Chikungunya

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Introduction

- Chikungunya a local word meaning "doubling up" owing to excruciating joint pains.
- Manifested by high fever and severe articular pains in the limbs and spinal column.



Agent:

 A dengue like disease caused by a group A virus (chikungunya virus)

• Reservoir:

• Humans are the major source, or reservoir.

Incubation period:

• 4-7 days



Occurrence

- ▶ In 1952-1953:
- First isolated from patients and mosquitoes during an epidemic in Tanzania.
- > The first recognized outbreak occurred in East Africa.
- Epidemics were noted in the Philippines (1954, 1956 & 1968), Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Burma and Sri Lanka.
- Since 2003, there have been outbreaks in the islands of the Pacific Ocean, including Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius, and Reunion Island.

Outbreaks in India

• In 1963-64: Kolkata.

In 1965, in Chennai & Vellore

• gave rise to 3,00,000 cases in Chennai city alone.



- Virus was not active since 1965.
- The disease reappeared after 41 years.
- During 2006,
 - 1.39 million officially reported cases spread over 16 states;
 - 45 per cent Attack Rate
 - First in Andhra Pradesh and it subsequently spread to Tamil Nadu.
- During 2011: 17,472 cases were reported.



Mode of Transmission

Chikungunya spreads by the bite of an Aedes mosquito.



Identification

Clinical features:

- Sudden onset with fever, chills, anorexia, lumbago and conjunctivitis.
- > Adenopathy is also common.
- Morbilliform rash, with purpura, on the trunk and limbs (60 to 80 per cent patients).
- > Cutaneous eruption may recur every 3 to 7 days.
- > Coffee coloured vomiting, epistaxis and petechiae.



Conjunctival congestion



Papular rash



Arthropathy

- A prominent symptom, seen especially in adult patients.
- Pain, swelling and stiffness, especially of the metacarpophalangeal, wrist, elbow, shoulder, knee, an kle and metatarsal joint.
- Appears between 3rd and 5th day after the onset of clinical symptoms, and it can persist for months/ years.
- No deaths have been attributed to chikungunya fever.





Diagnosis

- The virus can be isolated from the blood of febrile patients by the **intracerebral inoculation** in suckling mice or on VERO cells.
- In serologic diagnosis comparing acute and convalescent phase sera in the Haemagglutination inhibition (HIA) or complement fixation test (CFT).
- ELISA is used to detect IgM.
- A reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction (**RT-PCR**)/ nested PCR technique -

useful in rapidly diagnosing the disease.



Methods of Control

How can Aedes mosquito breeding be controlled? (a) Source reduction Method:

- Elimination of all potential vector breeding places near the domestic or peri-domestic areas.
- Not allowing the storage of water for more than a week.
- Straining of the stored water by using a clean cloth once a week to remove the mosquito larvae from the water and the water can be reused.
- The sieved cloth should be dried in the sun to kill immature stages of mosquitoes.

• (b) Use of larvicides:

- Temephos can be used once a week at a dose of 1 ppm (parts per million).
- Pyrethrum extract (0.1% ready-to-use emulsion) can be sprayed in rooms (not outside) to kill the adult mosquitoes hiding in the house.
- ► ABATE-
 - prevent breeding for up to 3 months when applied on sand granules;
 - does not harm man and
 - does not affect the taste or water.



- Aerosol spray of ultra low volume (ULV) quantities of malathion or sumithion (250 ml/hectare)
 - be effective in interrupting transmission and stopping epidemics of DHF.
 - The tiny droplets kill the mosquitoes in the air as well as on water.
- By making 2 ULV treatments (10 days)
 - reduce adult mosquito densities by more than 98 per cent for several weeks.



(c) Biological control:

• Like introduction of larvivorous fish, namely Gambusia and Guppy in water tanks and other water sources.



Treatment

- No specific treatment of chikungunya infection and it is usually self limiting.
- Analgesics, antipyretics like paracetamol, diclofenac sodium, chloroquine along with fluid supplementation are recommended to manage infection and relieve fever, joint pains and swelling.

Drugs like aspirin and steroids avoided.



Preventive measures

- There is neither chikungunya virus vaccine nor drugs are available to cure the infection.
- Prevention, therefore, centers on avoiding mosquito bites.
- Eliminating mosquito breeding sites is another key prevention measure.



To prevent mosquito bites, do the following:

- Use mosquito repellents on skin and clothing
- When indoors, stay in well-screened areas. Use bed nets if sleeping in areas that are not screened or airconditioned.
- When working outdoors during day times, wear longsleeved shirts and long pants to avoid mosquito bite.



Yellow Fever

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Yellow fever

- Yellow fever was the first viral haemorrhagic fever to be described.
- It is a mosquito borne infection endemic to Africa and South America.
- Its presentation is widely variable ranging from a minimal flulike illness to a fulminant disease characterized by haemorrhage, hepatic failure, renal failure and death.
- Yellow fever has been cited in historic texts dating back to 400 years ago.
- The "yellow" in the name originates from the jaundice that occurs in seriously ill patients.

Epidemiology: Global

- Confine almost entirely to South and Central America and Africa.
 - The virus is constantly present with low levels of infection in these areas.
 - Periodically this viral presence amplifies into regular epidemics.
- Over 500 million people live in 31 endemic countries in Africa and are considered to be at risk of suffering from Yellow fever.
- In South America, over 400 million people live in 13 endemic countries and in several Caribbean islands.

• at high risk: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

- The global incidence of Yellow fever fluctuates with the occurrence of large epidemics in Africa.
- The World Health Organization estimates (early 1990s), every year:
 - 2,00,000 cases of Yellow fever with 30,000 estimated deaths.
- However, due to underreporting, only a small percentage of these cases are identified.
- A small number of imported cases also occur in countries free of Yellow fever.



- In the past centuries (XVII to XIX), outbreaks of yellow fever were reported in:
- >North America (Charleston, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, etc)
- > Europe (England, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain).
- Yellow fever has never been reported from Asia.
- However, WHO considers this region to be at risk because the appropriate primates and vectors are present.

Agent

- *Flavivirus,* belonging to the family *Togaviridae*.
- A small (40 to 60 nm), single stranded positive sense, enveloped RNA virus.
- The envelope consists of a lipid bilayer containing an envelope glycoprotein and a matrix protein.



Vectors

- Aedes mosquitoes and Haemogogus (only in South America).
 - In Africa, the principal vectors for forest transmission are the *Aedes africanus* and *Aedes simpsoni*.
 - In both the continents, the principal urban vector is the *Aedes aegypti*.
 - In South America Haemogoggus spegazzinii is the principal vector for forest transmission.
- May be domestic (breeding close to and around houses), wild (breeding in the jungle) or semi – domestic types.
- Female mosquitoes become infected by feeding on an infected host usually during the first to third day of fever.

- Extrinsic incubation period in the mosquitoes:
- From 4 to 18 days (avg. 12 days) depending on the ambient temperature.
- Once the mosquito becomes infective, it remains so for the rest of its life.
- During subsequent blood meals, the virus is transmitted to a new vertebrate host.
- In addition, Yellow fever virus can be transmitted transovarially, allowing viral survival in the absence of adult mosquitoes.

Intrinsic incubation period in human beings is between 2 –
 6 days.

Host

- Humans and monkeys are the principal hosts.
- The reservoir of urban Yellow fever is sub clinical human cases.
- For rural Yellow fever the most important animal reservoir is the monkey.
- In endemic areas almost 30% monkeys may be infected.
- Monkey is the only reservoir for jungle Yellow fever

Transmission

- Three transmission cycles can be distinguished in Africa:
- 1. The sylvatic (in jungle areas, mainly affecting the wild monkeys),
- 2. The intermediate (primarily affecting both man and monkeys) and
- 3. The urban (mainly affecting human beings in high population density areas).
- In South America, only the sylvatic and urban Yellow fever cycles of transmission are seen.
- The normal low risk to travellers increases with travel to jungle areas in endemic countries and in or near cities during urban outbreaks.



Period of Communicability

- The case is infective to the vector mosquito during the later part of the incubation period and first three clinical days.
- An infected individual, therefore, can spread infection for about four to six days, starting two to three days after exposure to the infection.
- It is to prevent the entry of such individuals in India that rigorous rules and regulations are enforced.

Clinical features

- Some infections may be completely asymptomatic.
- The disease presents in two phases.
- Acute" phase:
- > fever, muscle pain, headache, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting.
- > The high fever may be paradoxically associated with a slow pulse.
- > After three to four days most patients improve and their



• "Toxic phase"

- > About 15% of patients enter a "toxic phase" within 24 hours.
- > rapidly develops jaundice, abdominal pain with vomiting.
- >Bleeding can occur from the mouth, nose, eyes and/ or stomach.
- > Blood may appear in the vomit and faeces.
- > Kidney function deteriorates.
- About half of the patients in the "toxic phase" die within 10
 14 days.
- > The remaining recover without significant organ damage.



Diagnosis

- Yellow fever is difficult to recognize, especially during the early stages.
- It can easily be confused with malaria, typhoid, rickettsial diseases, haemorrhagic viral fevers, dengue fever, leptospirosis and viral hepatitis



Lab investigations

- Leukopenia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Prothrombin time & Clotting time prolonged
- LFTs deranged
- PCR
- ELISA
- ▶ HI, CFT
- Isolation of virus

Treatment

- No specific treatment for Yellow fever.
- Supportive care is critical.
- Dehydration and fever must be corrected with oral rehydration salts and anti – pyretics.
- Any superimposed bacterial infection should be treated with appropriate antibiotics.
- Intensive supportive care may improve the outcome for seriously ill patients.



Prevention and Control

- Vector control and vaccination are the cornerstones of Yellow fever control.
- Yellow fever vaccine:
- During the 1930s, both wild type Yellow fever virus strains, Asibi and French, were attenuated to derive live vaccines known as 17D and the French neurotropic.
- Currently, 17D is the only strain of Yellow fever virus used for vaccination c vaccine, respectively



Yellow fever vaccine

- More than 95% of vaccinated people develop neutralizing antibodies within 10 to 14 days of immunization.
- The international Yellow fever vaccination certificate becomes valid 10 days after vaccination and remains valid for a period of 10 years.
- 0.5 ml, Subcutaneously, upper arm.
- A single dose of yellow fever vaccine is sufficient to confer sustained immunity and life-long protection against yellow fever disease.



Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD)

Kyasanur Forest Disease

- Febrile disease associated with haemorrhages
- Arbovirus flavivirus
- Ticks
- First recognize in 1957 in Shimoga district (Karnataka)
- 'Monkey disease' because associated with dead monkeys.
- KFD named after the locality (Kyasanur forest) from where virus was first isolated.



Magnitude of problem

- Four districts in Karnataka (Shimoga, North Kannada, South Kannada and Chikamagaloor)
- Outbreak in 1983-84: 2167 cases and 69 deaths
- Deaths of monkeys are considered as heralds of this disease in endemic areas.



Natural hosts and Reservoirs

- Rats and Squirrels: main reservoirs.
- Bats and birds: less important hosts.
- Monkeys: Amplifying hosts but not effective maintenance hosts.
- Cattles: important in maintaining tick population.
- Man: incidental or dead end host.



- Mode of transmission:
- >Bite of infective ticks (nymphal stage)
- >No evidence of man to man transmission.
- Incubation period:
 3 8 days.
- Case fatality rate:
 5-10 %

Clinical features

- Sudden onset of fever, headaches, myalgia
- GI disturbances
- Hemorrhages from nose, gums, stomach and intestine may occur
- Mild meningoencephalitis
- Diagnosis:
- Detection of virus in blood and/or serological evidence.



Prevention and Control

- Control of Ticks
- Vaccination of population at risk with killed vaccine
- Personal protection
- Health education



Q Fever

- Zoonotic disease
- Coxiella burnetti : causative agent
- Ticks: vectors as well as reservoirs
- Hosts: cattle, sheep, goats, tick
- Transmission:
 - inhalation of infected dust from soil contaminated by urine or feces of diseased animal
 - through abrasions, conjunctivae or ingestion of contaminated foods e.g. meat, milk



- ► Incubation period: 2-3 weeks
- Clinical features: acute onset of fever, chills, general malaise and headache.
- No rash
- Can cause pneumonia, hepatitis, encephalitis and rarely endocarditis.

Prevention and Control measures:

- Treatment: Doxycycline for 18 months or longer.
- Pasteurization
- Sanitary cattle sheds

