# Dengue viral infections

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# Dengue viruses

## Flavivirus

- Four serotypes: DEN-1, -2, -3, -4 (distinguished by neutralization test)
- In vivo cross protection (-)

# Host range of dengue virus

- Primary vertebrate host: humans
- Primary mosquito vectors: *Ae. aegypti Ae. albopictus Ae. polynesiensis* Enzootic forest cycles: nonhuman primates
   Experimental: neonatal mice, challenged IC Vero, LLC-MK2, C6/36 *Ae. albopictus*

# Dengue virus in vector

- No pathogenic effect on vectors
- Site of infection: midgut – hemocele – salivary gland genital tract – egg
- Extrinsic incubation period: 8 – 12 days

# Life cycle of dengue virus

Jungle cycle

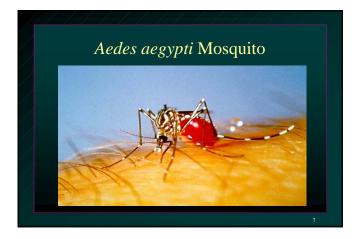
Aedes spp. -- monkey -- Aedes spp. Aedes spp. -- ova -- Aedes spp.

#### Urban cycle

Aedes aegypti -- human -- Aedes aegypti Aedes aegypti -- ova -- Aedes aegypti

# Vector of dengue virus: Aedes aegypti

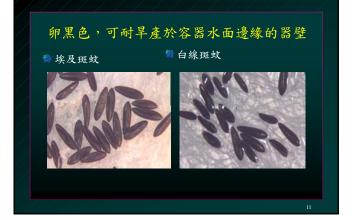
- Low susceptibility to oral infection with virus
- Highly domesticated habits
- Day-biting
- Breeding in fresh water
- Short flight range
- Easily interrupted feeding & repeated probing of one or several hosts

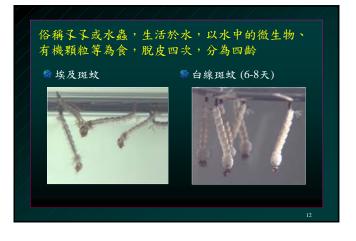




台灣常見蚊蟲各蟲期之區別						
坟種	斑蚊屬	家蚊屬	森蚊屬			
卯期	卯粒單產於水 邊上,可耐旱 最長達1年	卵粒粘成 卵塊,產 於水面上	卵雨倒邊具有 浮囊,單產於 水面上			
幼蟲 期	呼吸管短, 身體常壅懸 於水中	呼吸管長, 身體與水平 面成一角度	沒有呼吸管, 具掌款,身體 與水平面平行			
娳期	呼吸管介於案 蚊屬及濃蚊屬 (以肉眼較難分)	呼吸管較 获長(以肉 戰較難分)	呼吸管短雨 周間(以内 眼乾鐘分)			
成蟲期	件息時,與 平面成平行 白天吸血活動,身體及 腳,身體及 腳集黑白斑	停息時, 與平面成 平行,晚 上吸血活 動	停急時, 成45角度 ,晚上吸 血活動			









# 斑蚊棲息場所及吸血習性

🗣 埃及斑蚊

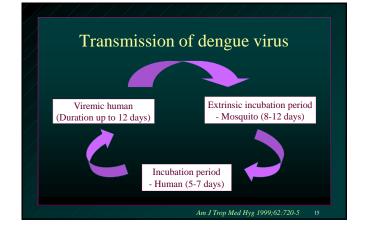
喜歡棲息於室內,尤其是深色之窗簾、衣服、布幔 及其他陰暗處所

🔮 白線斑蚊

喜歡棲息於室外孽生棲所附近之植物及戶外之陰涼 處所

🏶 吸血高峰

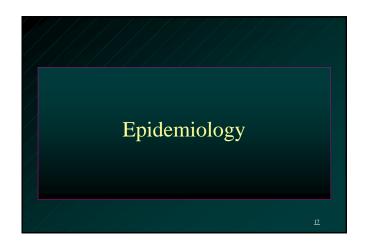
斑蚊在白天吸血,以早上9-10時及下午 4-5時為吸血 高峰

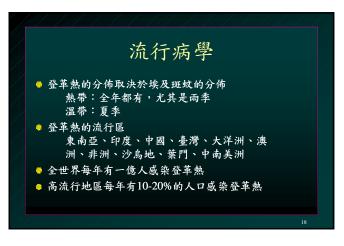


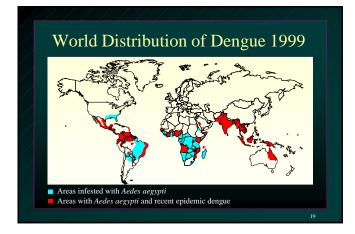
# Dengue virus in human body

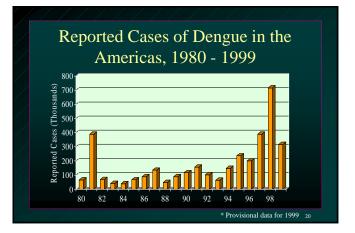
- Dengue virus antigen (by RT-PCR): monocyte-macrophage lineage in lymphoid, lungs, and liver
- Dengue virus could only be isolated from liver in DHF
- Dengue virus can infect but not replicate in human Kupffer cells

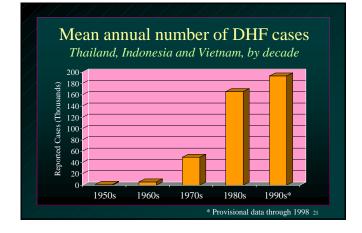
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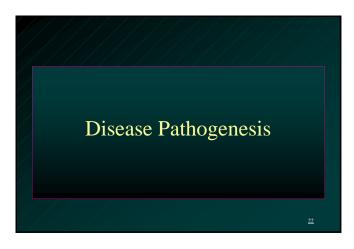












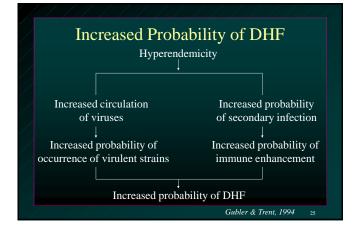
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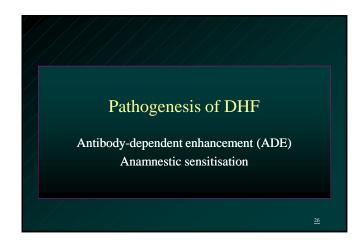
- Classical dengue fever recognized before 1800 "breakbone fever" an acute, self-limited febrile illness
- Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) recognized in Southeast Asia in the 1950s capillary leak syndrome an acute, potentially life-threatening illness

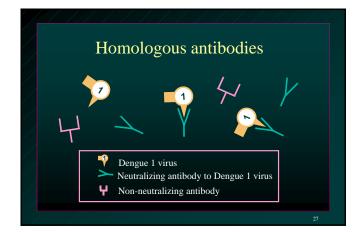
# Risk factors for DHF

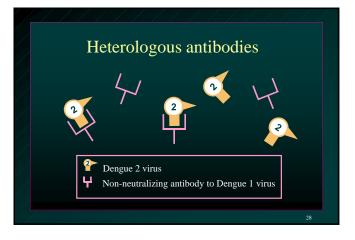
#### Virus strain

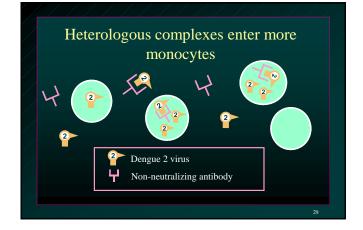
- Pre-existing anti-dengue antibody
  - previous infection
  - maternal antibodies in infants
  - hyperendemic area with two or more serotypes
- Host genetics
- 📒 Age















# **Dengue Clinical Syndromes**

- Undifferentiated fever
- Classic dengue fever
- Dengue hemorrhagic fever
- Dengue shock syndrome

# **Undifferentiated Fever**

- The most common manifestation of dengue
- Prospective study found that 87% of students infected were either asymptomatic or only mildly symptomatic
- Other prospective studies including all agegroups also demonstrate silent transmission

Am J Trop Med Hyg 1988; 38:172-80.

# Clinical presentations of dengue fever

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle and joint pain
- Nausea/vomiting
- 🗧 Rash
- Hemorrhagic manifestations

# Dengue fever: clinical manifestations

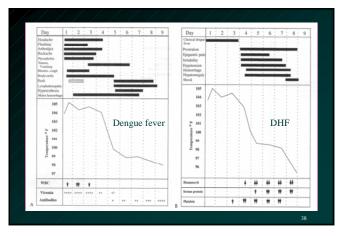
- fever, chillness
- 😐 headache
- retrobulbar pain
- 🗧 lumbosacral pain
- conjunctiva congestion
- eyelids puffiness
- facial flushing
- 👳 myalgia

- arthralgia
- respiratory symptoms
- maculopapular rash
- generalized LNE
- 👂 leukopenia
- thrombocytopeniaCNS & PNS symptoms
- minor hemorrhage

# Unusual presentations of severe dengue fever

- Encephalopathy
- Hepatic damage
- Cardiomyopathy
- Severe gastrointestinal hemorrhage

Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and Dengue shock syndrome (DSS)



# Virology of DHF/DSS

- All 4 dengue viruses cause DHF/DSS
- DEN-2, 3 are the most important
- DEN-1 is rare
- Risk factors
  - sequence of infecting serotypes interval between infections strain differences in virulence

# Clinical & pathologic findings in DHF

- Plasma leakage hemoconcentration, pleural effusion, ascites at the time of dengue recovery no evidence of endothelial cell destruction
   Bleeding tendency capillary fragility + marked thrombocytopenia
- Liver involvement hepatomegaly, elevated liver enzymes

Virology 1999;257:1-6

# Characteristics of DHF/DSS

- Diffuse capillary plasma leakage hemoconcentration, decreased effective blood volume, tissue hypoxia, lactic acidosis, shock
- Hemorrhage
- Immunopathologic diseases
   3% after secondary dengue infection
   0.2% after primary dengue infection
   Infant may develop DHF after primary infection

# Hemorrhagic manifestations of dengue

- Skin hemorrhages: petechiae, purpura, ecchymoses
- Gingival bleeding
- Nasal bleeding
- Gastro-intestinal bleeding
- 🐥 Hematuria
- Increased menstrual flow

# Clinical manifestations of DHF/DSS

#### DHF

- 🜻 classic dengue fever
- thrombocytopenia (platelet < 1<u>00 K)</u>
- hemoconcentration
   (Hct increase by 20%)

#### DSS • DHF

- hypotension pulse pressure < 20</p>
  - cold clammy skin or profound shock

## Classification of dengue fever, DHF/DSS

#### Dengue fever

- 😐 fever, arthralgia, rash
- no or minor hemorrhage
- on normal Hct
- normal platelet count
- normal pulse pressure

#### DHF grade I

- fever, GI, resp. symptoms
- no or minor hemorrhage
- Hct increase > 20%
- platelet < 100 K</p>
- normal pulse pressure

## Classification of dengue fever, DHF/DSS

#### DHF grade II

- fever, GI, resp. symptoms
- spontaneous hemorrhage
- Hct increase > 20%
- platelet < 100 K</p>
- normal pulse pressure

#### DHF grade III

- fever, GI, resp. symptoms + hypotension
- none or spontaneous hemorrhage
- Hct increase > 20%
- platelet < 100 K</p>
- pulse pressure < 20 mmHg</p>

#### Classification of dengue fever, DHF/DSS

#### DHF grade IV

- profound shocknone or spontaneous
- hemorrhage Hct increase > 20%
- platelet < 100 K</li>
- pulse pressure < 20 mmHg</li>

# Clinical parameters predictive of DHF

- Facial flushing
- Conjunctival injection
- Hepatomegaly with tenderness
- Positive tourniquet test

# Tourniquet test



Method: Inflate blood pressure cuff to a point midway between systolic and diastolic pressure for 5 minutes Positive result: > 20 petechiae/inch<sup>2</sup>

# Danger signs in DHF

- Abdominal pain intense and sustained
- Persistent vomiting
- Abrupt change from fever to hypothermia, with sweating and prostration
- Restlessness or somnolence

#### Salud Pública Mex 37 (supl):29-44, 1995.

# Clinical presentations of DHF, Puerto Rico, 1990 - 1991

Fever	57	100
Rash	27	47.4
Hepatomegaly	6	10.5
Effusions	3	5.3
Frank shock	3	5.3
Coma	2	3.5
Any hemorrhage	57	100

# Hemorrhagic types of DHF, Puerto Rico, 1990 - 1991

Signs/symptoms	Case No.	%
Microscopic hematuria	28	51.9
Petechiae	26	45.6
Epistaxis	13	22.8
Gingival hemorrhage	8	14.0
Blood in stools	8	14.0
Positive tourniquet test	5	31.3

# Hemorrhagic presentations of DHF, Puerto Rico, 1990 - 1991

Signs/symptoms	Case No.	%
Blood in vomitus	4	7.0
Bleeding at venipuncture	4	7.0
Hemoptysis	3	5.3
Vaginal hemorrhage	2	3.5
Gross hematuria	2	3.5
Other hemorrhage	2	3.5

# Laboratory findings of DHF, Puerto Rico, 1990 - 1991

Test with Abno	ormal Result	Frequency*	Mean Result (Range)
Thrombocytope	nia		
Platelet coun	t	57/57 (100%)	45,980 (9 - 99,000)
Increased Capil	lary Permeabil	ity	
Hemoconcer	tration	34/57 (59.6%)	0.26 (0 - 1.0)
Low serum p	orotein	18/51 (35.3%)	6.3 (3.8 - 8.3)
Low serum a	lbumin	35/52 (67.3%)	3.5 (2.3 - 4.9)

# Dengue in pregnant women

- Increase miscarriage (-)
- Increase birth defects (-)
- Maternal infection near parturation transplacental infection (+) severe dengue in neonate (+)

# Laboratory diagnosis of dengue viral infections

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## Laboratory diagnosis: I

#### Isolation of virus

- IT injection of blood into *Toxorhynchites spp.* TRA-284 (*Toxorhynchites amboinensis*) C6/36 (*Aedes albopictus*) AP-61 (*Aedes pseudoscutellaris*) detection method: DFA
- Antigen detection DFA of acute phase PB mononuclear cells (not reliable, only to primary infection)

# Laboratory diagnosis: II

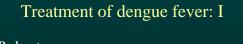
• RT-PCR

- rapid, reliable diagnostic test
- Serologic diagnosis
   IgM antibody-capture ELISA
   plaque-reduction neutralization test
   hemagglutination inhibition
   complement fixation
   neutralization test
   ELISA

## Serologic diagnosis of dengue fever

- IgM antibody-capture ELISA persist for 1-2 months positive provide a presumptive diagnosis found both in primary and secondary infection
- Plaque-reduction neutralization test for type-specific diagnosis
- IgM/IgG ratio determined by ELISA primary infection: IgM/IgG > 1.5





- Bed rest
- Fluid replacement
- Antipyretics
- Analgesics
- Avoid aspirin hemorrhage diathesis
   Povo's syndrome
  - Reye's syndrome

## **Outpatient Triage**

- Home treatment
  - no hemorrhagic manifestations and patient is well-hydrated
- Outpatient observation center or hospitalization hemorrhagic manifestations or hydration borderline
- Hospitalized warning signs (even without profound shock) or DSS

## Patient Follow-Up

- Patients treated at home
  - Instruction regarding danger signs
  - Consider repeat clinical evaluation
- Patients with bleeding manifestations
  - Serial hematocrits and platelets at least daily until temperature normal for 1 to 2 days
- All patients
  - Check convalescent sera

# Treatment of Dengue Fever: II

- Continue monitoring after defervescence
- If any doubt, provide intravenous fluids, guided by serial hematocrits, blood pressure, and urine output
- The volume of fluid needed is similar to the treatment of diarrhea with mild to moderate isotonic dehydration (5%-8% deficit)

## Treatment of DHF/DSS

- Aggressive fluid therapy Ringer's lactate or isotonic saline plasma or dextran solution for profound shock DC fluid as shock is controlled whole blood transfusion if severe hemorrhage
- Avoid aspirin & hepatotoxic drugs
- Oxygen, monitor BP, pulse pressure, urine output, Hct, & serum albumin, platelet, level of consciousness

# Treatment of Dengue Fever: III

- Avoid invasive procedures when possible
- Unknown if the use of steroids, IVIG, or platelet transfusions to shorten the duration or decrease the severity of thrombocytopenia is effective
- Patients in shock may require treatment in an intensive care unit

## Indications for Hospital Discharge

- Absence of fever for 24 hours (without anti-fever therapy) and return of appetite
- Visible improvement in clinical pictures
- Stable hematocrit
- 3 days after recovery from shock
- Platelets  $\geq$  50,000/mm<sup>3</sup>
- No respiratory distress from pleural effusions/ascites

## **Mosquito Barriers**

- Only needed until fever subsides, to prevent Aedes aegypti mosquitoes from biting patients and acquiring virus
- Keep patient in screened sickroom or under a mosquito net

## Common Misconceptions about DHF

- Dengue + bleeding = DHF
  Image: Need 4 WHO criteria, capillary permeability
- **DHF** kills only by hemorrhage
- Patient dies as a result of shock
- Poor management turns dengue into DHF
   Poorly managed dengue can be more severe, but DHF is a distinct condition, which even well-treated patients may develop
- Positive tourniquet test = DHF
   Tourniquet test is a nonspecific indicator of capillary fragility

# More Common Misconceptions about DHF

- DHF is a pediatric disease
  - All age groups are involved in the Americas
- DHF is a problem of low income families
  [All socioeconomic groups are affected
- Tourists will certainly get DHF with a second infection
  - Tourists are at low risk to acquire DHF

## Dengue Vaccine?

- No licensed vaccine at present
- Effective vaccine must be tetravalent
- Field testing of an attenuated tetravalent vaccine currently underway
- Effective, safe and affordable vaccine will not be available in the immediate future

