

Dengue

da infezione tropicale a problema europeo?

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Conflitti di interesse

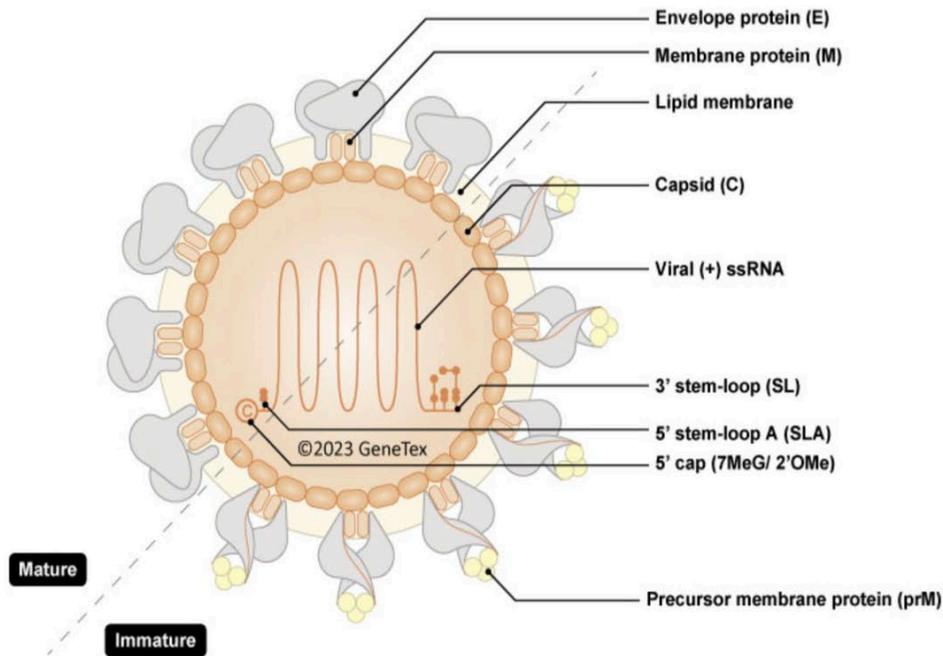
- **Nessun condizionamento nel preparare questa relazione**

DENGUE VIRUS (DENV) 4 sierotipi

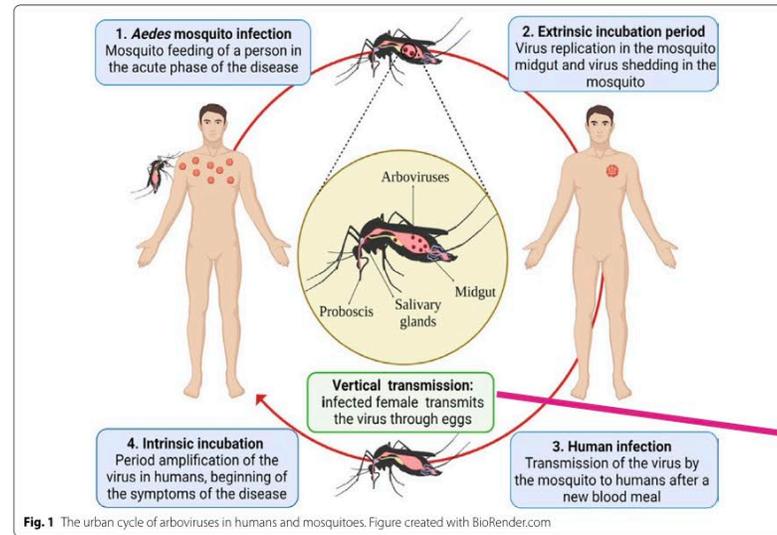
- **Trasmesso all'uomo attraverso un vettore (*Aedes spp*).**
- **Circa la metà della popolazione mondiale è oggi a rischio di dengue, circa 400 milioni di infezioni stimate che si verificano ogni anno**
- **Climi tropicali e subtropicali di tutto il mondo, soprattutto aree urbane e suburbane**
- **La Dengue rispetto a tutte le altre patologie trasmissibili nel periodo 2000-2013 è cresciuta del 400%**
- **La maggior parte delle infezioni sono asintomatiche, ma alcune possono essere gravi o mortali**

Dengue: il virus ed il ciclo vitale

Flaviviridae



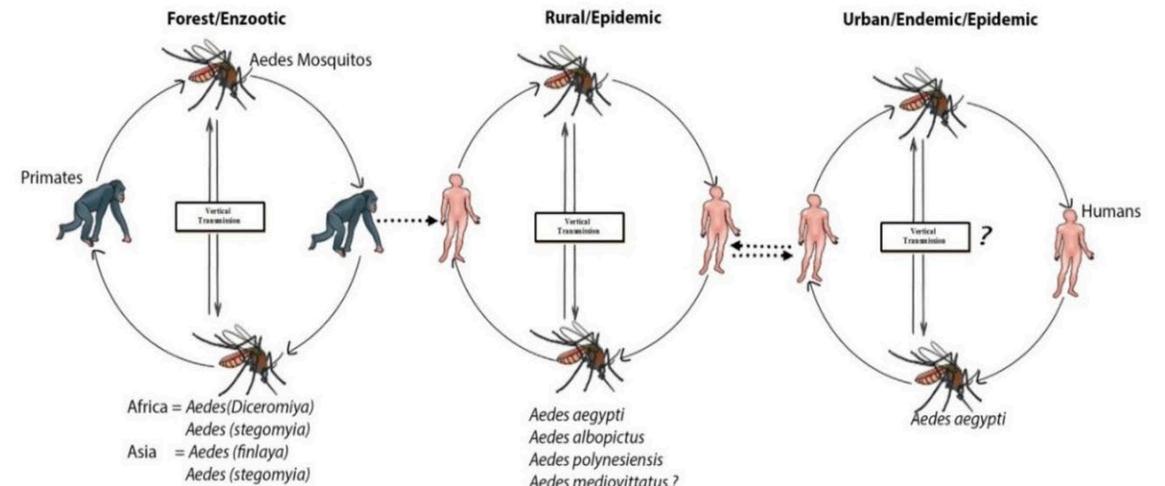
Yeast (*Pichia pastoris*)



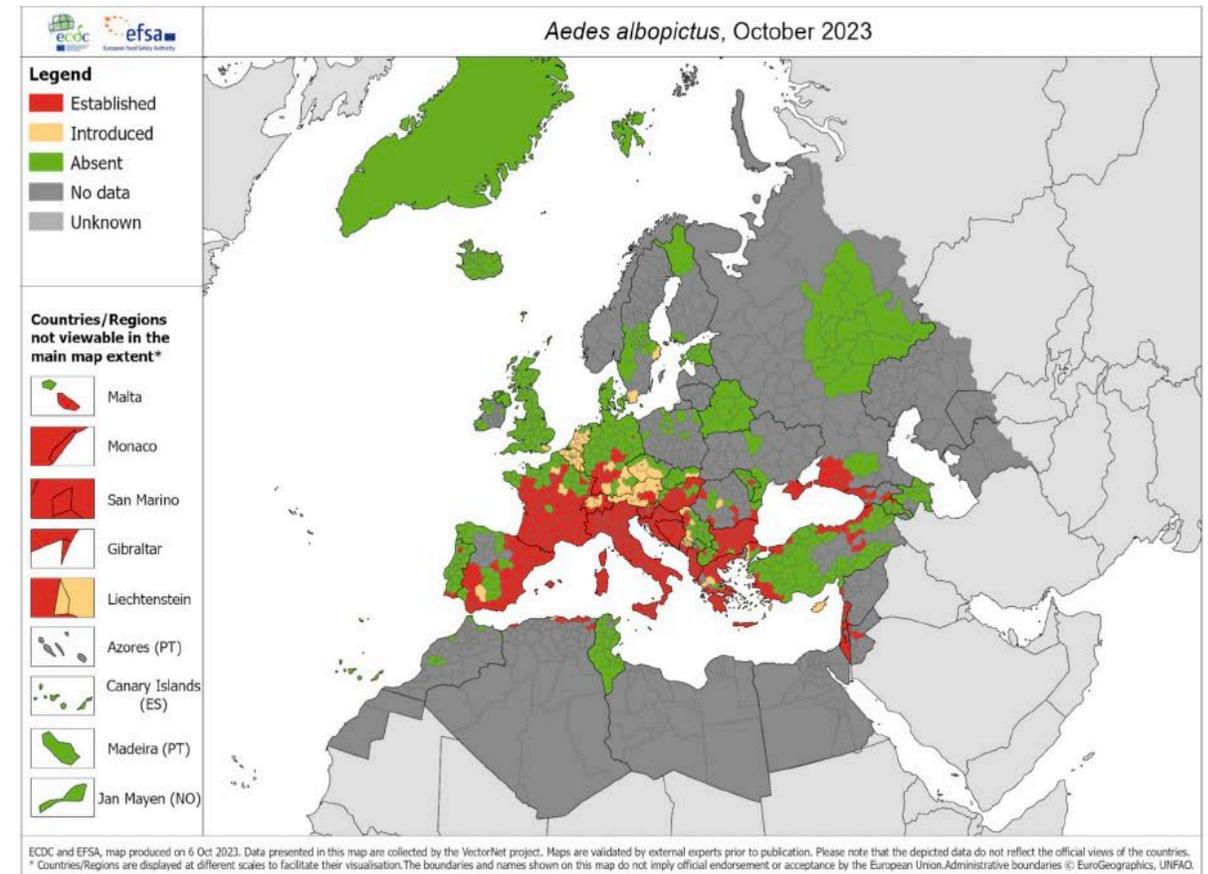
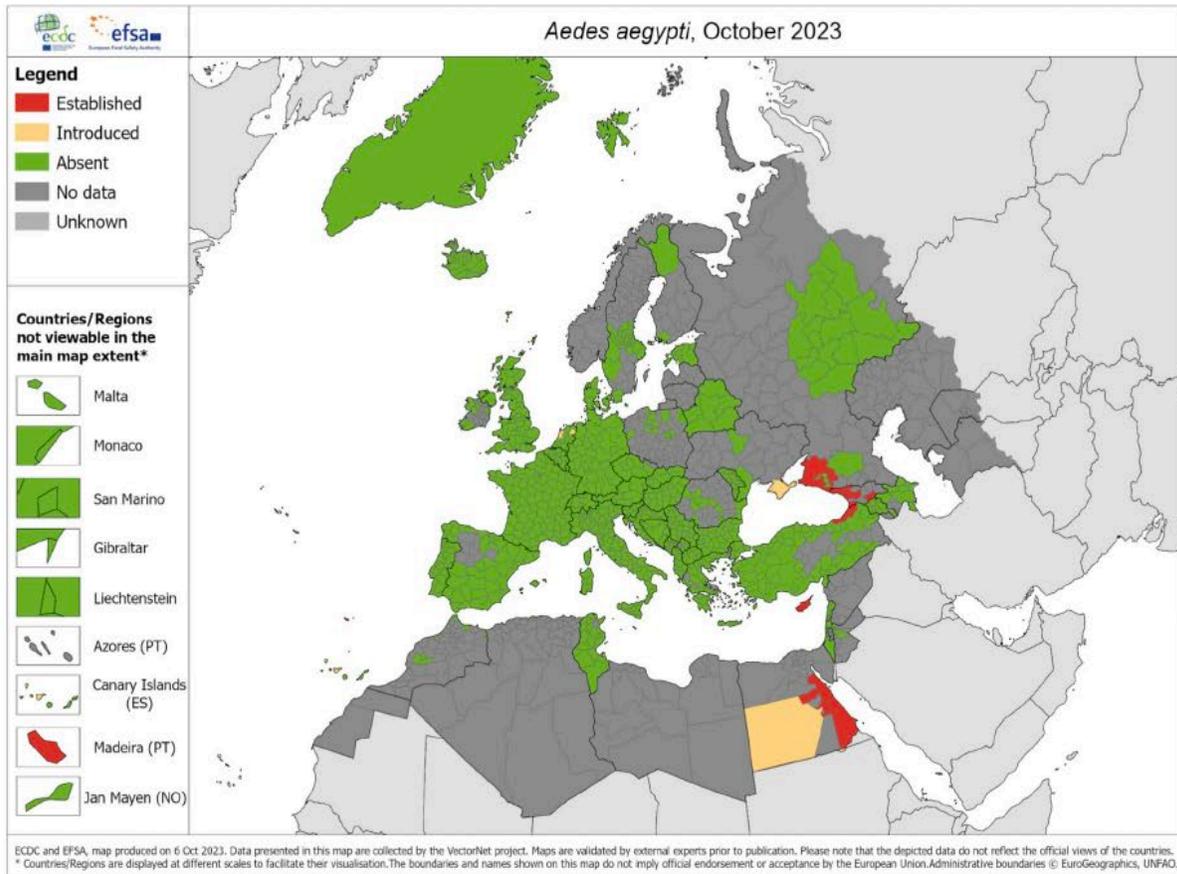
Aedes aegypti
Aedes albopictus

Aedes albopictus
Uova diapausanti
Resistono fino a -10°C
in climi temperati

Gómez et al. Parasites & Vectors (2022) 15:287 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13071-022-05401-9>



Dengue: i vettori in Europa



- depone uova resistenti all'essiccamento e al freddo (diapausanti; -10°C)
- ciclo di sviluppo larvale in piccoli contenitori con poca acqua stagnante
- pungono un'ampia varietà di ospiti, fra i quali l'essere umano.

Dengue: epidemiologia



Situation update, March 2024

Since the beginning of 2024 over two million dengue cases and over 500 dengue-related deaths have been reported globally.

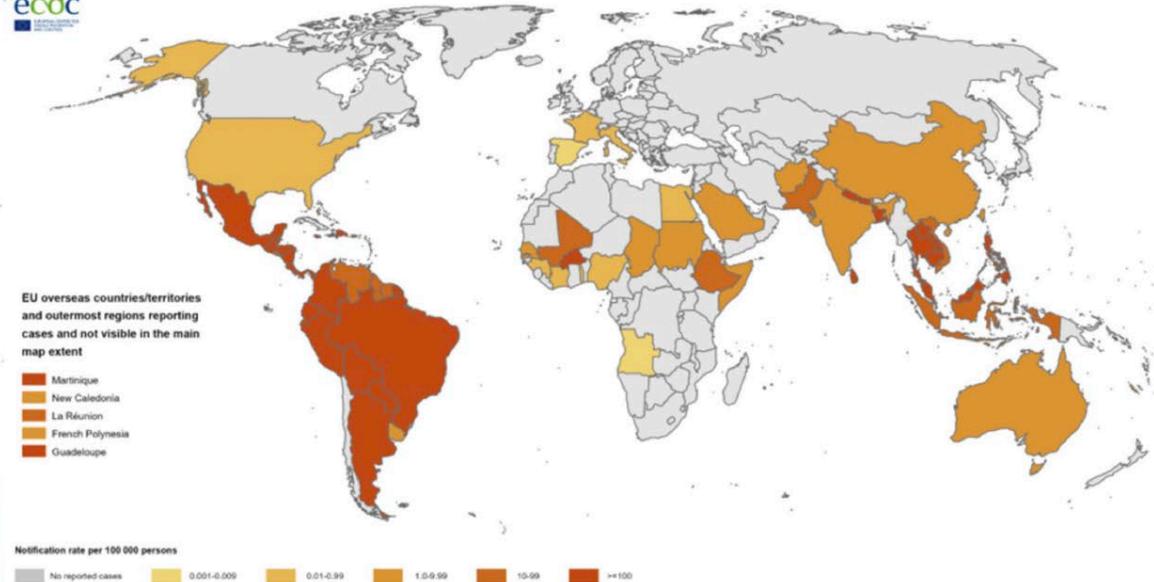
Most cases were reported in the WHO PAHO region with a cumulative number of 1 874 021 suspected cases reported until week 8 of 2024 (ending 25 February 2024).

According to the PAHO report of 7 March 2024, this is an increase of 249% compared to the same period in 2023.

Region with most cases The Americas

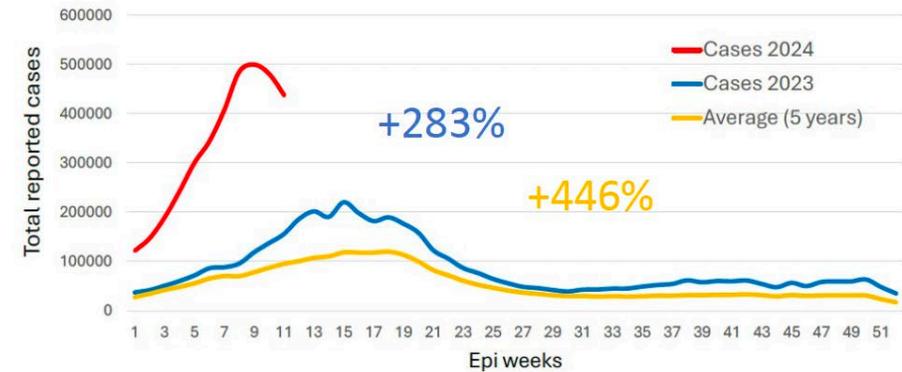
Locally acquired cases in continental Europe (2023) Italy, France, and Spain

Receptive areas of Europe: moderate transmission likelihood environmental conditions become less favourable to vector activity and virus replication



Report on the epidemiological situation of dengue in the Americas

Figure 1. Total number of suspected dengue cases as of EW 11 in 2024, 2023 and average of the last 5 years. Region of the Americas.



3.665.589 casi totali tra w1 e w11 2024
 3.073 casi gravi (0.1%)
 1.187 morti (case fatality rate 0.032%)

E. aegypti è ampiamente distribuita nelle Americhe. Canada e Cile continentale non hanno dengue né vettore.

Continente Americano, 2024



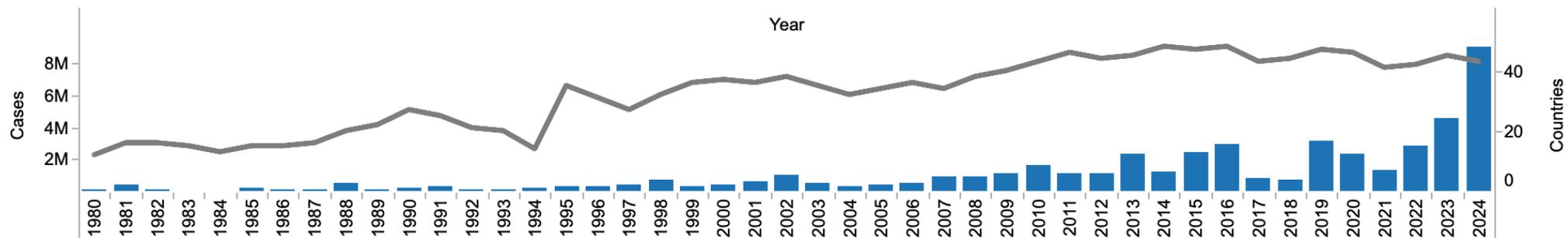
system of mandatory notification that covers all of the national territory.

Dengue Cases

Year

2024

Region	Total	Confirmed	Severe	Deaths
The Americas	8,991,508	4,344,779	8,915	4,157



Dengue: episodi di trasmissione autoctona EU

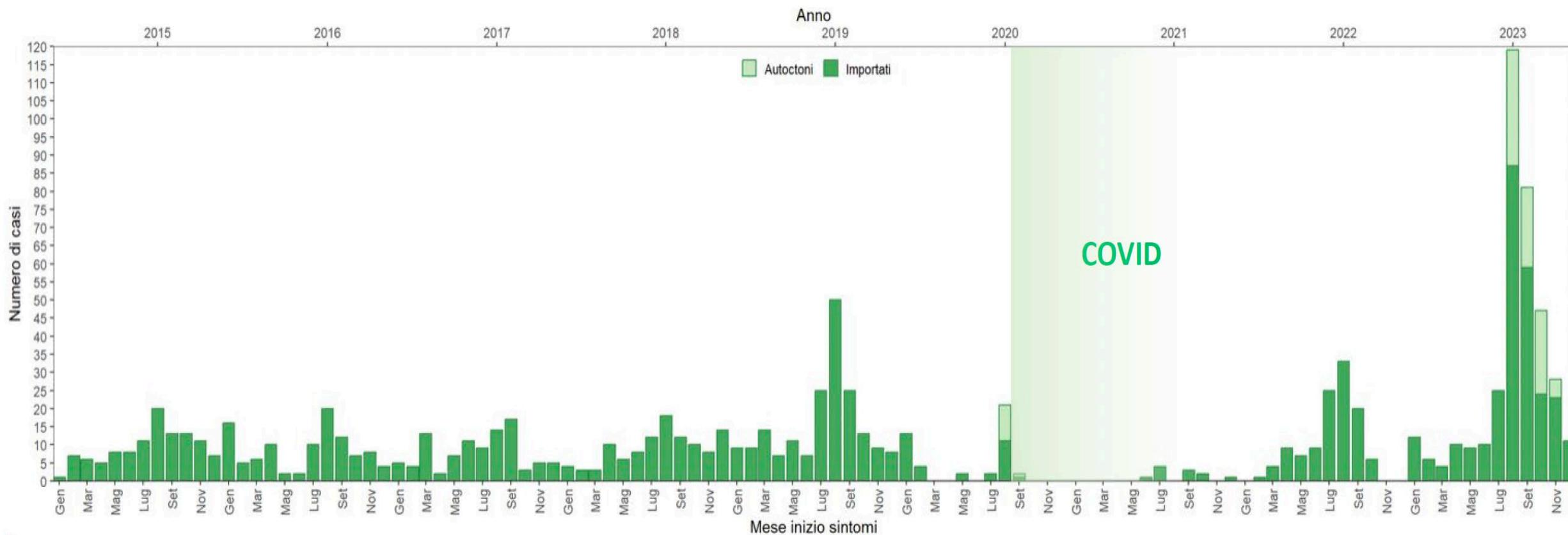
YEAR	COUNTRY	REGION	No of cases	MONTHS
2010	Croatia	Korčula Island and the Pelješac peninsula	10	August–October
2010	France	Alpes-Maritimes department	2	August–September
2013	France	Bouches–du-Rhône department	1	September–October
2014	France	Var and Bouches-du-Rhône departments	4	July–September
2015	France	Gard department	8	July–September
2018	France	Alpes Maritimes, Hérault, and Gard departments	8	September–October
2018	Spain	Catalonia region, Murcia region or province of Cádiz	6	August–October
2019	Spain	Catalonia region	1	September
2019	France	Alpes-Maritimes and Rhône departments	9	July–September

YEAR	COUNTRY	REGION	No of cases	MONTHS
2020	France	Hérault, Var, Alpes-Maritime, and Gard departments	13	July–October
2020	Italy	Veneto region	10	August
2021	France	Var and Hérault departments	2	July and September
2022	France	Pyrénées-Orientales, Hautes-Pyrénées, Haute-Garonne, Tarn et Garonne, Var, Alpes-Maritime, and Corsica departments	65	June–September
2022	Spain	Ibiza	6	August–October
2023	France	Île-de-France (3 cases), Bouches–du-Rhône (14 cases in 2 clusters), Pyrénées-Orientales (11 cases), Hérault (3 cases), Gard (9 cases), Alpes-Maritimes (3 cases) and Auvergne Rhône-Alpes (2 cases) departments.	45	July–October
2023	Italy	Lodi (41 cases), Rome (38 cases in the Rome metropolitan city and 1 case in Anzio) and Latina (2 cases) provinces.	82	End of July–November
2023	Spain	Catalonia (3 cases)	3	August–October

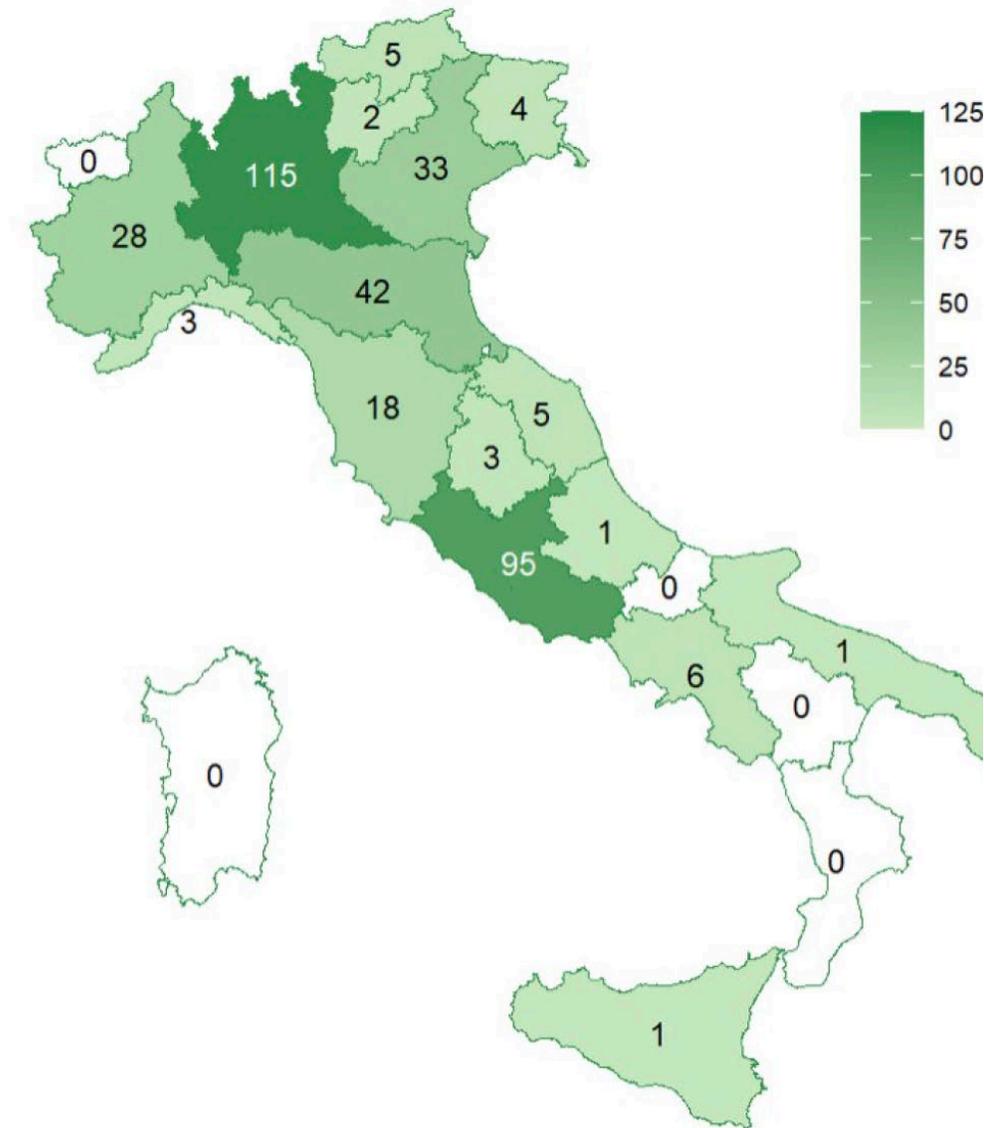
Dengue: trend in Italia 2015-2023

Mobilità della popolazione
influenza l'epidemiologia

Casi confermati di Dengue dal 2015 al 2023*



Dengue: epidemiologia in Italia 2023



Dengue: outbreak 2020

RAPID COMMUNICATION

First autochthonous dengue outbreak in Italy, August 2020

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TABLE

Clinical and laboratory findings in outbreak (family cluster) of autochthonous dengue, Vicenza Province, Italy, July August 2020 (n=6)

Clinical, epidemiological and laboratory parameters	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6
Date of symptom onset	30 Jul	16 Aug	16 Aug	16 Aug	18 Aug	18 Aug
Delay between sample collection and onset of symptoms (days)	27	10	6	10	8	8
Symptoms	Fever (38° C), arthralgia, myalgia, headache	Fever (39° C), arthralgia, myalgia, headache	Fever (38° C), arthralgia, upper limb itching	Fever (38° C)	Fever (38.5° C)	Fever (39° C)
Epidemiological link	Source case	Household contact of Case 1	Index case and household contact of Case 1	Household contact of Case 1	Household contact of Case 1	Household contact of Case 1
DENV RNA in blood ^a	Negative	DENV-1	DENV-1	Negative	DENV-1	DENV-1
DENV RNA in urine ^a	Negative	DENV-1	DENV-1	DENV-1	DENV-1	DENV-1
DENV RNA in saliva ^a	Negative	Negative	DENV-1	Negative	DENV-1	DENV-1
DENV NS ₁ antigen ^b	Negative	Positive	Positive	Negative	Positive	Positive
DENV IgM ^c	Positive	Positive	Negative	Positive	Positive	Positive
DENV IgG ^c	Positive	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative

Dengue: outbreak 2022

RAPID COMMUNICATION

Outbreaks of autochthonous Dengue in Lazio region, Italy, August to September 2023: preliminary investigation

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Epidemiological and laboratory characteristics of the three autochthonous dengue transmission events in the Lazio Region, Italy, 2023 (n = 7)

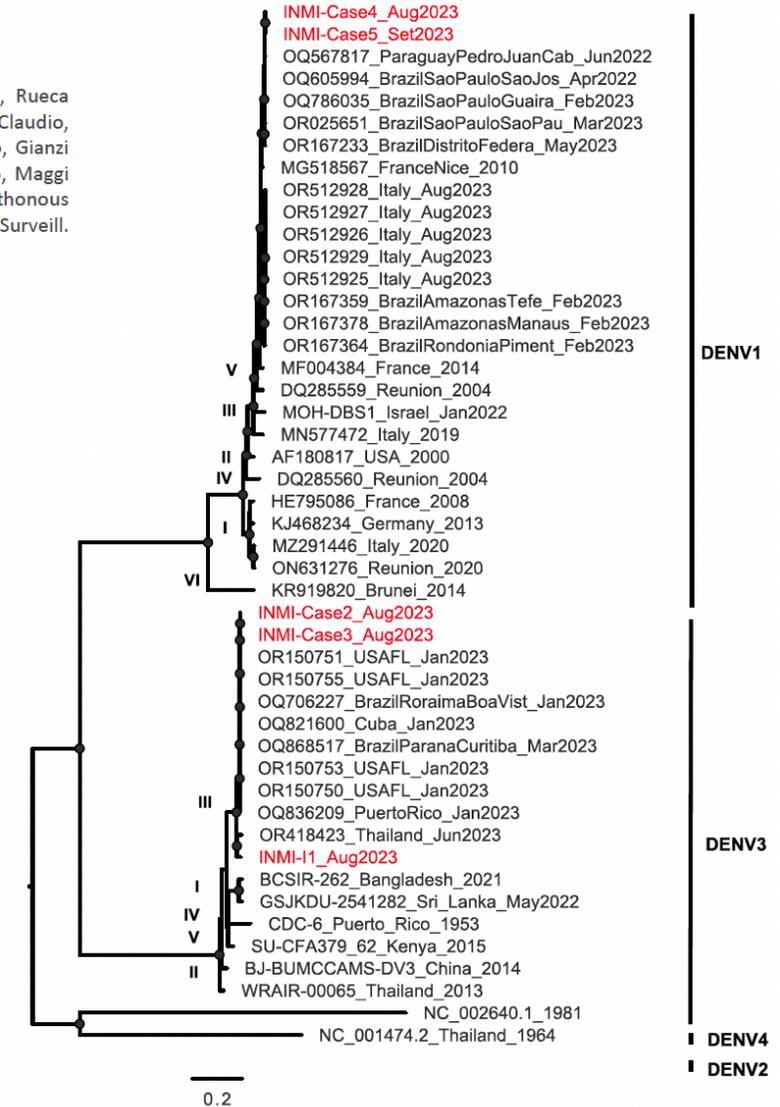
Epidemiological and laboratory parameters	DENV-1 cluster ^a				DENV-3 cluster		DENV-2
	Case 1	Case 4	Case 5	Case 6	Case 2	Case 3	Case 7
Date of notification	18 Aug	5 Sep	8 Sep	12 Sep	31 Aug	31 Aug	20 Sep
Epidemiological link with imported case	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Laboratory results							
DENV NS1 antigen	NA	Negative	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
DENV IgG IC	Positive	Borderline	Positive	Negative	Negative	Negative	NA
DENV IgM IC	Positive	Borderline	Positive	Positive	Negative	Negative	NA
DENV IgG IF	Positive	Positive	Positive	NA	Weak reactivity	Weak reactivity	Positive
DENV IgM IF	Positive	Positive	Positive	NA	Weak reactivity	Weak reactivity	Positive
DENV RT-PCR (Cq at diagnosis)	31	32	23	27	22	24	36
DENV serotype	1	1	1	1	3	3	2

Cq: quantification cycle; DENV: dengue virus; IC: immunochromatography; IF: immunofluorescence; NA: not available.

^a Only the first four cases in this cluster for whom phylogenetic analysis was completed are shown.

Twenty-five additional cases with no travel history have been reported in Rome and province of Rome and linked to the DENV-1 cluster as at 16 October.

B. Whole genome sequencing

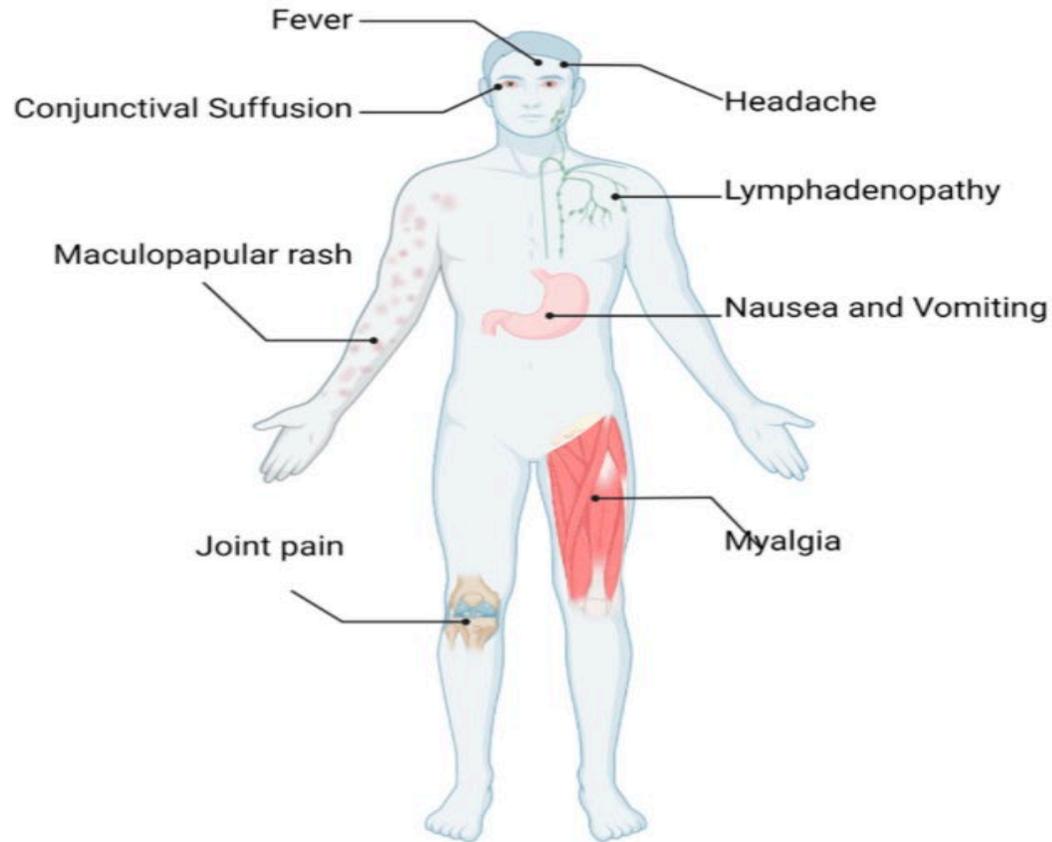


Più introduzioni virali contemporanee

Between 40% and 80% of dengue infections are asymptomatic.

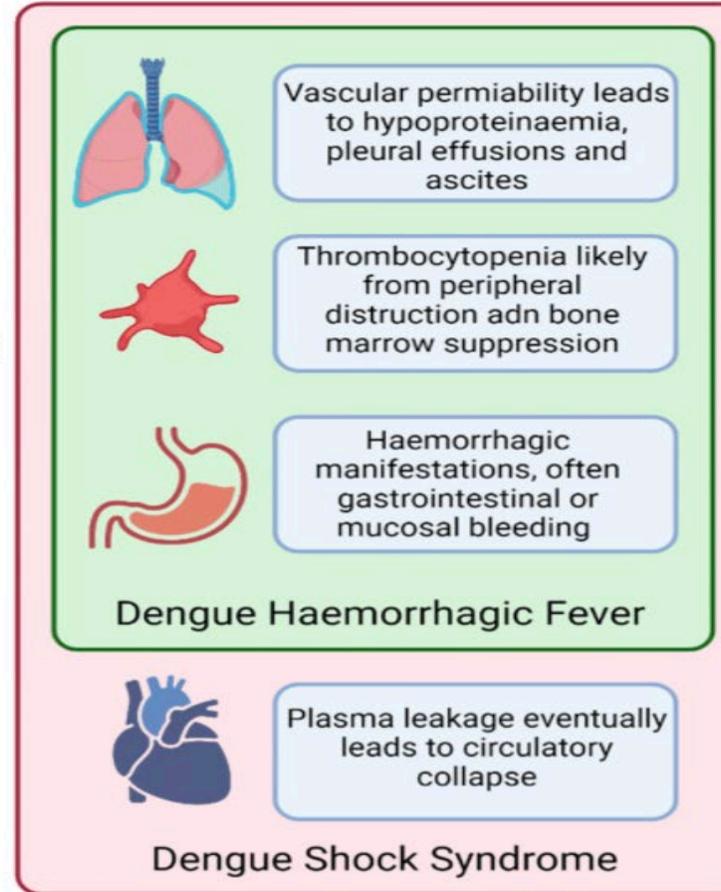


Figure 1. Systemic effects of dengue and time course of infection.



Febrile Phase

Onset commonly 5-7 days after bite



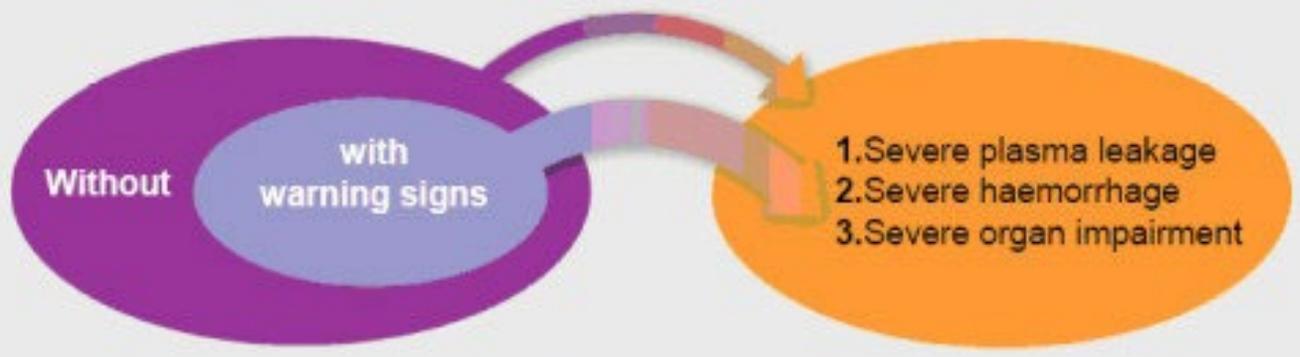
Critical Phase

Onset 4-5 days after fever

Dengue case classification by severity

Dengue ± warning signs

Severe dengue



Criteria for dengue ± warning signs

Criteria for severe dengue

Probable dengue

- Live in/travel to dengue endemic area. Fever and 2 of the following criteria:
 - Nausea, vomiting
 - Rash
 - Aches and pains
 - Tourniquet test positive
 - Leucopenia
 - Any warning sign

Laboratory confirmed dengue

(important when no sign of plasma leakage)

Warning signs*

- Abdominal pain or tenderness
- Persistent vomiting
- Clinical fluid accumulation
- Mucosal bleed
- Lethargy, restlessness
- Liver enlargement >2cm
- *Laboratory:* Increase in HCT concurrent with rapid decrease in platelet count

* Requiring strict observation and medical intervention

1. Severe plasma leakage

- leading to:
 - Shock (DSS)
 - Fluid accumulation with respiratory distress

2. Severe bleeding

as evaluated by clinician

3. Severe organ involvement

- Liver: AST or ALT ≥ 1000
- CNS: Impaired consciousness
- Heart and other organs



PHASES OF DENGUE

FEBRILE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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REST



- FEVER
- DISCOMFORT
- ERYTHEMA
- HEADACHE
- EYE, MUSCLE AND JOINT PAIN



HYDRATION



FEVER REDUCERS



MEDICAL OBSERVATION

CRITICAL

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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CONTINUE HYDRATION AND REST



WARNING SIGNS

- VOMITING
- EDEMA
- ABDOMINAL PAIN
- IRRITABILITY
- DROWSINESS
- BLEEDING



RECOVERY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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OVERALL IMPROVEMENT



PHOTO QUIZ

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Fever in a Returned Traveler: An “Off the Cuff” Diagnosis

(See pages 1074–5 for Answer to Photo Quiz)



Figure 1

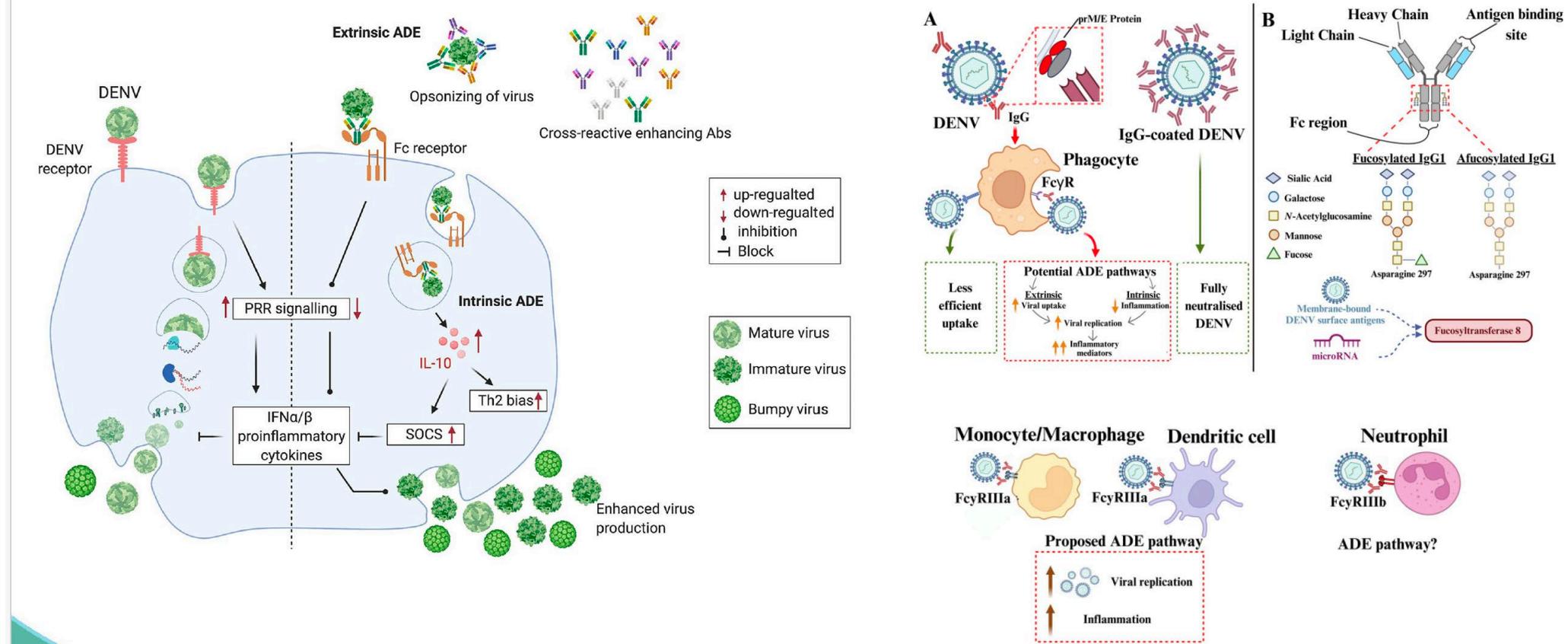


New linear petechial eruptions were noted on her right arm immediately after the blood pressure cuff was deflated

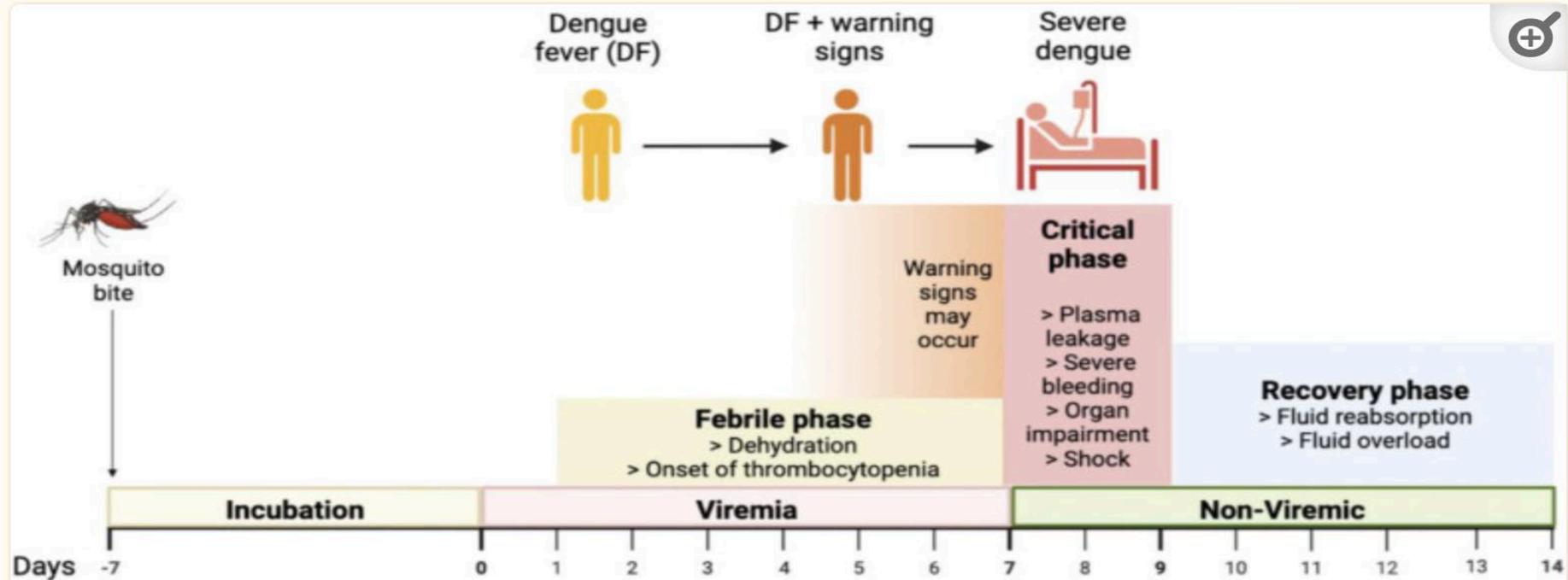
SECONDA INFEZIONE

Teo A, Tan HD, Loy T, Chia PY, Chua CLL (2023) Correction: Understanding antibody-dependent enhancement in dengue: Are afucosylated IgG1s a concern?. PLOS Pathogens 19(10): e1011736.

Dengue: antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE)



The phenomenon, in which preexisting non-neutralizing antibodies lead to enhanced infection, is termed ADE. Beyond studies with patients suggesting this phenomenon in DENV infection, highlighting those described above with newborn infants and children



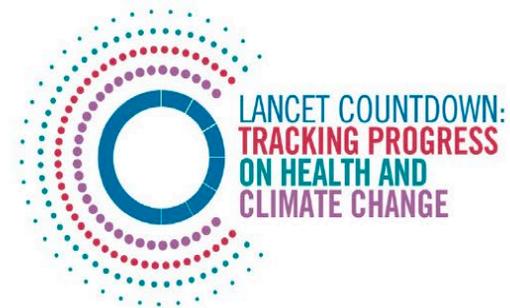
<p>Current clinical management</p>	<p>Symptomatic care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetaminophen • Oral rehydration 	<p>Hospitalisation required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tapering IV fluids therapy (crystalloids supplemented with colloids); diuresis for fluid overload • Blood/platelet transfusion in case of severe bleeding
<p>Proposed novel therapeutics</p>	<p>Direct acting anti-virals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JNJ-A07 • Ivermectin • Doxycycline <p>Thrombopoietic medications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eltrombopag <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPLE • Vitamin E 	<p>Monoclonal therapeutics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIS513 <p>Host-targeted medications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mast cell inhibitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ketotifen ◦ Montelukast • Metabolic targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Metformin

Dengue: la situazione in America del Sud

Nel 2023 «El Niño Southern Oscillation» (ENSO) ha influenzato il clima dell'America Meridionale

- La regione settentrionale del Brasile ha registrato **meno precipitazioni** del previsto e ha dovuto affrontare una **siccità storica**. Una parte della popolazione ha dovuto **immagazzinare acqua** aumentando i luoghi con acqua stagnante, potenziali siti di riproduzione delle zanzare.
- Allo stesso tempo, il sud è stato colpito da **numerose inondazioni**. L'intenso volume d'acqua ha causato un aumento dei luoghi di **accumulo di acqua**, che ha comportato anche un aumento dei siti di riproduzione.

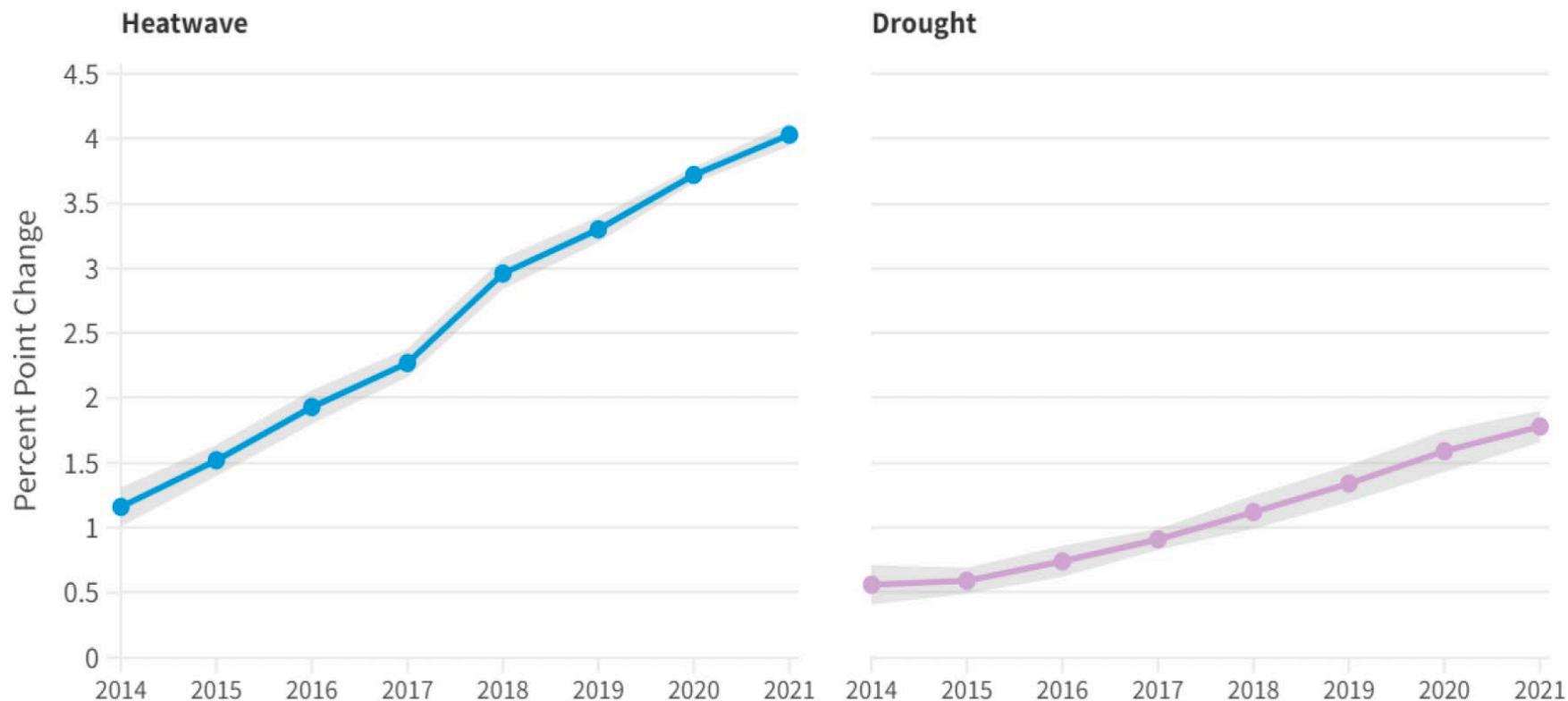
Dengue: Climate change



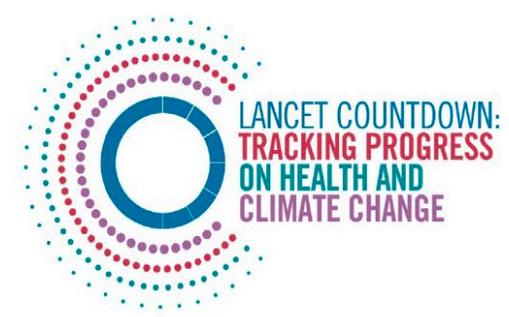
Impact of Extreme Weather on Food Insecurity

Change in the share of the population reporting moderate or severe food insecurity due to change in heatwave days and drought months occurring during the growth season of four major crops (maize, rice, sorghum, and wheat) , compared to 1981-2010

Extreme Weather Event: ■ Heatwave ■ Drought



Dengue: proiezioni R_0

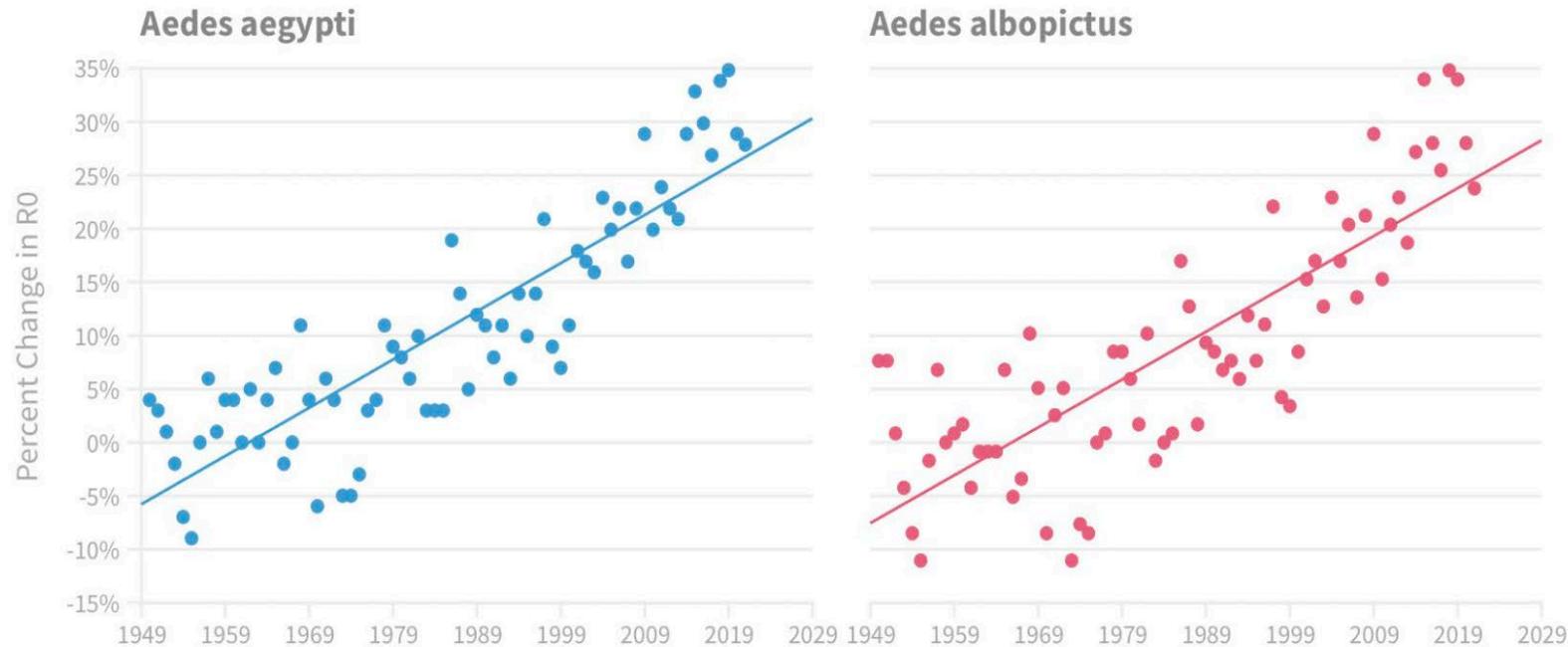


Climate Suitability for the Transmission of Dengue

Percent change in the basic reproduction number (R_0) of dengue by *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitos, compared to 1951-1960 average

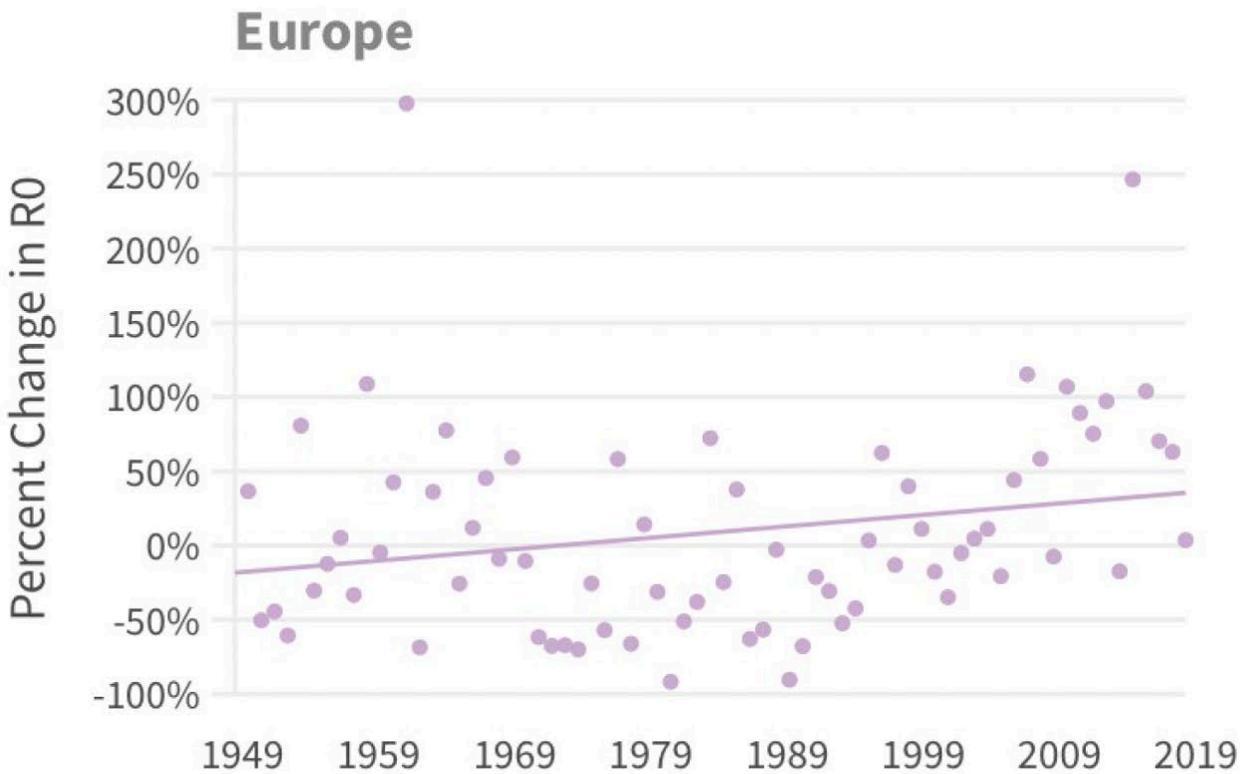
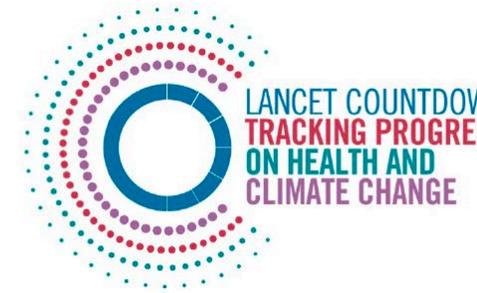
R_0 is an indication of a pathogen's contagiousness and transmissibility

● *Aedes aegypti* ● *Aedes albopictus*

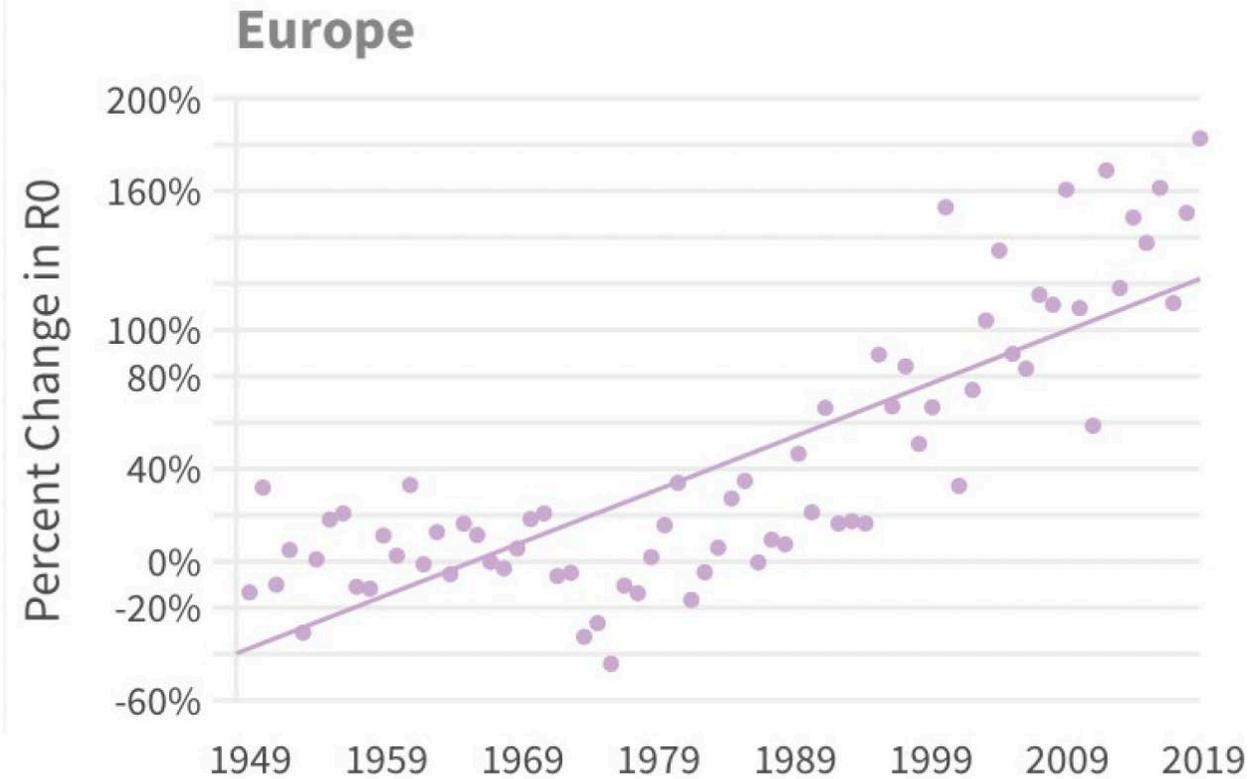


R_0 “numero di riproduzione di base”: rappresenta il numero medio di infezioni secondarie prodotte da ciascun individuo infetto in una popolazione completamente suscettibile (mai venuta a contatto con il nuovo patogeno emergente)

Dengue: proiezioni R_0 in Europa



Aedes aegypti

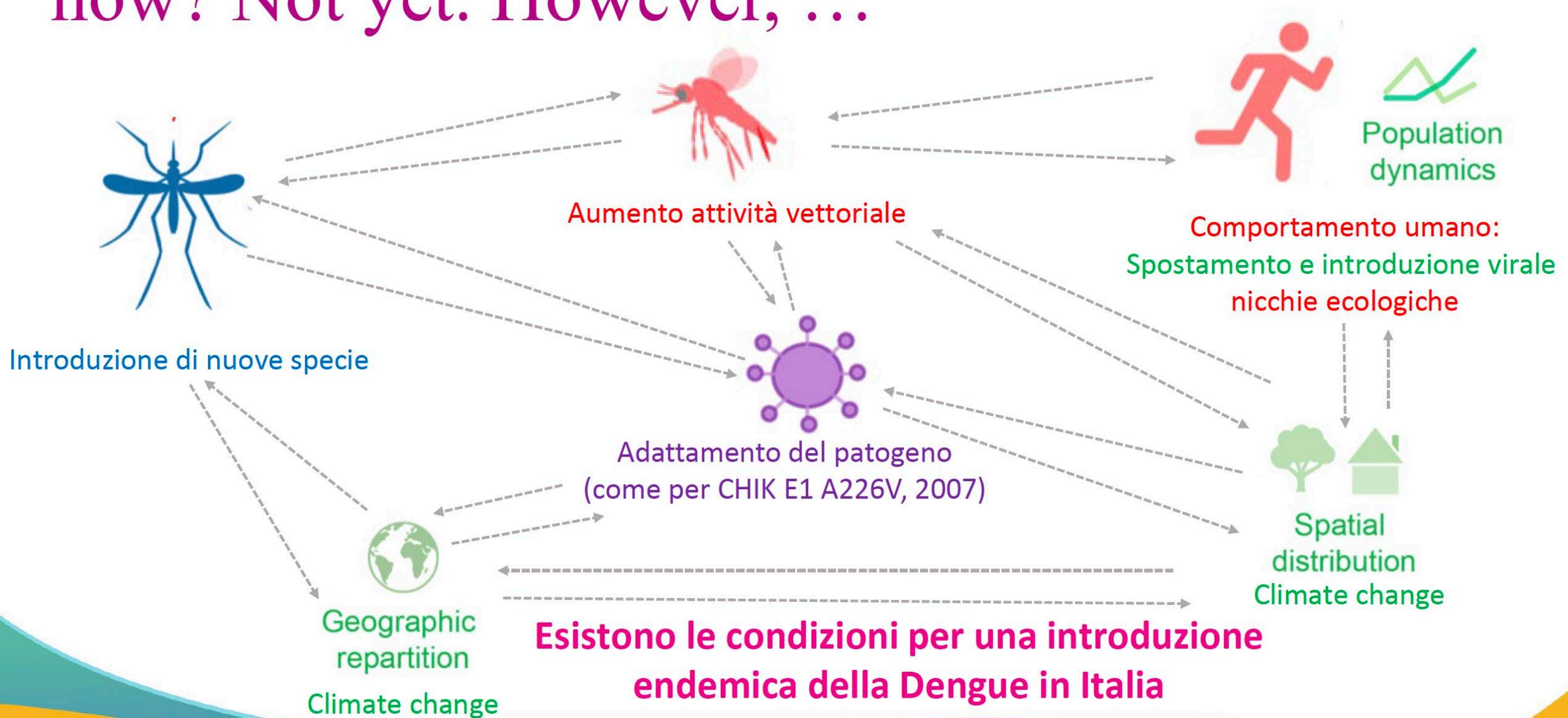


Aedes albopictus

Dengue: should we consider it an endemic disease now? Not yet. However, ...

- Vettore presente in Italia: *Ae. albopictus*
- **Cambiamenti climatici** (aumento temperatura, modifica precipitazioni piovose) con ampliamento delle nicchie ecologiche per *Ae. Albopictus*, incremento R0 per Dengue e possibile introduzione di *Aedes aegypti*
- Fenomeni di **introduzione di Dengue** sempre più frequente (viaggi e mobilità della popolazione)
- Casi **asintomatici e paucisintomatici** che ostacolano rapida identificazione e notifica dei casi per tracciamento e interventi di disinfestazione con adulticidi e larvicidi
- Possibile ruolo svolto da reservoirs animali

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Dengue: controllo del vettore

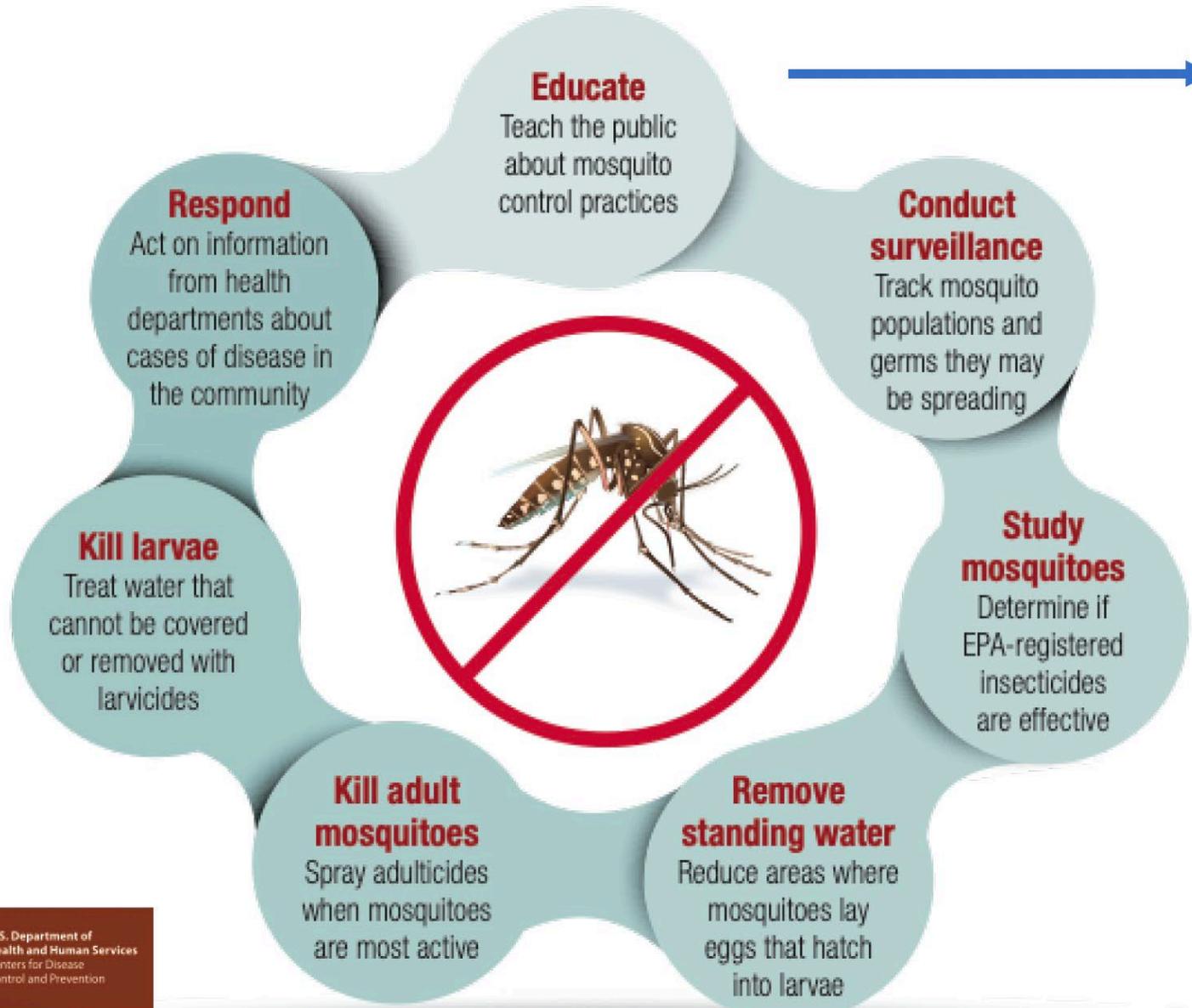
- Tutte le attività di controllo dei vettori hanno un beneficio limitato se la **popolazione generale** non è incoraggiata a limitare i siti di riproduzione delle zanzare ed evitare contatti uomo-vettori.
- Le strategie preventive dovrebbero rafforzare la **comunicazione al pubblico** in generale e **agli operatori sanitari**.
- Necessario un forte **coinvolgimento sia degli enti pubblici che privati** nelle azioni contemporanee volte a controllare le popolazioni di vettori.
- Un approccio **One Health** è fondamentale per prevenire l'emergenza e la diffusione della dengue nelle aree temperate



Dengue: strategie di prevenzione

- Per impedire la diffusione di Dengue nelle aree temperate, è necessario attuare tempestivamente diverse misure di sanità pubblica:
 - È fondamentale **notificare** tempestivamente i casi
 - **Stratificare il rischio** ed effettuare interventi dando priorità alle popolazioni a maggior rischio
 - Mettere in atto un **sistema di sorveglianza proattivo** poiché una diagnosi ritardata può favorire una circolazione virale incontrollata

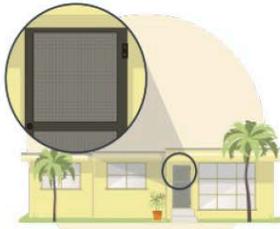
Dengue: controllo del vettore



Dump standing water outdoor



Use screens on windows and doors



Cover trash cans and rain barrels



indoor



Dengue: vaccini

- Indicazione della vaccinazione nei viaggiatori e nei soggetti ad alto rischio per esposizione professionale
- **Controindicati** nelle donne in gravidanza o in allattamento e **nei soggetti immunocompromessi**, o in trattamento con **terapie immunosoppressive**, salvo adeguato intervallo di wash-out (viremie vaccinali sintomatiche)

Dengue: vaccini



- Qdenga (febbraio 2023):
 - **Vivo attenuato**
 - Prodotto in cellule Vero mediante tecnologia del DNA ricombinante. Geni di proteine di superficie sierotipo-specifiche (DENV-1, -2, -3, -4) ingegnerizzati nella struttura della dengue di tipo 2.
 - 2 iniezioni a distanza di 3 mesi
 - Adulti <4anni (non disponibili dati per adulti >60aa)
- Dengvaxia (luglio 2019)
 - **Vivo attenuato**
 - Prodotto in cellule Vero come virus della febbre gialla/dengue chimerico, sierotipo-1, -2, -3, -4
 - 3 iniezioni a intervalli di 6 mesi
 - Adulti, giovani e bambini (di età compresa tra 6 e 45 anni) **che hanno avuto una precedente infezione dal virus dengue** accertata mediante un test (ADE!)

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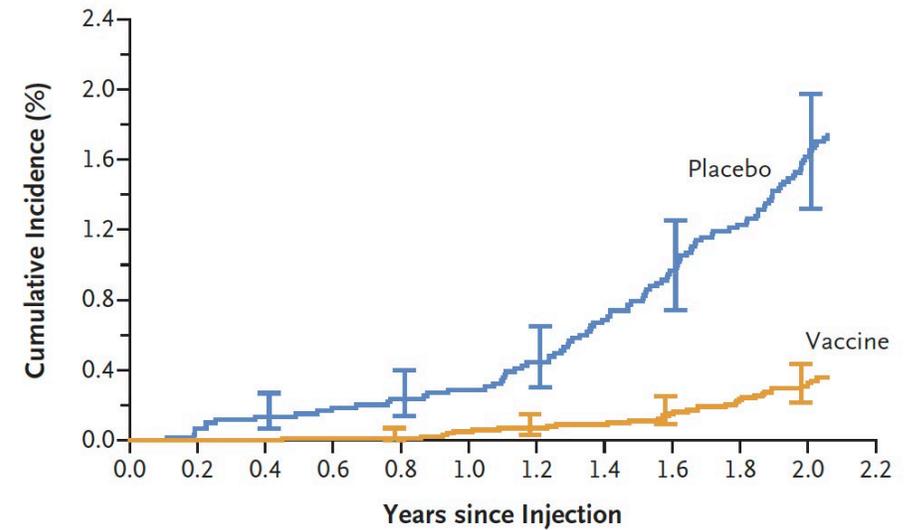
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Live, Attenuated, Tetravalent Butantan–Dengue Vaccine in Children and Adults

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Previous exposure to DENV, by serotype — no. (%)‡

DENV-1	4295 (41.9)	2666 (44.6)	6961 (42.9)
DENV-2	4487 (43.7)	2766 (46.3)	7253 (44.7)
DENV-3	3801 (37.1)	2365 (39.6)	6166 (38.0)
DENV-4	4538 (44.2)	2791 (46.7)	7329 (45.1)
Unknown or missing data§	395 (3.9)	235 (3.9)	630 (3.9)



No. at Risk

Placebo	5,946	5,865	5,811	5,741	5,668	5,571
Vaccine	10,213	10,014	9,925	9,840	9,750	9,628

Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence of Virologically Confirmed Dengue through 2-Year Follow-Up.

In this phase 3 trial, a single administration of Butantan-DV was shown to have a favorable safety profile and be efficacious in preventing symptomatic, virologically confirmed dengue caused by DENV-1 and DENV-2, irrespective of previous dengue exposure, throughout a 2-year follow-up. These data support the continued development of Butantan-DV for the prevention of dengue disease in adults and children.

Dengue Vaccination

Pronounced (den-GEE)

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Sanofi-Pasteur will stop manufacturing its dengue vaccine for children. The manufacturer is discontinuing the vaccine citing a lack of demand in the global market to continue production of this vaccine. CDC, in collaboration with the Puerto Rico Department of Health, will continue alerting health professionals about the discontinuation of Dengvaxia and the use of this vaccine as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Dengvaxia is safe and effective when administered as recommended. There are two other dengue vaccines either approved or in late stages of development. However, they are not currently available in the United States. People can continue to protect themselves and their families from dengue by [preventing mosquito bites](#) and [controlling mosquitoes](#) in and around their homes.

Conclusioni

- **Prevenzione (patologia che inesorabilmente aumenterà)**
- **Non abbiamo ancora una terapia antivirale**
- **Lo standard of care rimane la terapia di supporto (idratazione)**
- **Approccio combinato utilizzando vaccini e terapie.**