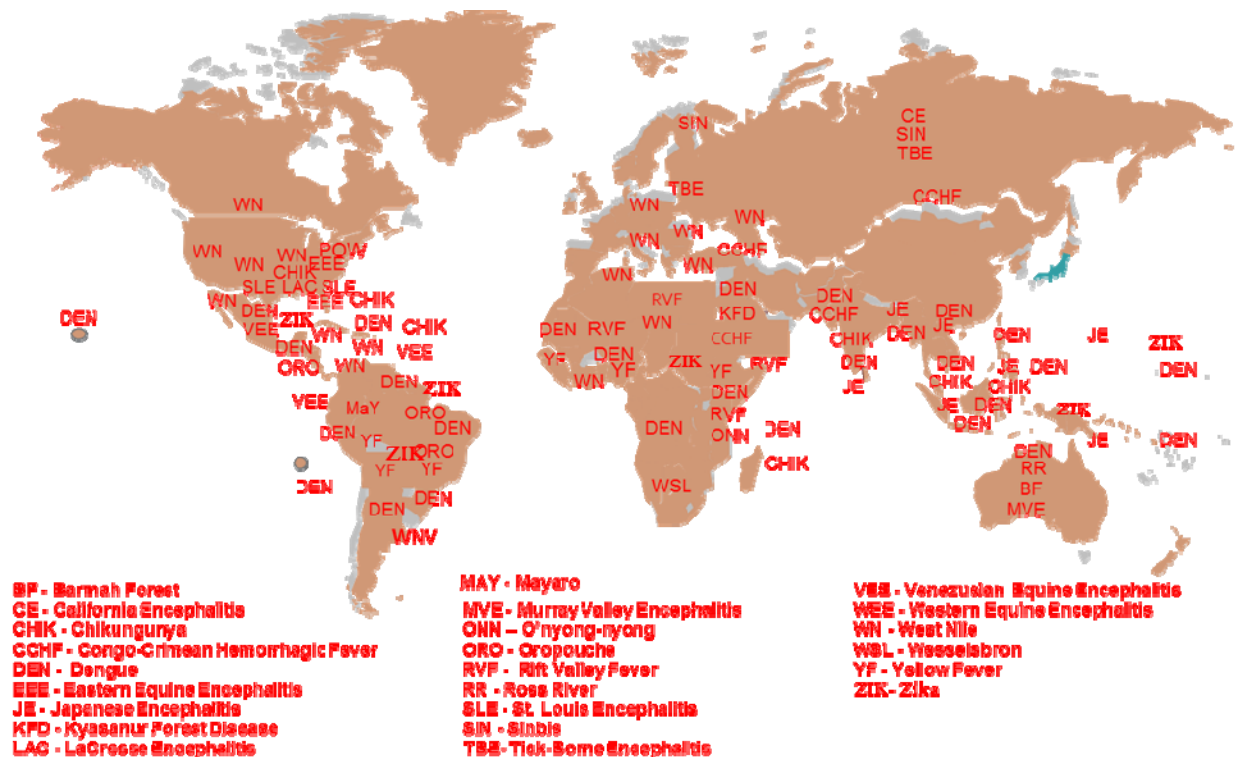


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# Global Distribution of Arboviruses

## Arthropod-borne (arbo) viruses:

- Almost exclusively RNA viruses
- Arthropod vectors include mosquitoes (most), ticks, sandflies and midges
- >120 associated with human disease
- Most in families Flaviviridae, Togaviridae, or Bunyaviridae
- Significant global expansion in recent decades

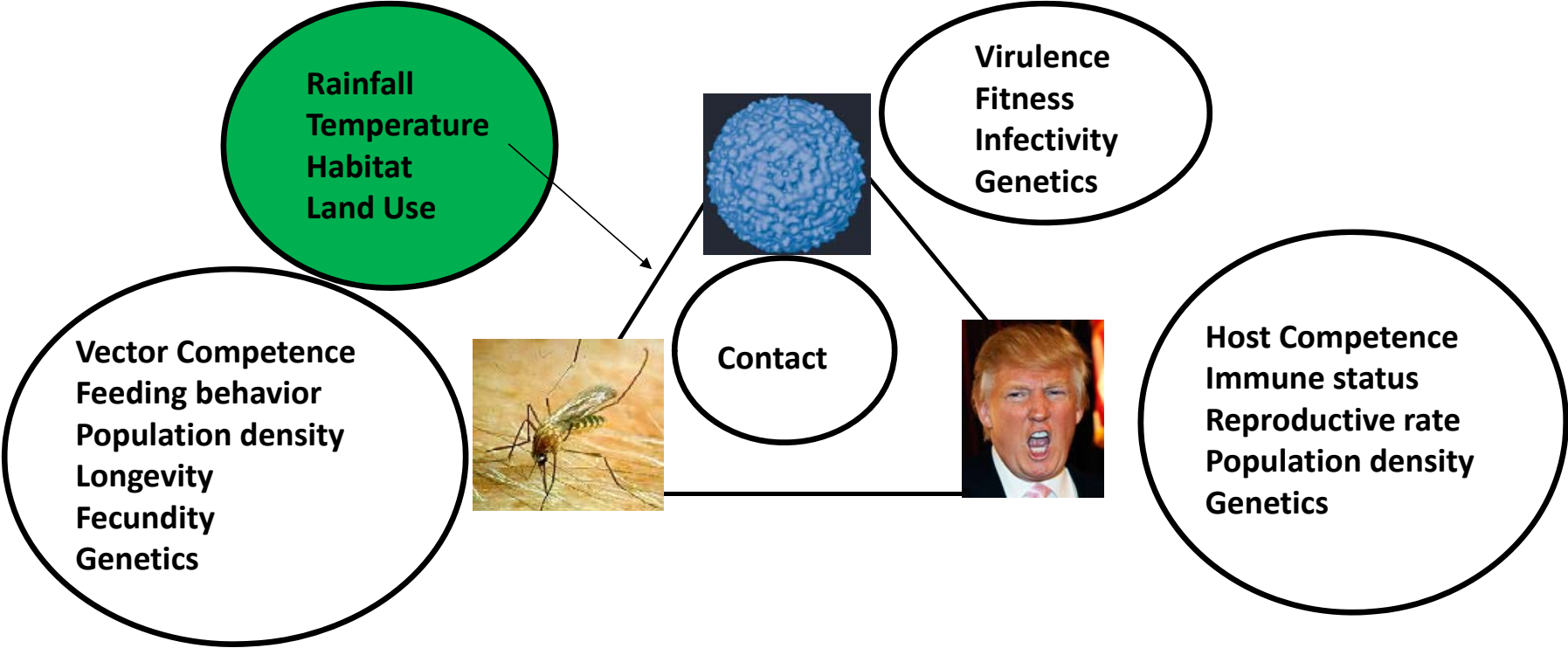


# Known Arboviral Introductions to the United States

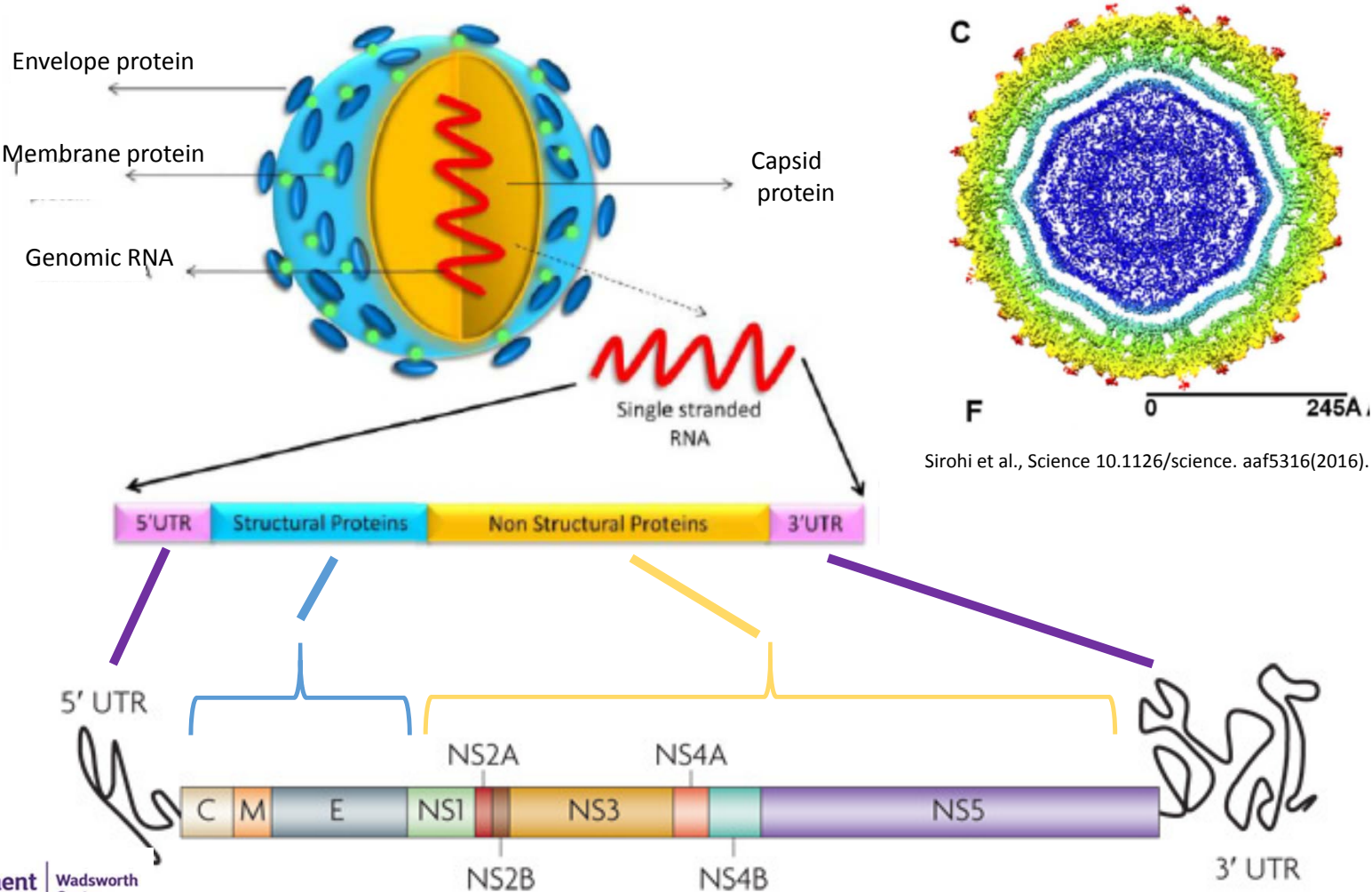
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- Eastern equine encephalitis, South American genotype, LA (1966)
- Mayaro, LA (1967)
- Venezuelan equine encephalitis, TX (1971)
- Yellow fever, TN, CA, TX (1996, 1999, 2002)
- West Nile, NY (1999)
- Dengue HI, FL, TX, NY
- Chikungunya 2014- FL
- Zika-2016

# Factors affecting arbovirus emergence and spread



# Virus structure and Flavivirus genome organization



Sirohi et al., Science 10.1126/science. aaf5316(2016).

Ashraf U et al. . 2015. Viruses 7:219

# ZIKA



# ZIKV transmission cycle

**Mosquito:** West & Central Africa (sylvatic) and Asia and Americas (urban)



Modified from Gould EA and Higgs S 2009 Trans Royal Soc Trop Med Hyg

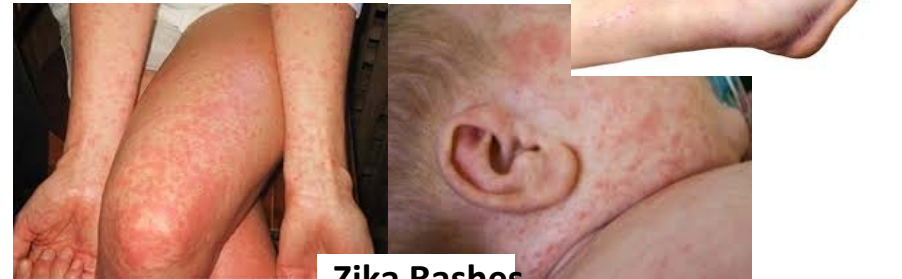
# Yap Island ZIKV Outbreak , 2007

- Serosurveys suggested 73% attack rate (>5000 cases)
- First outbreak outside of Africa and Asia
- Just 49 symptomatic patients had confirmed infections.

Number of Patients (%)	Illness Sign or Symptom
28 (90 %)	Macular or papular rash
20 (65 %)	Fever
20 (65 %)	Arthritis or arthralgia
19 (55 %)	Conjunctivitis (red eyes)
15 (48 %)	Myalgia (body aches)
14 (45 %)	Headache
12 (39 %)	Pain behind eyes
6 (19 %)	Swelling of limbs
3 (10 %)	Vomiting

Mostly subclinical, illness mild and self limiting  
Lasting 2 to 7 days

Joint pain  
and  
Swelling



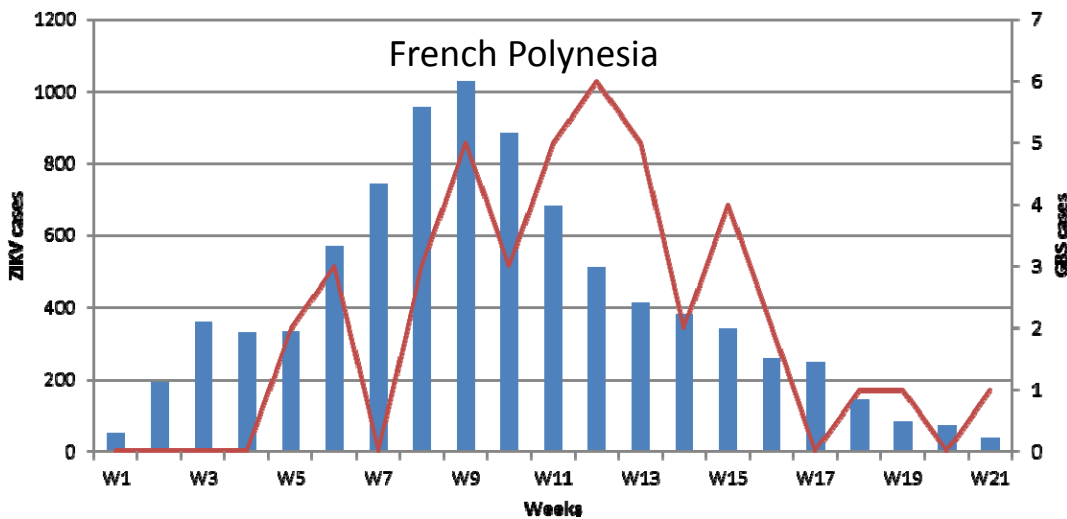
Zika Rashes



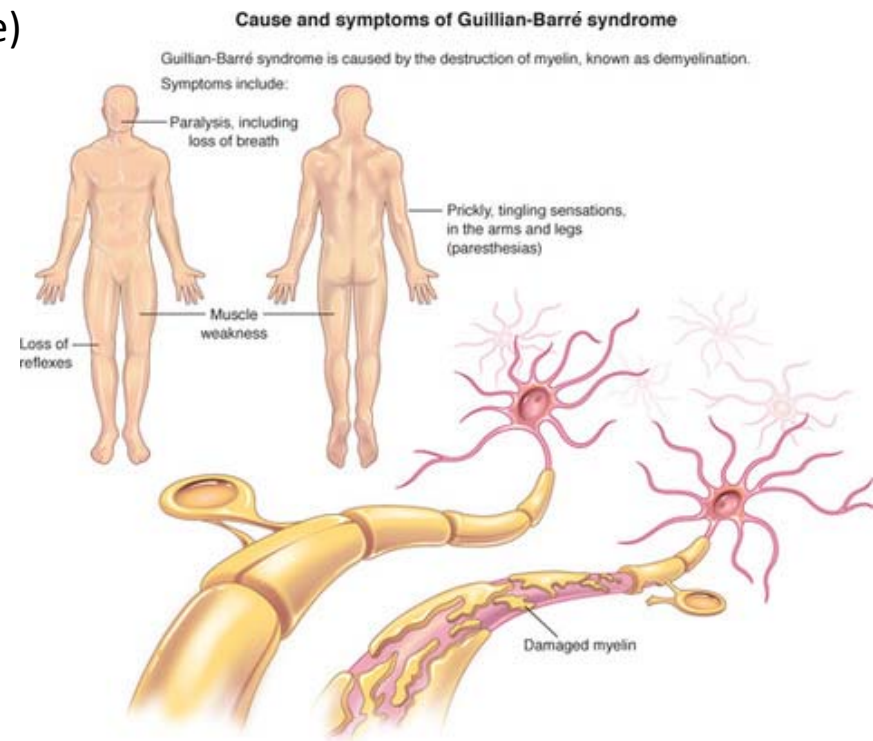
Conjunctivitis

# ZIKV, French Polynesia and Guillain-Barré Syndrome, 2013-2014

- Largest outbreak to date (~32,000 cases),
- An increase in Guillain-Barré Syndrome was observed in addition to other neurologic symptoms
- Past incidence was about 5 cases per year
- During the ZIKV outbreak, 42 cases in 6 months (20X increase)
- All had ZIKV neutralizing antibody
- 15 admitted to intensive care units
- Estimated .01% of cases



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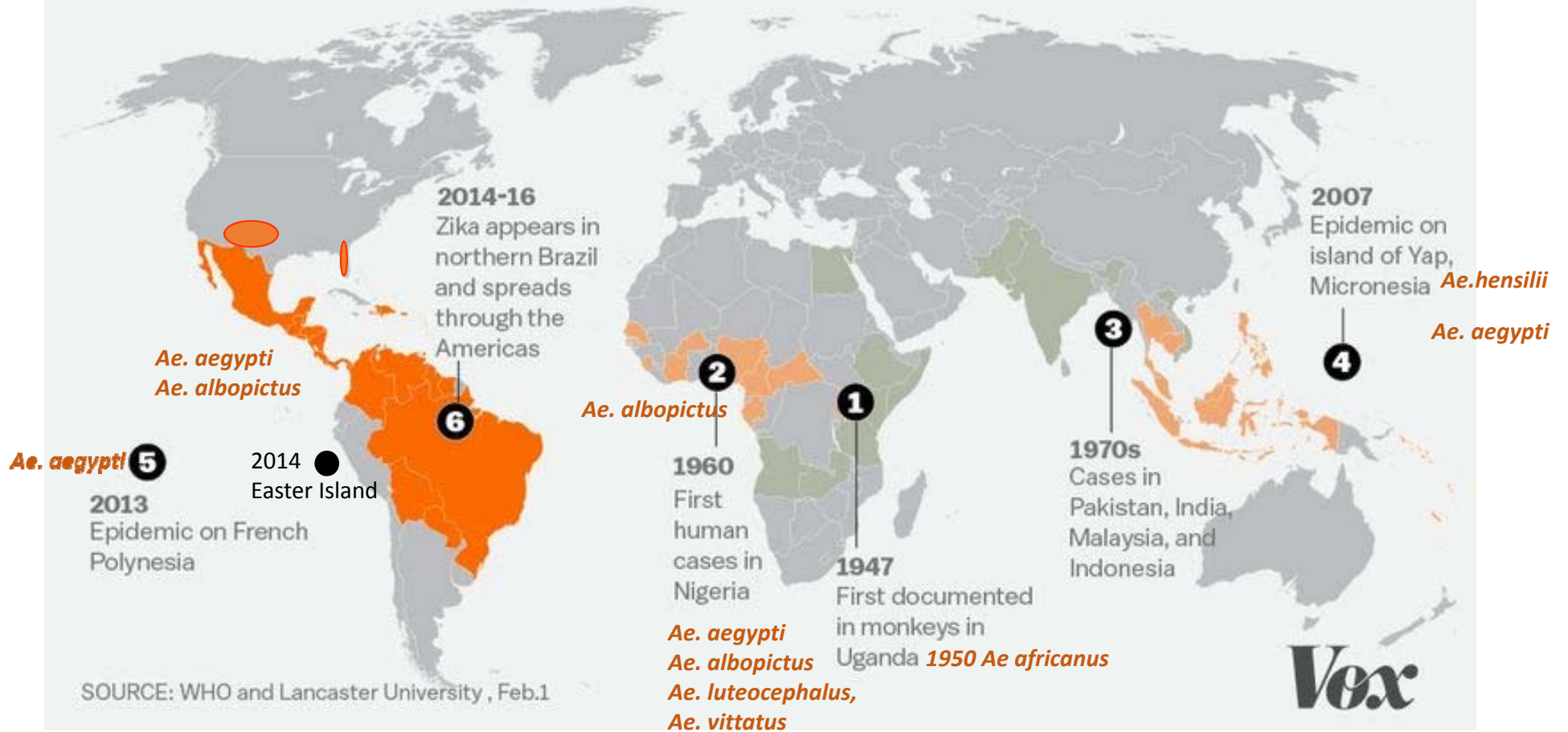
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# How the Zika virus spread

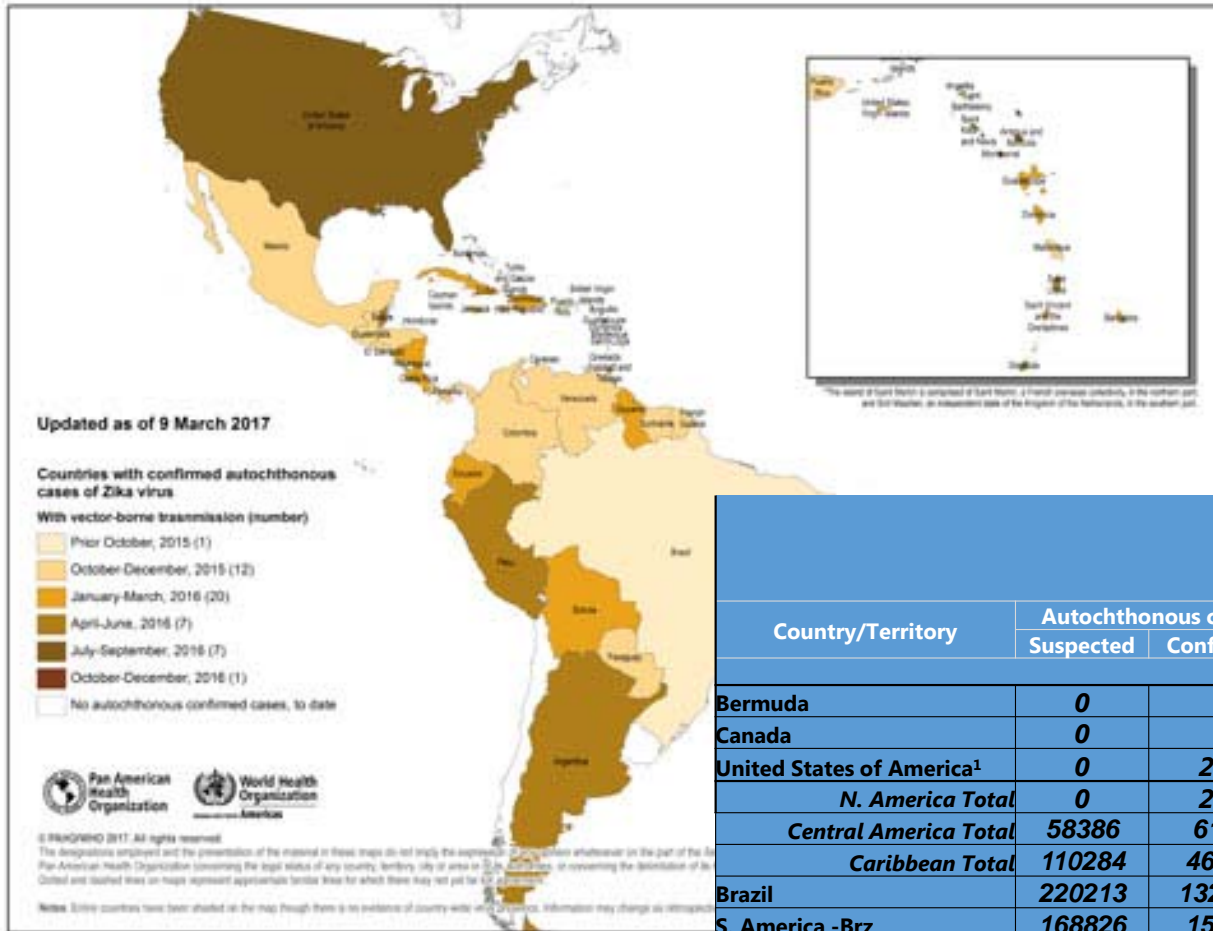
Active transmission

Known previous transmission

Antibodies also detected



# ZIKV in the Americas-48 countries



Cumulative cases							
Data as of 20 April 2017 2:00 PM EST							
Country/Territory	Autochthonous cases <sup>a</sup>		Imported cases	Incidence Rate <sup>b</sup>	Deaths among Zika cases <sup>c</sup>	Confirmed congenital syndrome	Population X 1000 <sup>e,f</sup>
	Suspected	Confirmed					
Bermuda	0	0	6	0.00	0	0	71
Canada	0	0	486	0.00	0	1	36284
United States of America <sup>1</sup>	0	224	4935	0.07	0	63	325296
<i>N. America Total</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>5427</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>361651</i>
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Brazil	220213	132021	0	168.1	11	2621	209553
S. America -Brz	168826	15020	111	70.1	0	163	211975
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## Zika Virus Infects Human Cortical Neural Progenitors and Attenuates Their Growth

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Intrauterine Zika virus infection of pregnant immunocompetent mice models transplacental transmission and adverse perinatal outcomes

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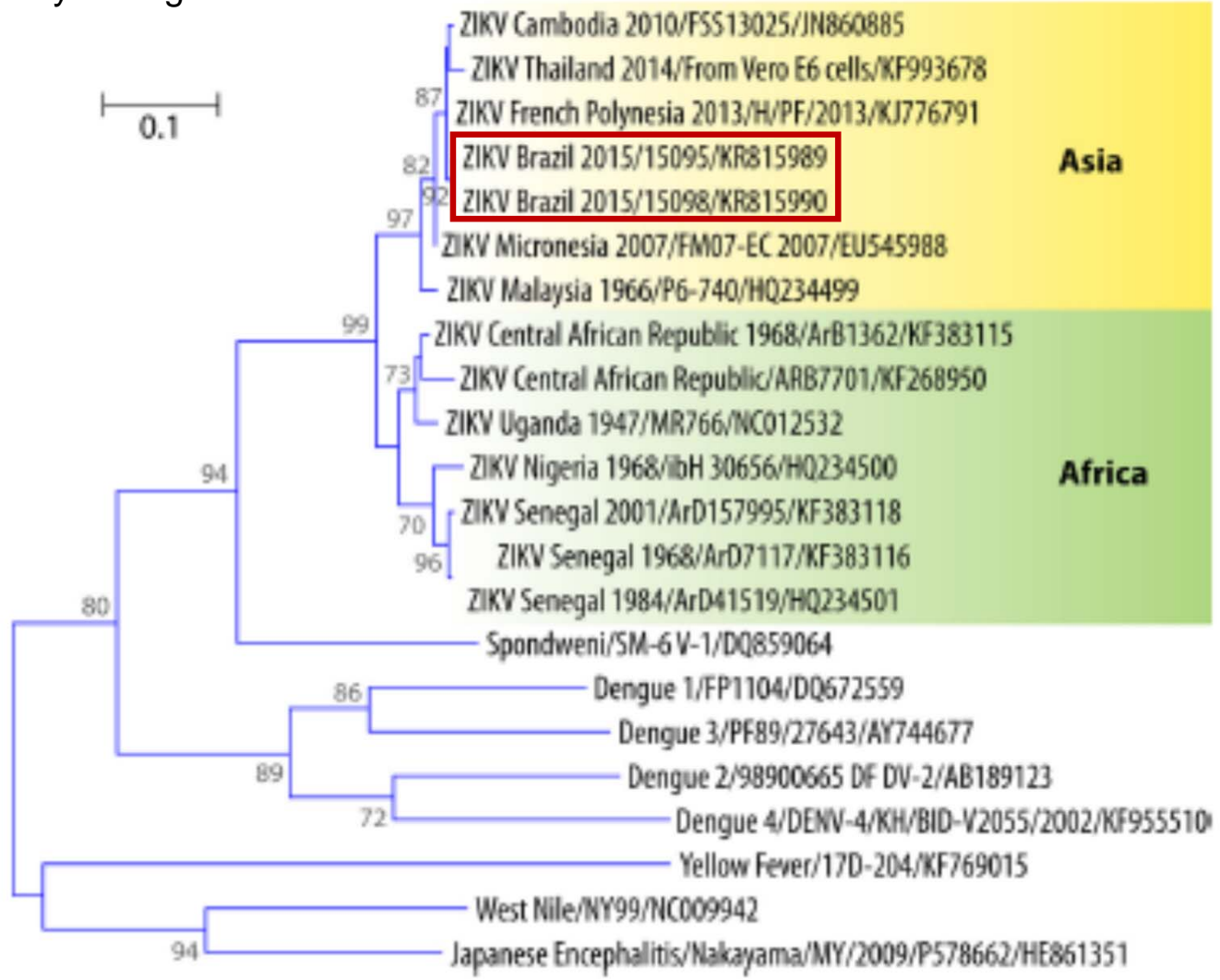
**Colombia-** 113 ZCS out of >107,000 reported infections  
**Puerto Rico-** 12 ZCS out of 38,000 infections



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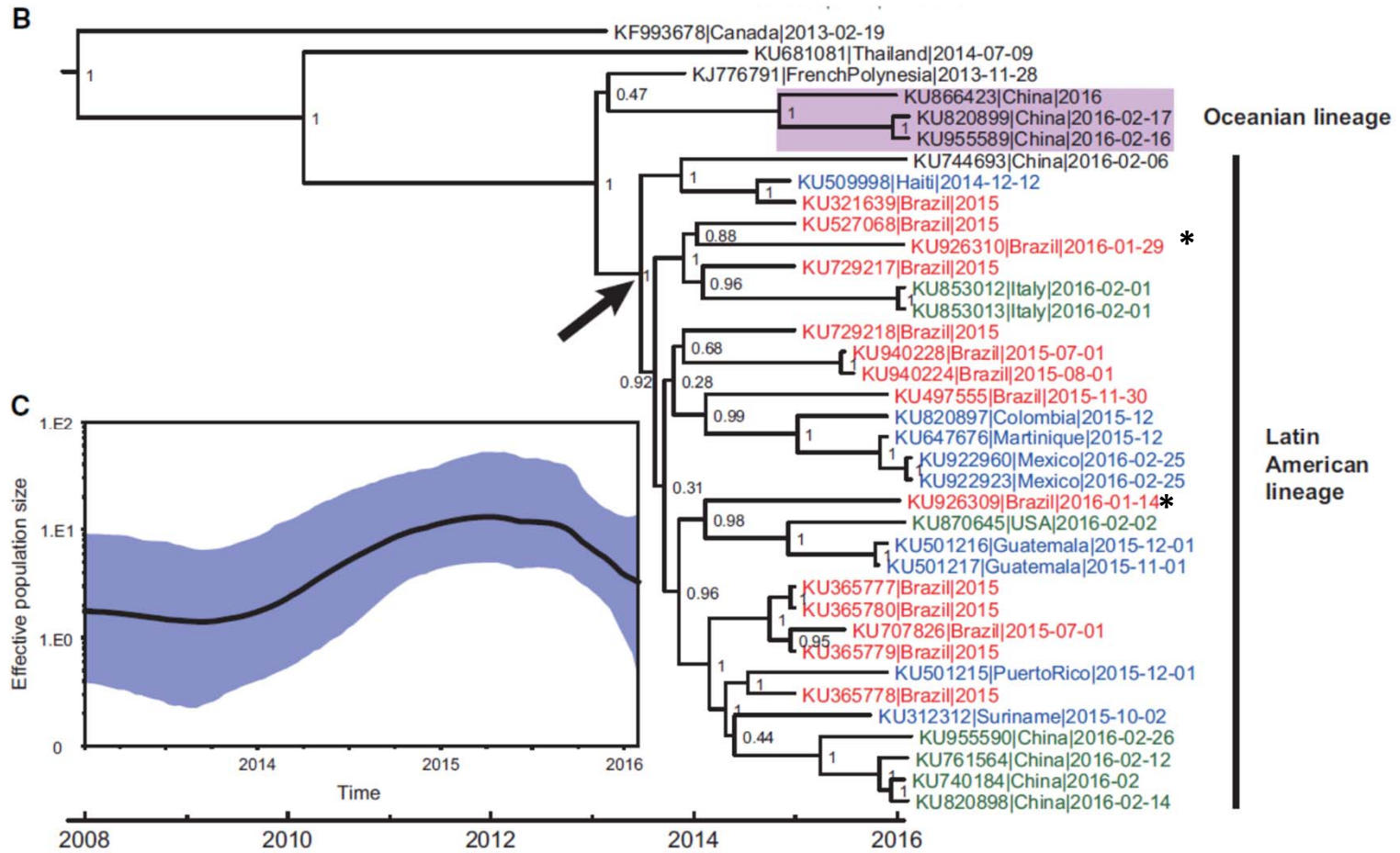
Normally, Brazil has 150 -200 births of babies with microcephaly /yr

Phylogenetic tree of ZIKV showing the African and Asian lineages, including the strains that recently emerged in the Pacific and Brazil.



D Musso & DJ Gubler. CMR. 2016

# Phylogenetic tree, Zika 2016



Beast analysis using strict molecular clock

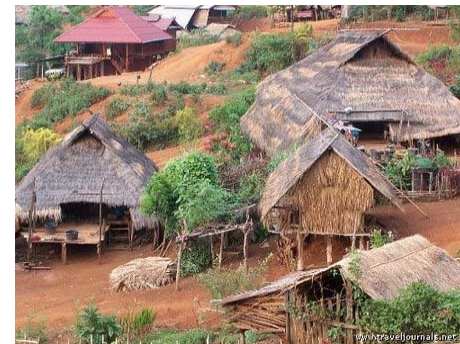
W Shi et al. ,*Emerging Microbes & Infections* (2016) 5, e68

# Why Zika, Why now?... Why not?

## *Aedes aegypti*

### What makes it such a good vector?

- Originally native to forests in West Africa
- Transported in water storage containers on slave ships around the world
- Adapted to close association with humans
  - Eggs & larvae in containers
  - Adults rest **inside** houses
  - **Feed frequently and (almost) exclusively on human blood**
- Now – in tropical and subtropical climates worldwide



# Eradication of *Ae. aegypti*?

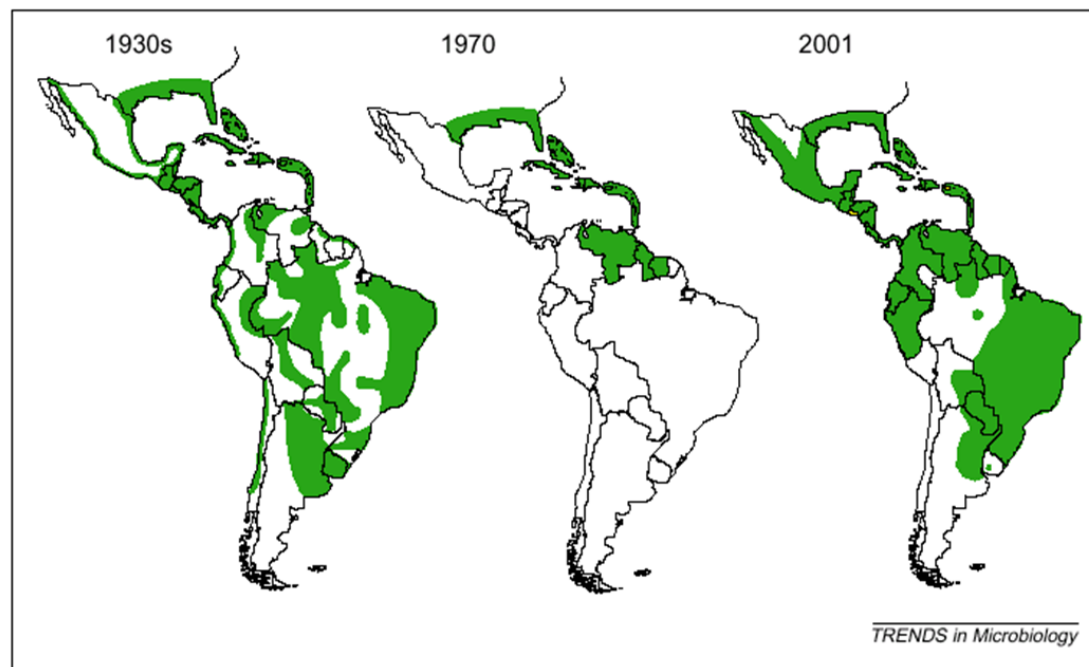
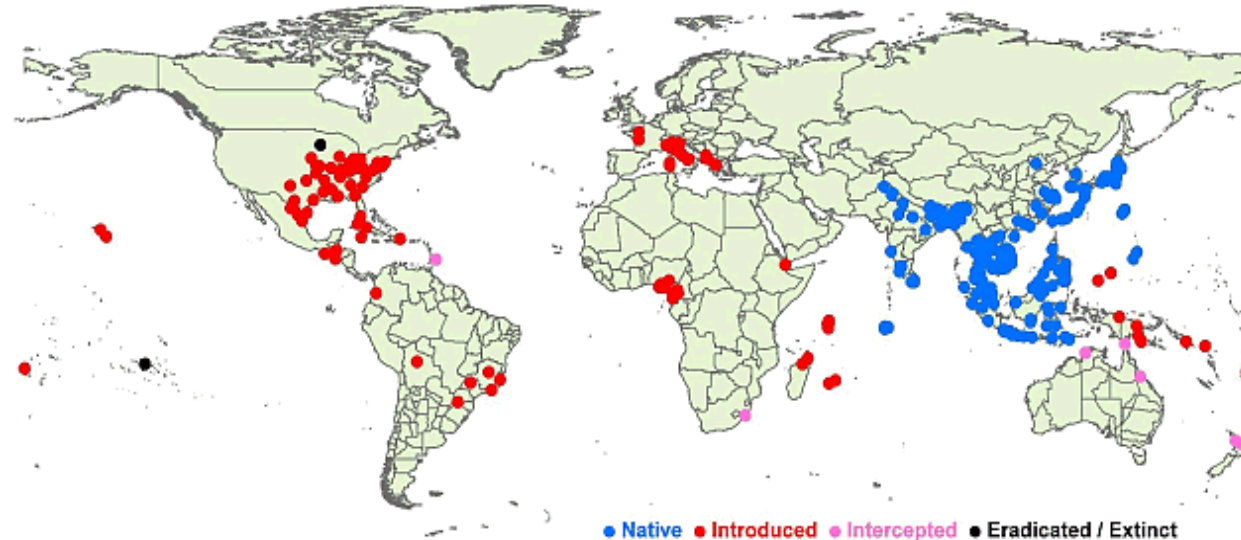


Fig. 1. *Aedes aegypti* distribution in the Americas: 1930s, 1970 and 2001.

- *Ae. aegypti* eradication campaign 1940's – 1970's
- Since then *Ae. aegypti* has reestablished itself over former range

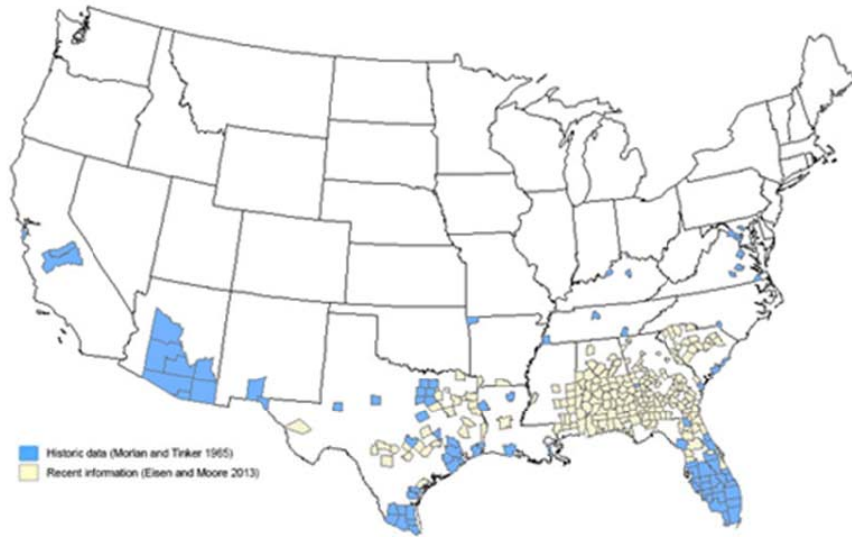
# *Aedes albopictus* (Asian Tiger Mosquito)



- Native to forests in Southeast Asia; gradually ‘domesticated’
- Shipped around the world in used tires, ‘lucky bamboo’
- Tolerates colder temps compared to *Ae. aegypti*
- Diverse habitats – urban, suburban
- Larval breeding sites – natural to artificial
- Prefers mammal blood but also reptiles, birds, amphibians
- Introduced to Texas in 1985



Approximate distribution of *Aedes aegypti* in the United States\*



\*This map was developed using currently available information. *Aedes aegypti* mosquito populations (a known vector of chikungunya) may be detected in areas not shaded on this map, and may not be consistently found in all shaded areas. The shaded areas are NOT locations of chikungunya transmission.

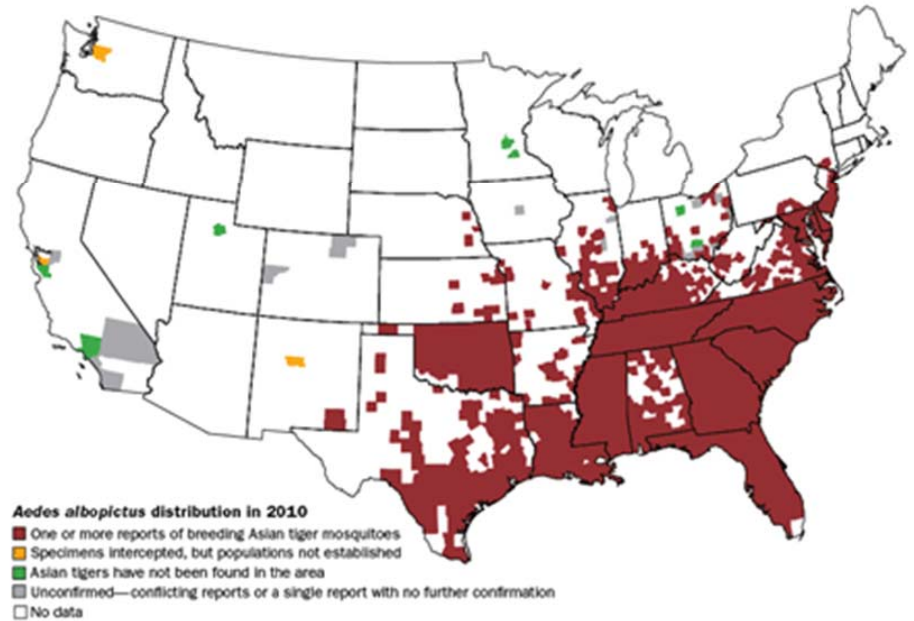


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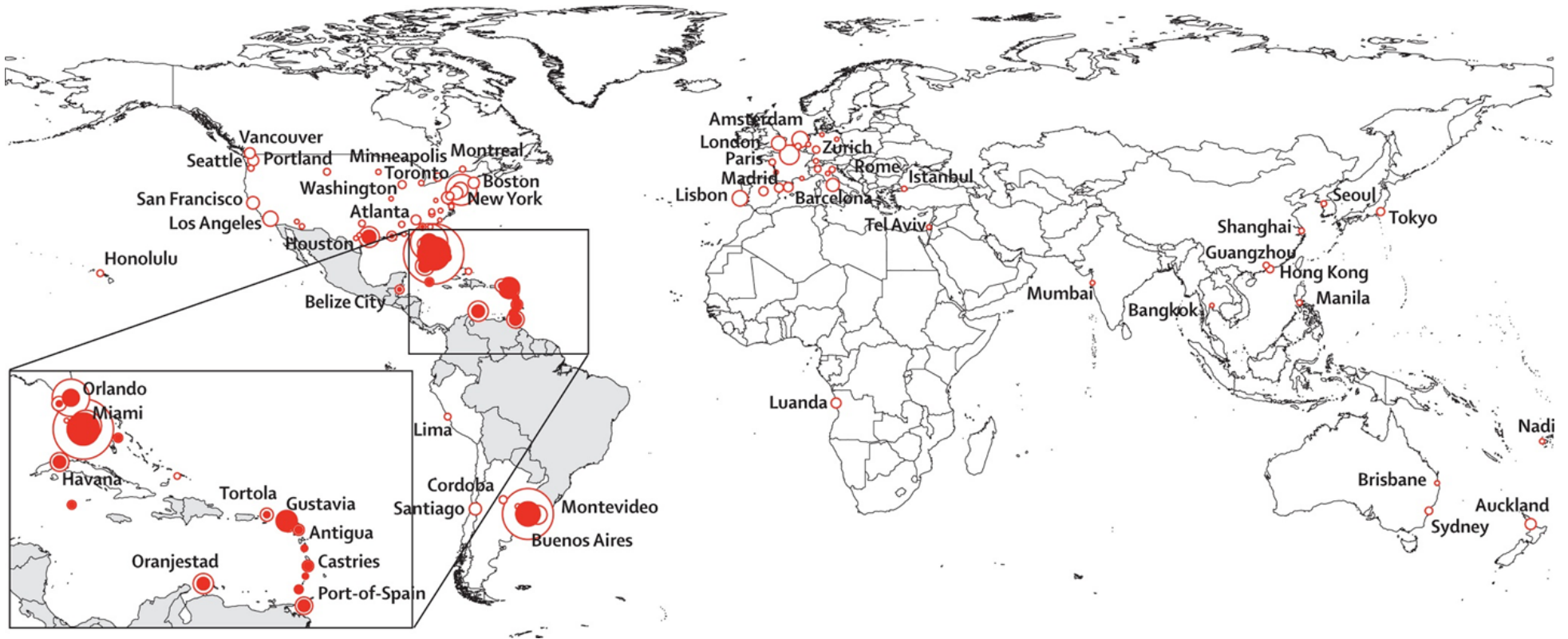
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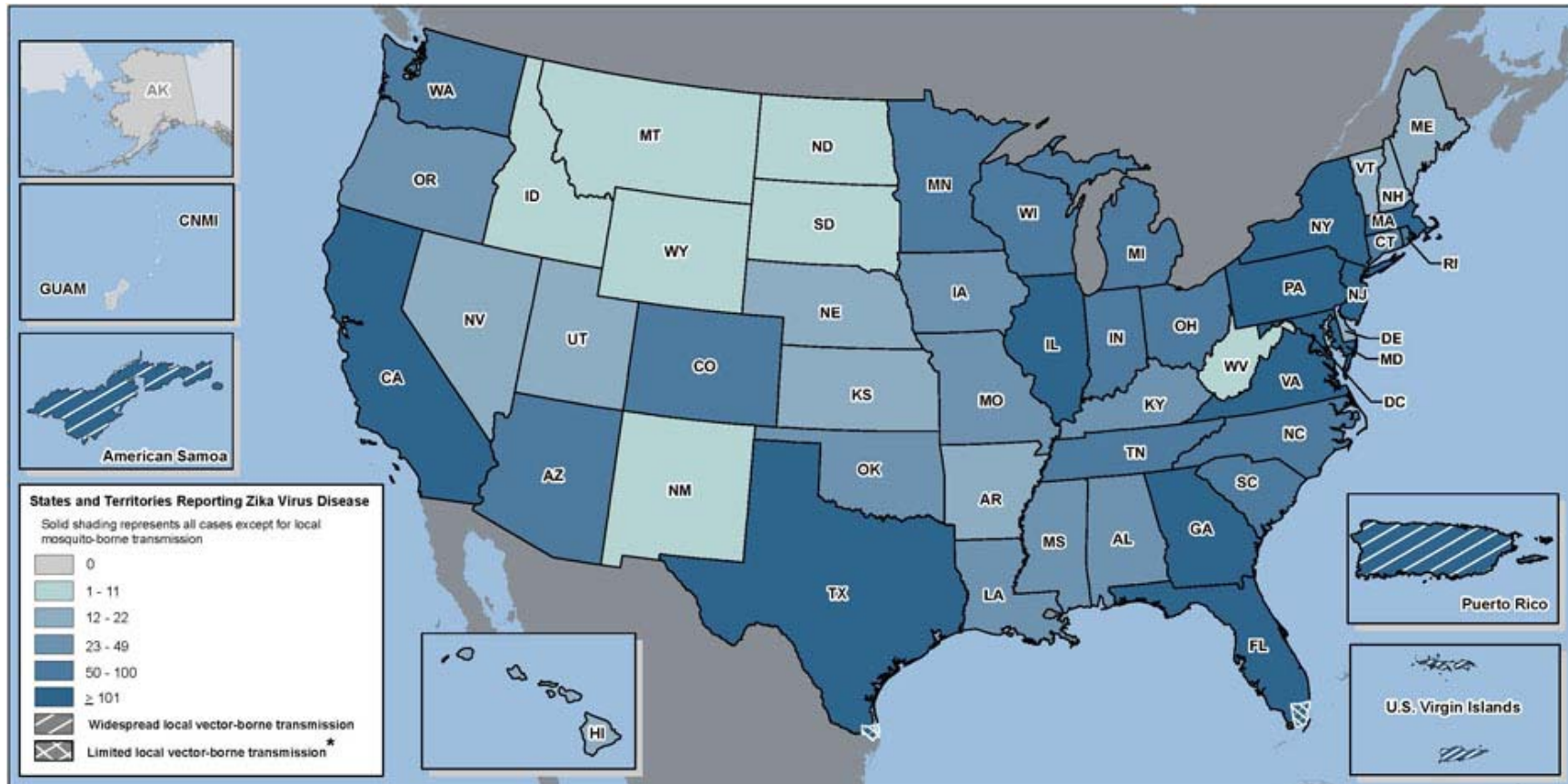


# Risk map for spread of Zika virus



LM Gardner, N Chen, S Sarkar. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* Mar 17 2016

# ZIKV in the United States



Lab confirmed Zika cases in NYS=1020 (all imported)

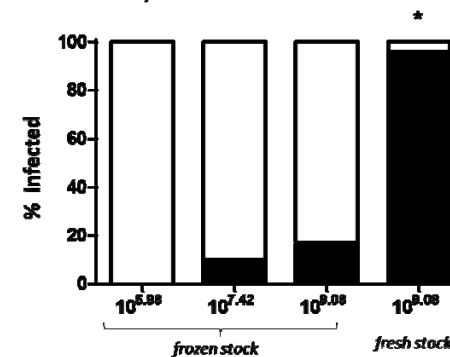
# ZIKV- unique safety considerations?



## Zika Uniqueness = Risk Group

- persistence in reproductive tissues/fluids
- documented sexual transmission
- unique tropism-cross placental/fetal infections
- well-documented teratogenic effects

- BSL-2 agent
- Minimal aerosol risk
- Specimen titers similar/below other flaviviruses
- Risk of laboratory infection minimal in the absence of inoculation—documented single case
- Difficult to culture from primary samples
- Particularly sensitive to freeze-thaw



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## Unreliable Inactivation of Viruses by Commonly Used Lysis Buffers

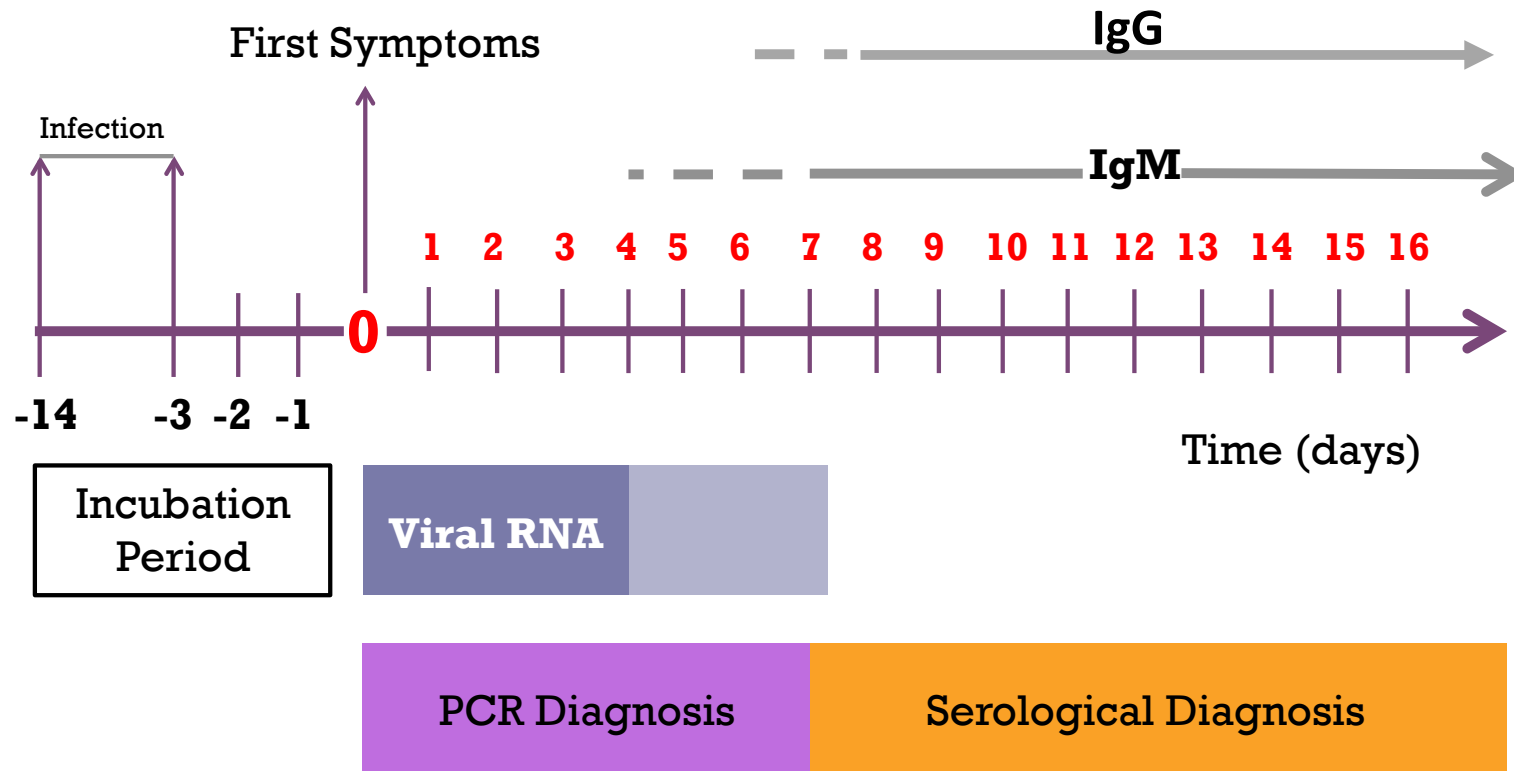
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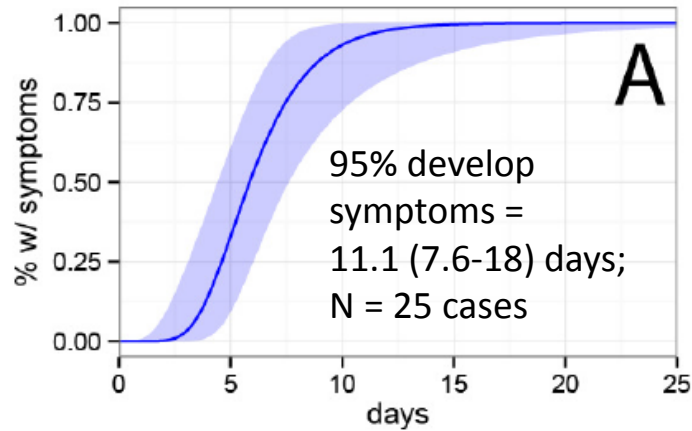
## Zika Virus: Markers of Infection



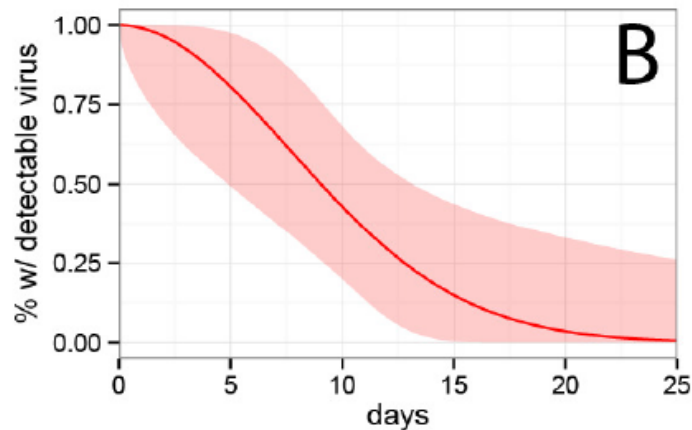
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# Time to key events in the course of Zika infection and their implications: a systematic review and pooled analysis

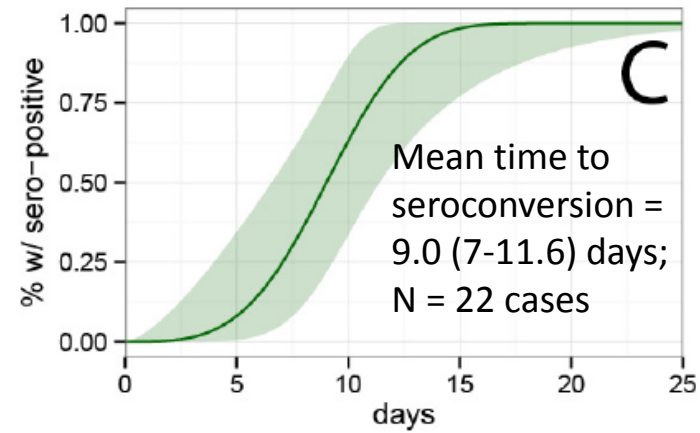
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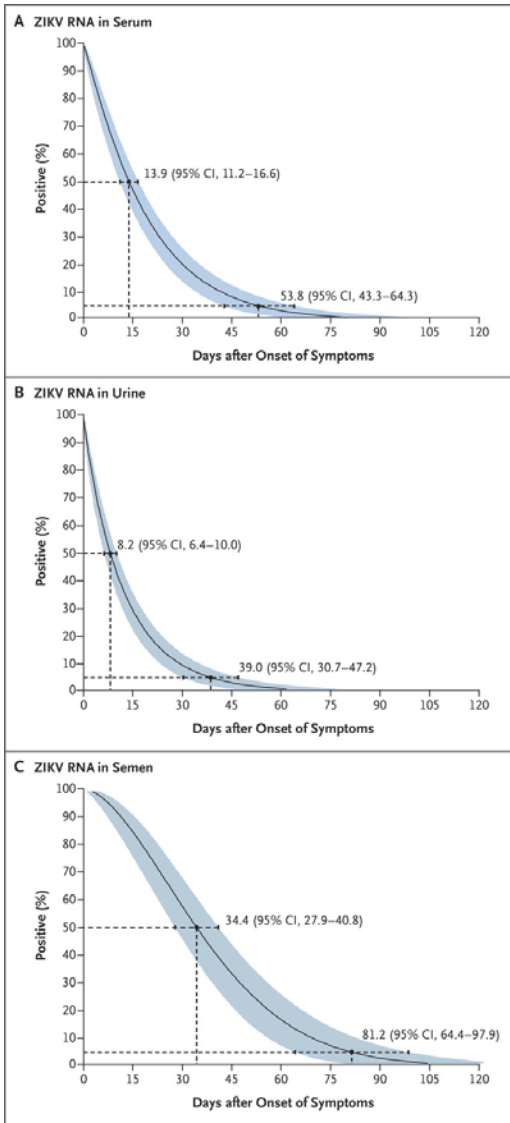


Incubation 5.9 (4.4-7.6) days



antibody

Mean viremia duration = 9.9 (6.8-21.4) days;  
5% > 18.9 (12.6-79.5) days;  
N = 22 cases



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

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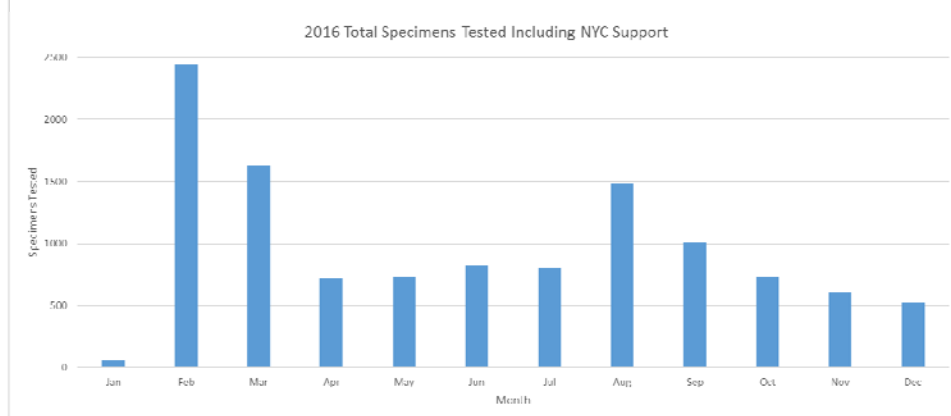
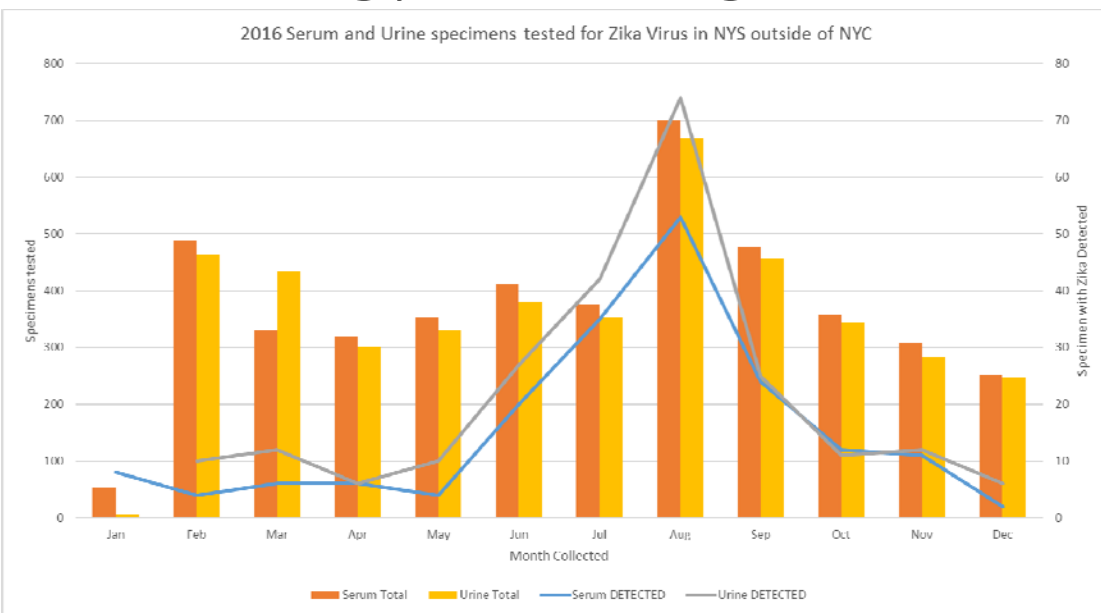
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Max 188 days= RNA++ semen

# Samples types for Zika diagnostic testing

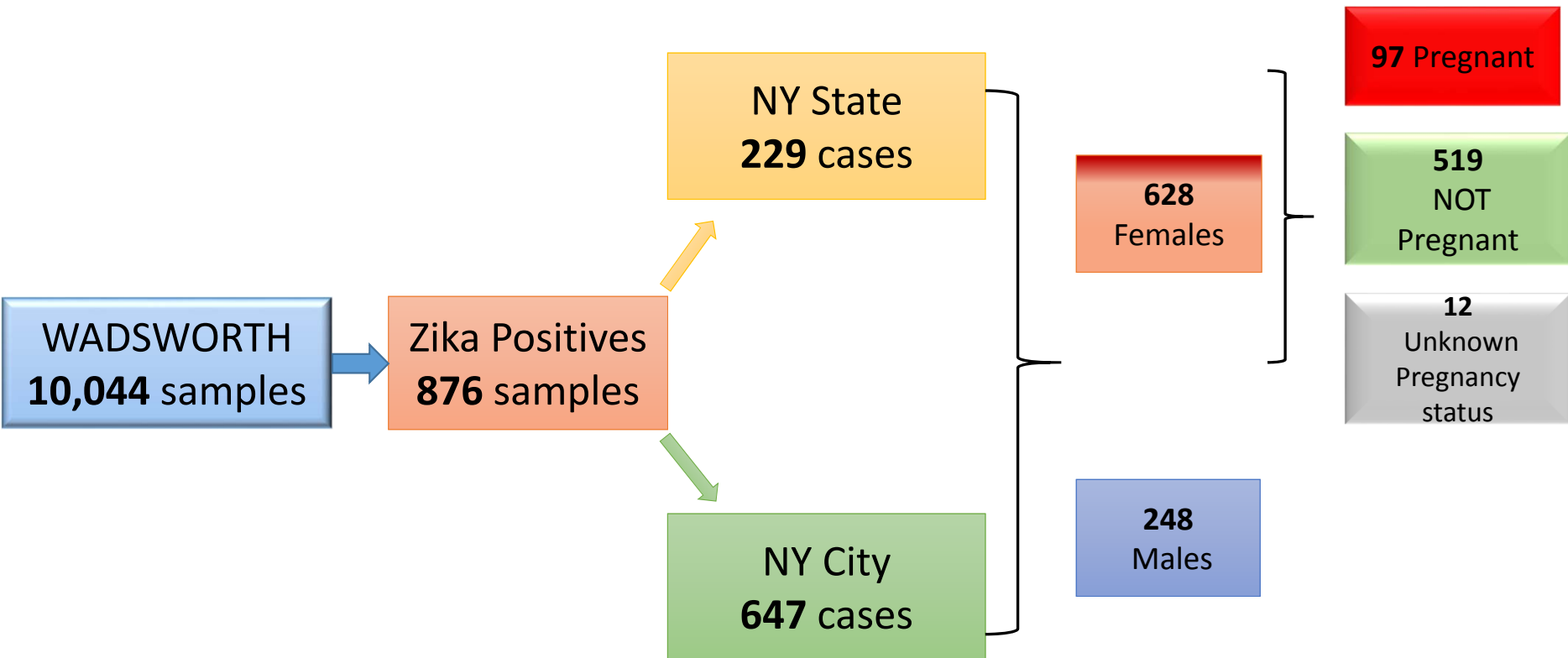
Sample type	Test of choice	Utility
Serum/plasma/whole blood*	rRT-PCR, ELISA, PRNT	Infection, surveillance
Urine	rRT-PCR	Infection, surveillance
Saliva	rRT-PCR	Infection but no added benefit
Semen	rRT-PCR	Infectivity ?
CSF	rRT-PCR, ELISA, PRNT	Neurological infection, GBS
Amniotic Fluid	rRT-PCR	Transmission to fetus
Placental tissue, umbilical cord, fetal tissues	rRT-PCR, pathology, IHC	Transmission to fetus

# Wadsworth Laboratory ZIKV testing- Clinical Virology and Diagnostic Immunology Laboratories



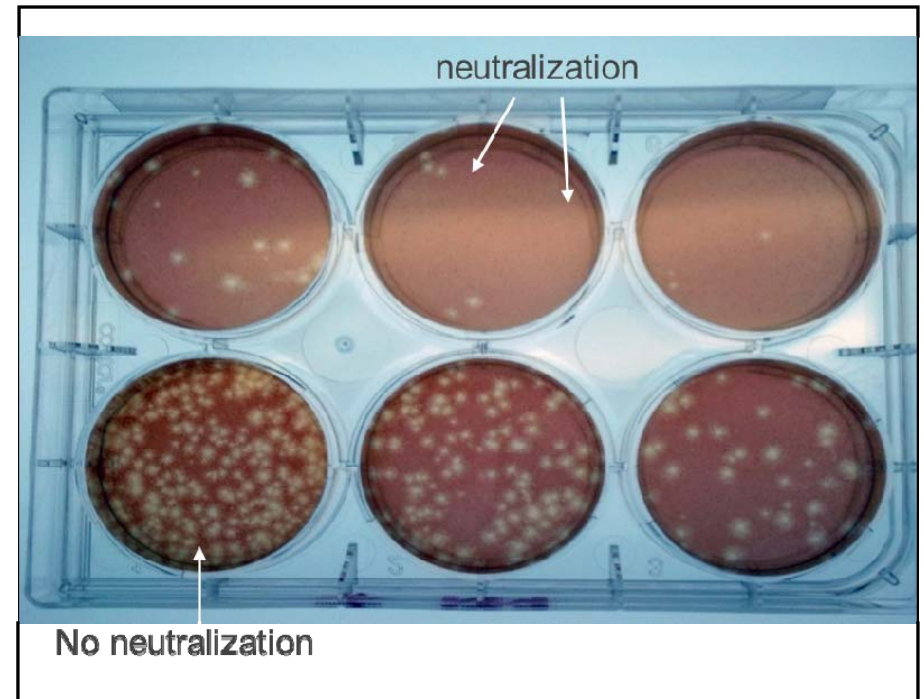
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# NYS Zika Data through 2016



# Plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT)

- Method to quantify the neutralizing antibody titer to a specific virus
- Serially diluted sera are mixed with a constant, known concentration of virus
- Perform on acute and convalescent sera
  - 90% reduction indicates infection with specificity
  - 4-fold rise in titer indicates current or recent infection

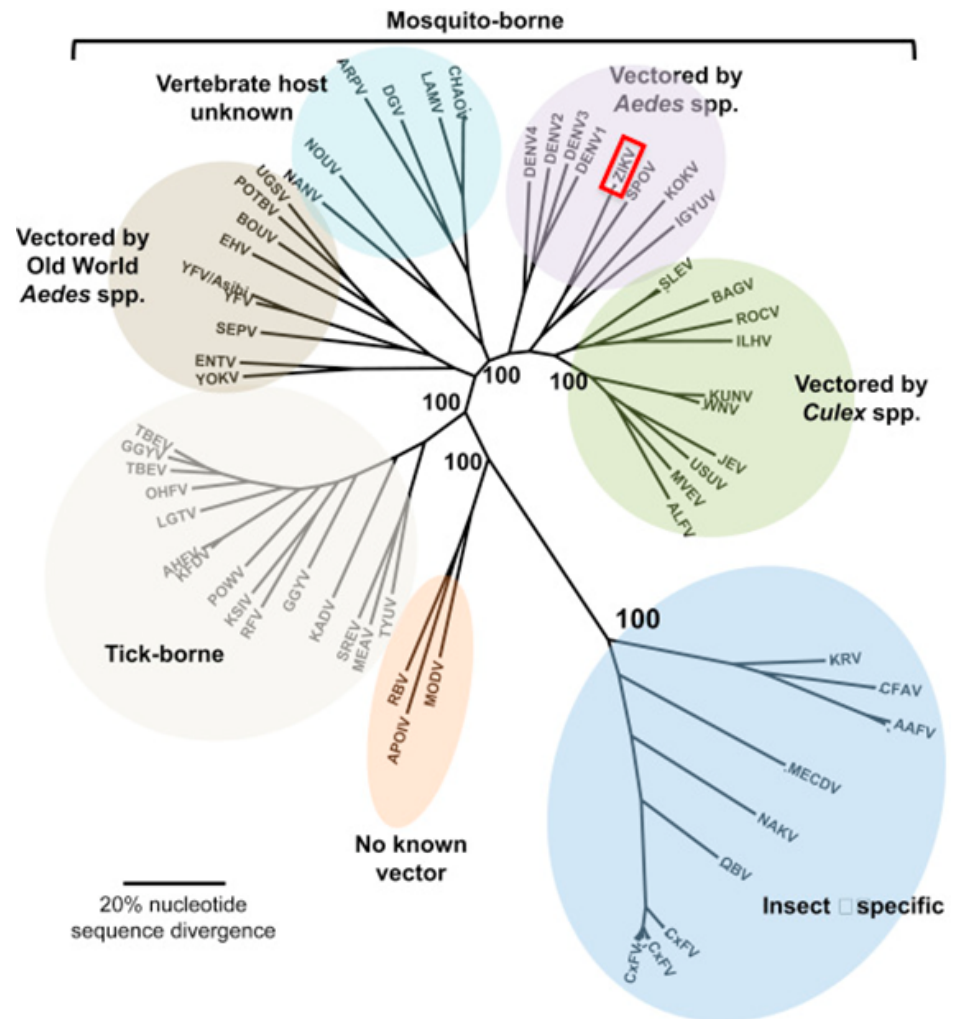


2001-2015= Arbovirus Laboratory performed ~200 PRNTs/year

Since Zika= ~200 PRNTs/month---cross neutralizations performed—moved to screening neuts

# Flaviviruses with serologic cross reactivity to Zika virus

- Dengue virus serotypes 1-4
- Yellow fever virus
- West Nile virus
- St. Louis encephalitis virus
- Japanese encephalitis virus
- Powassan virus



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MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE



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Wadsworth Center  
Arbovirus Lab

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Rabies Lab



HOMOGENIZATION  
(Mixer Mill)

RNA

NUCLEIC ACID ANALYSES

LIVE VIRUS

CELL CULTURE ANALYSES

All Mosquito and Vertebrate

RNA PURIFICATION

MagMAX™ 96 Viral Isolation Kit on  
Tecan Evo Robot

Non- Culex pipiens-restuans and Vertebrate

INOCULATE VERO CELLS

EXAMINE FOR CPE

If CPE Positive

*Ae. albopictus*

ZIKV  
qRT-PCR

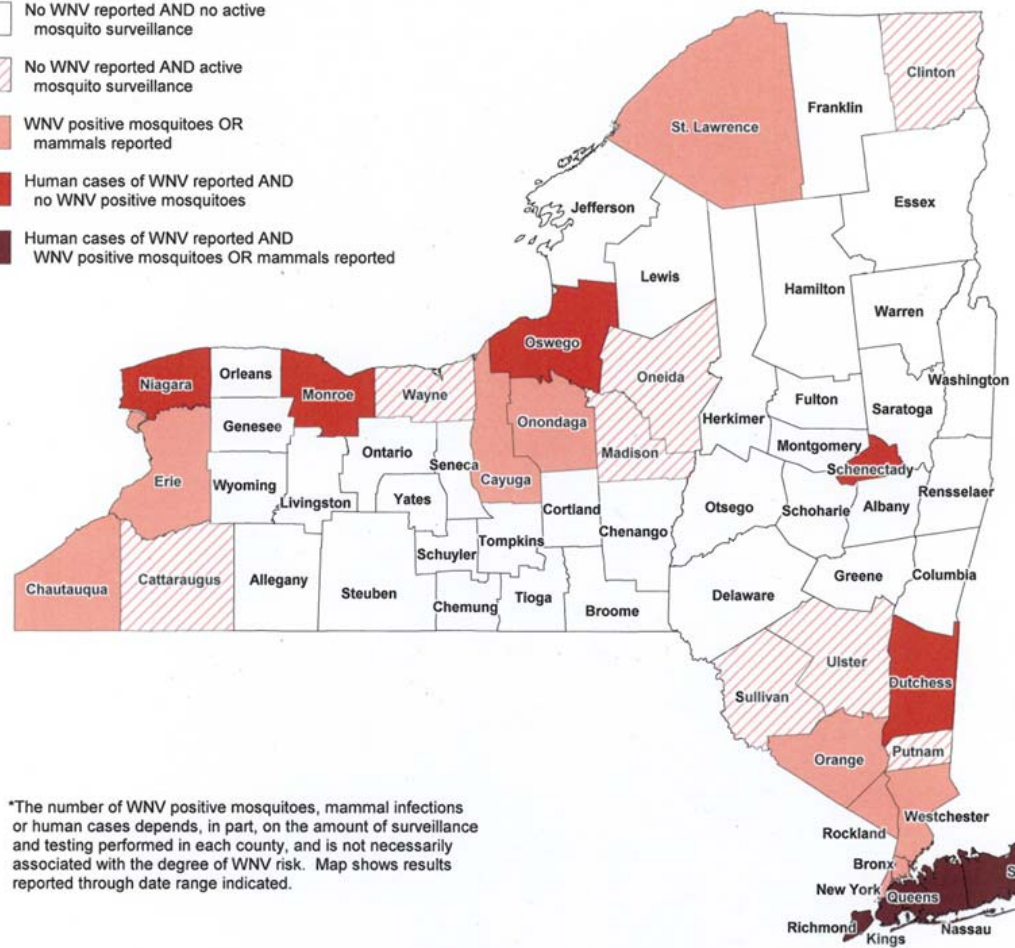
WNV And EEEV Multiplex  
qRT-PCR

Identify Other Arboviruses by  
Multiplex qRT-PCR: JCV, LACV, CVV,  
TSTV, SSHV, POTV, HJV, FLAV

## 2016 West Nile Virus Surveillance Summary

### Positive Test Results\* (1/1/2016 - 10/29/2016)

- No WNV reported AND no active mosquito surveillance
- No WNV reported AND active mosquito surveillance
- WNV positive mosquitoes OR mammals reported
- Human cases of WNV reported AND no WNV positive mosquitoes
- Human cases of WNV reported AND WNV positive mosquitoes OR mammals reported



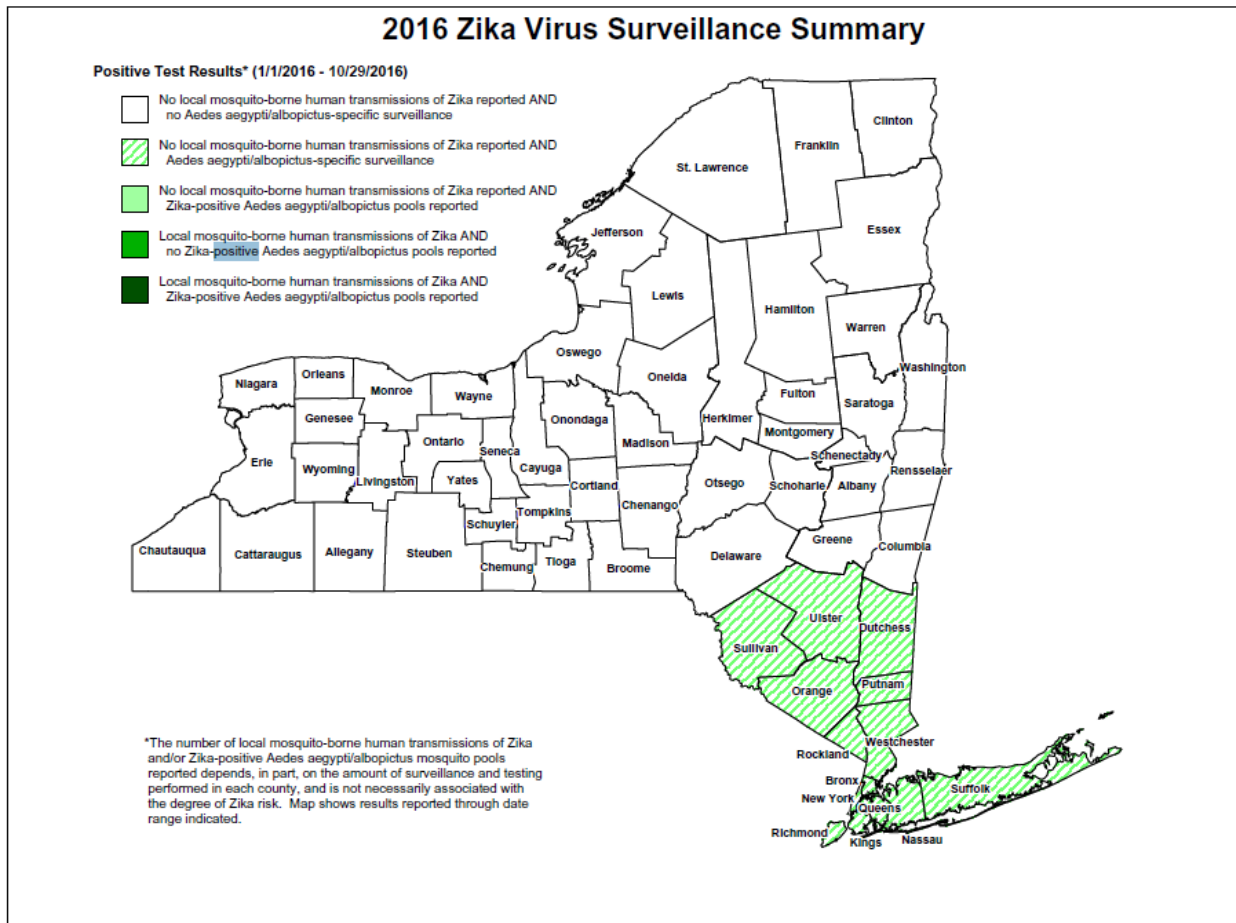
\*The number of WNV positive mosquitoes, mammal infections or human cases depends, in part, on the amount of surveillance and testing performed in each county, and is not necessarily associated with the degree of WNV risk. Map shows results reported through date range indicated.



## NYS arbovirus (mosquito-borne) positives-2003-2013

Family	Virus	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	total
Flaviviridae	West Nile	200	53	266	178	92	154	60	514	273	694	341	2825
Togaviridae	Eastern Equine	10	17	5	68	20	21	59	66	45	1	53	365
	Highlands J	1	6	1	1	*	*	23	11	36	*	25	104
Bunyaviridae	South River	*	*	*	1	*	4	*	*	*	*	0	5
	Potosi	52	*	*	14	*	49	*	*	5	20	10	150
	Cache Valley	41	1	6	7	1	13	*	6	10	23	10	118
	Trivittatus	3	4	1	13	*	7	14	8	*	*	6	56
	Jamestown Canyon	4	6	2	1	2	12	10	8	*	*	4	49
	La Crosse	1	1	1	3	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	12
	California serogroup	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	16	28
Rhabdoviridae	Flanders	20	69	92	1	*	13	19	10	39	23	59	345
-	ALL	332	157	374	287	115	273	191	623	420	777	508	4057

# Zika Virus Surveillance Map



The BG-Sentinel mosquito trap:

- mimics convection currents created by a human body
- employs attractive visual cues
- releases artificial skin emanations through a large surface area
- can be used without CO2 to specifically capture selected mosquito species
- is an excellent general mosquito trap when used with CO2



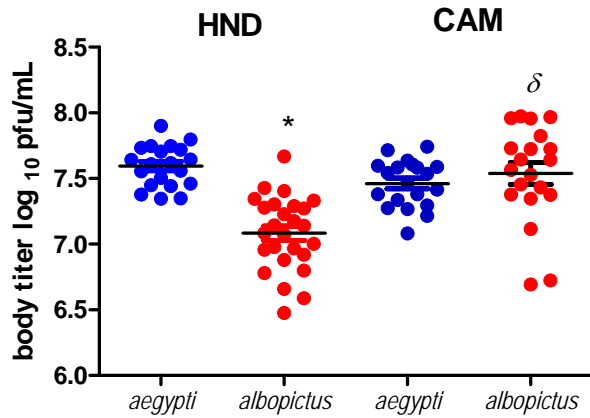
# 2016 Arbovirus Surveillance

COUNTY	Pools Tested	WNV(+)	EEE(+)	AVE POOL SIZE	SUBMISSION DATES	ALB POOLS TESTED	AVE POOL SIZE	ZIKA (+)
Bronx	0	0	0	0	9/2-9/30/2016	13	24	0
Chautauqua	166	2	0	51	7/19-9/28/2016			
Clinton	51	0	0	26	6/21-8/30/2016			
Cattaraugus	60	0	0	44	6/21-7/26/2016			
Cattaraugus/Buffalo	287	0	0	37	7/19-9/28/2016			
Erie	348	36	0	26	7/25-9/26/2016			
Madison	130	0	0	35	6/3-9/9/2016			
Nassau	371	20	0	27	6/7-10/4/2016	166	26	0
Oneida	120	0	0	38	6/3-8/26/2016			
Onondaga	478	4	0	45	6/7-9/30/2016			
Orange	292	2	0	26	6/20-10/11/2016			
Oswego	478	0	5	40	6/3-9/15/2016			
Putnam	28	0	0	29	6/30-9/28/2016			
Rockland	574	51	0	49	6/14-9/27/2016	57	23	0
Suffolk	1400	142	0	39	6/7-10/12/2016	491	27	0
Ulster	15	0	0	16	9/14-9/16/2016			
Westchester	274	3	0	30	6/17-10/7/2016	62	17	0
Wayne	85	0	0	16	7/19-9/20/2016			
<b>Total</b>	<b>5156</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>789</b>		<b>0</b>

# Mosquito experimentation- understanding transmission potential of ZIKV

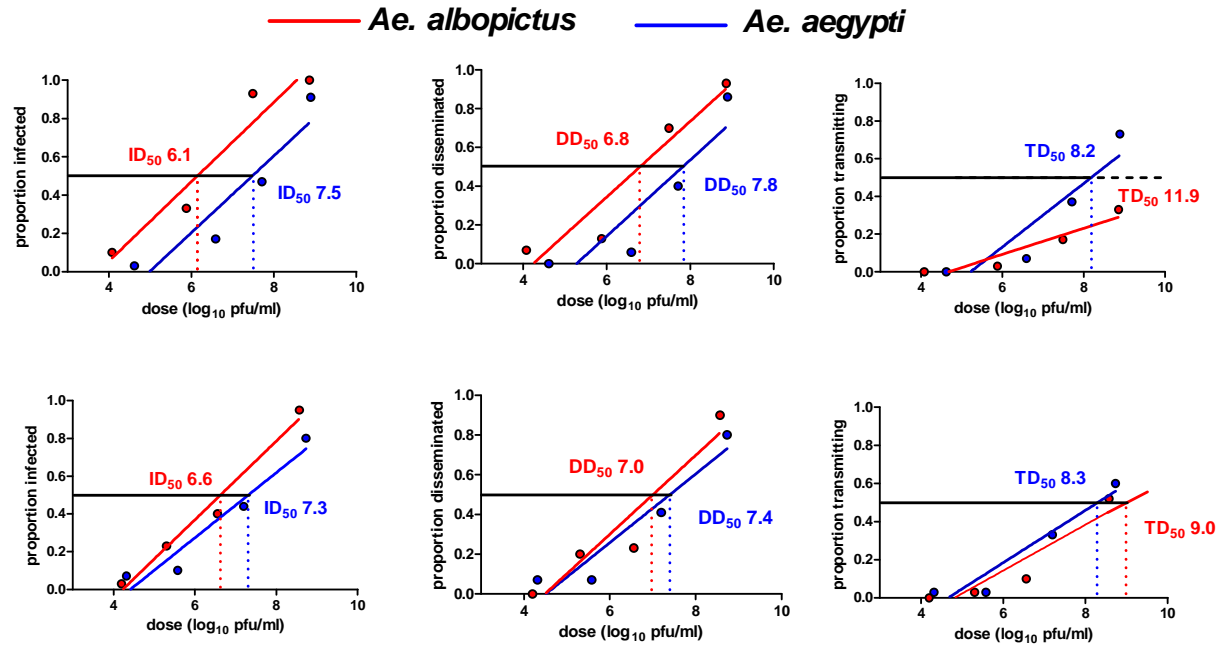


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## Effects of Zika Virus Strain and *Aedes* Mosquito Species on Vector Competence

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**Viremia levels estimated to be <3.0 log<sub>10</sub>pfu/ml, much lower than dengue and chikungunya viruses**

# Potential role for vertical transmission of ZIKV in mosquitoes?

## Vertical Transmission of Zika Virus by *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus* Mosquitoes

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To determine the potential role of vertical transmission in Zika virus expansion, we evaluated larval pools of perorally infected *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus* adult female mosquitoes;  $\approx 1/84$  larvae tested were Zika virus-positive; and rates varied among mosquito populations. Thus, vertical transmission may play a role in Zika virus spread and maintenance.

- 1 in 84 larvae infected from infected female -significantly higher than what has historically been measured for other flaviviruses



# What's next?

- High levels of ZIKV clinical testing are expected to continue for the immediate future- new assays with increased specificity
- ZIKV mosquito surveillance efforts will continue through 2017
- Continued sequencing and assessment of strain and population-specific transmissibility/evolutionary potential
- Development and utilization of ZIKA infectious clone for genetic/mechanistic studies

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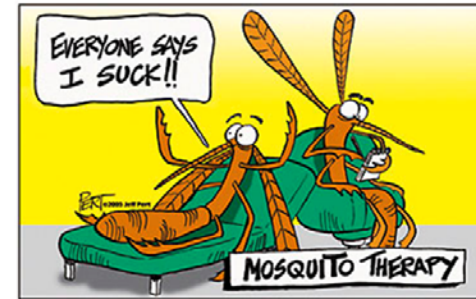
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## QUESTIONS?



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