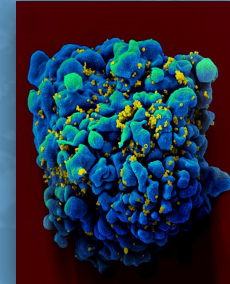


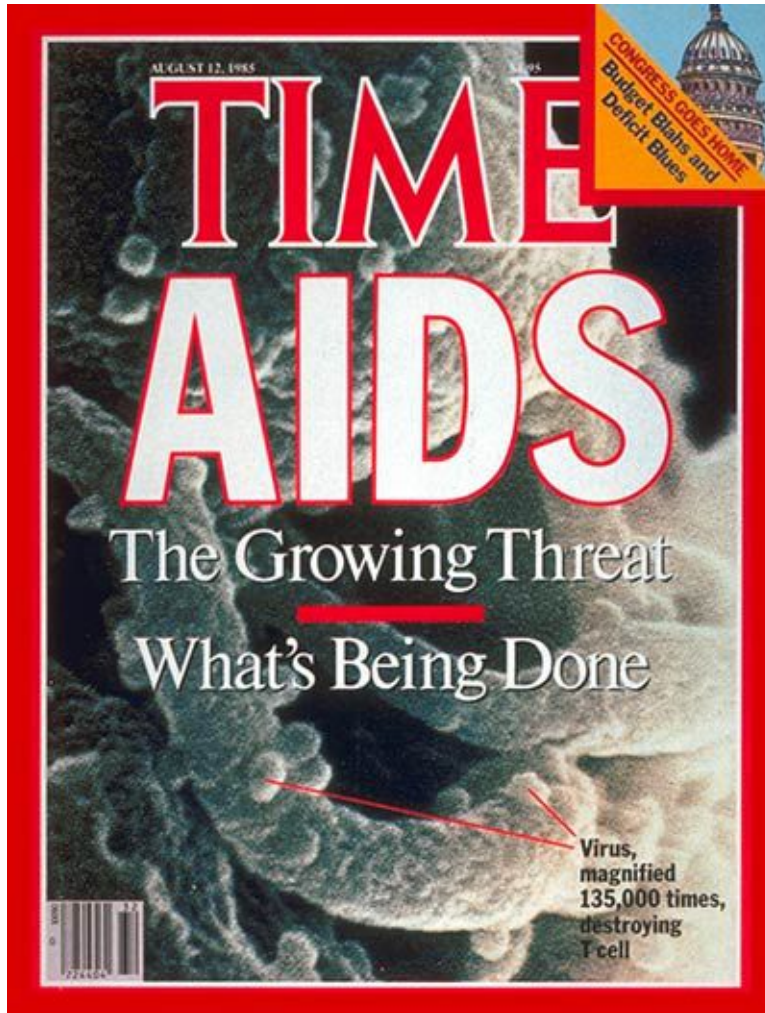


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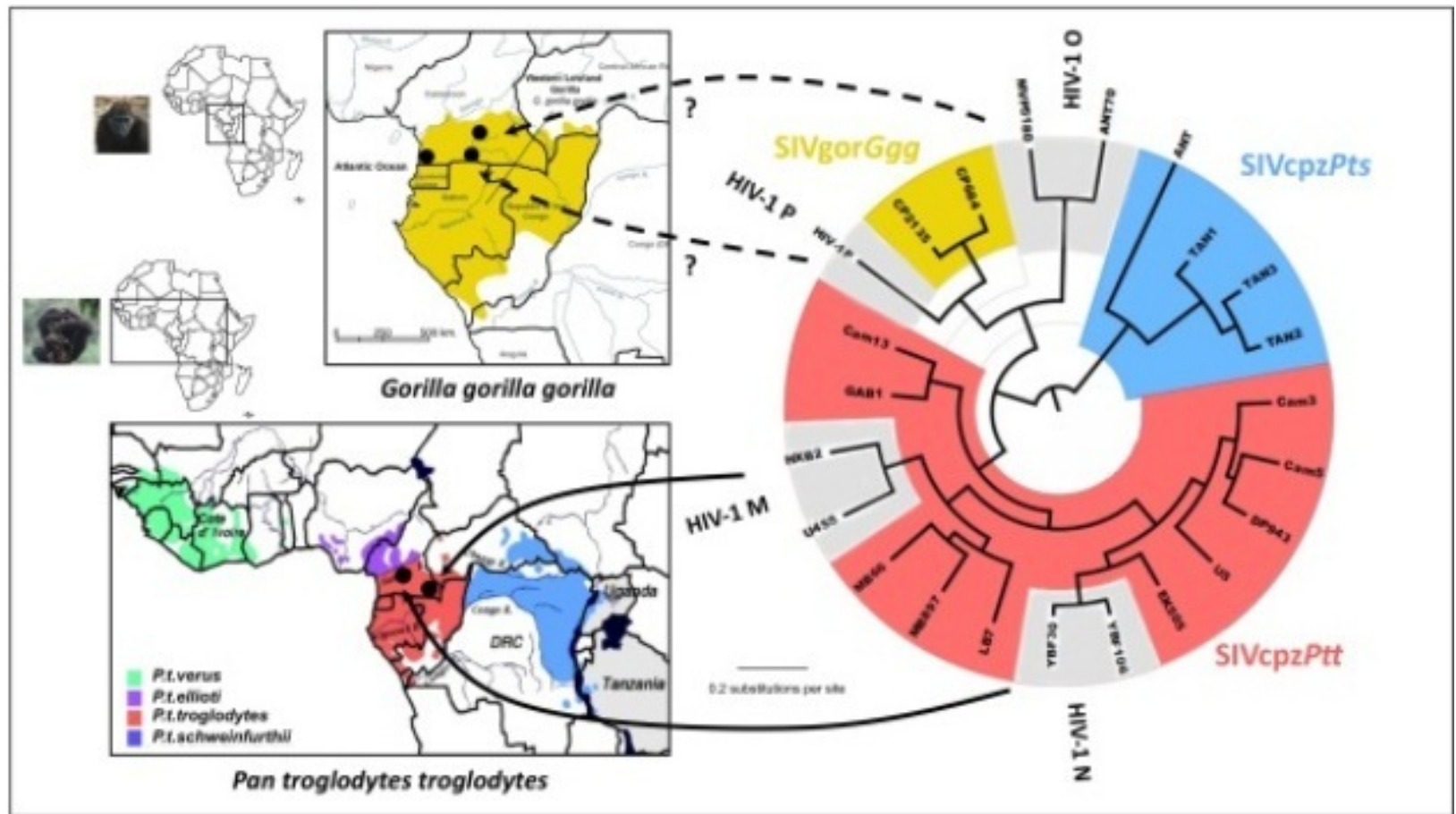


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Ebola and HIV: **Parallels and shared lessons**



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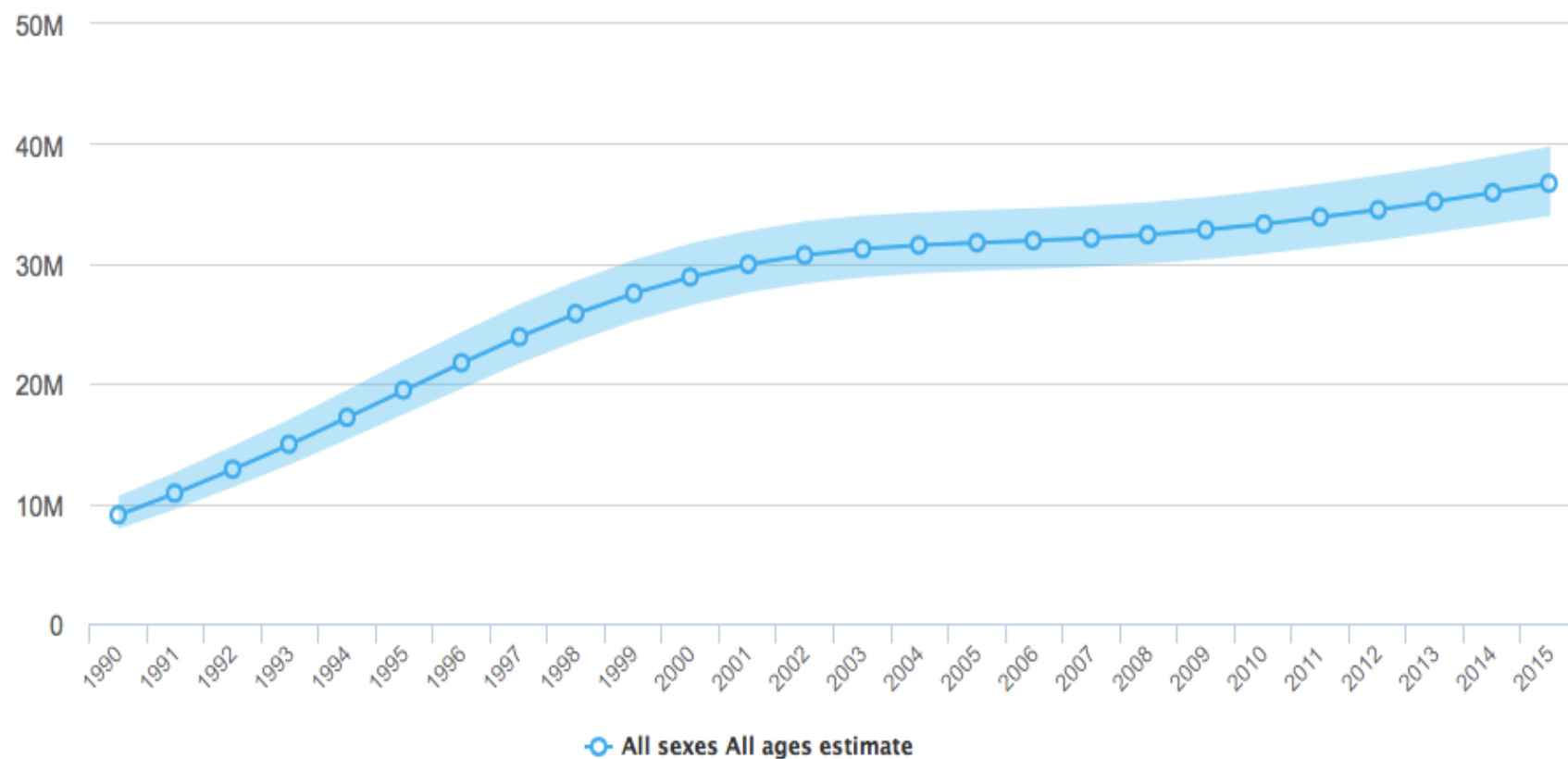


Non-Human Primates, Retroviruses, and Zoonotic Infection Risks in the Human Population

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People living with HIV (all ages)

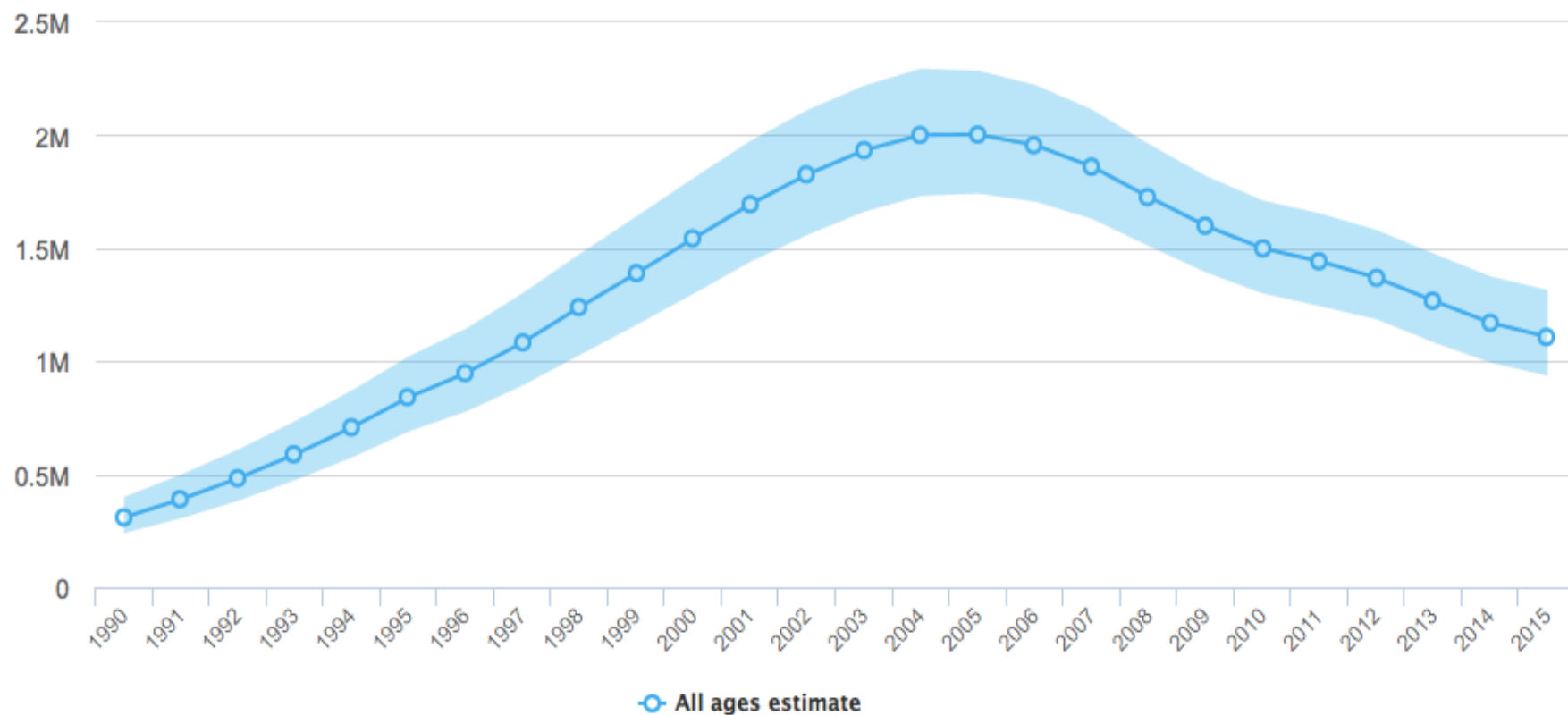


Source: UNAIDS Estimates 2016



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AIDS-related deaths (all ages)



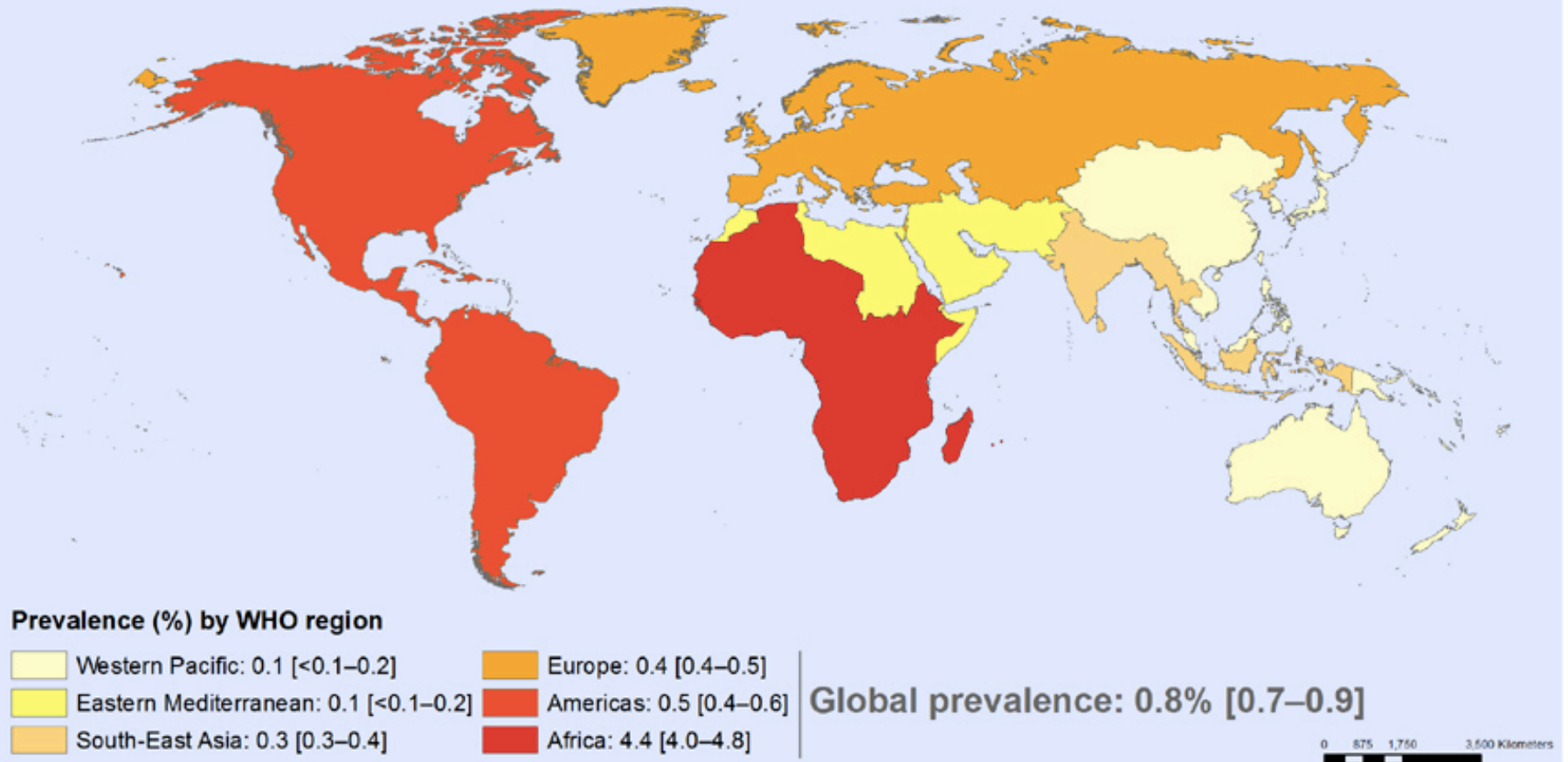
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Adult HIV prevalence (15–49 years), 2015

By WHO region



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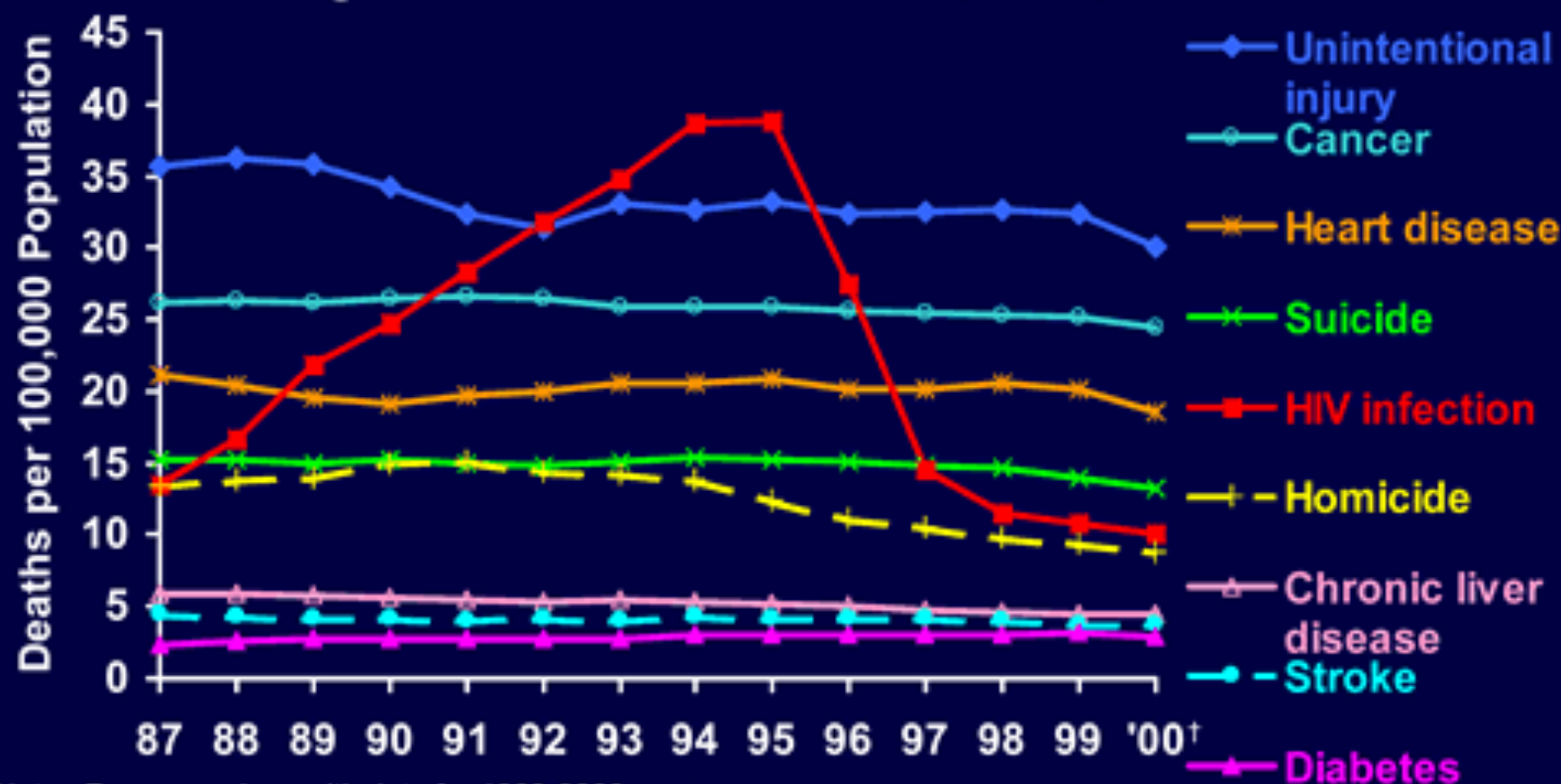


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Trends in Annual Rates of Death due to Leading Causes of Death among Persons 25-44 Years Old, USA, 1987-2000



Note: For comparison with data for 1999-2000, data for 1987-1998 were modified to account for ICD-10 rules instead of ICD-9 rules.

Year

†Preliminary mortality data for 2000.



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REVIEW

CANCER SEEN
HOMOSEXUALS

Secure Among Men



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HIV/AIDS Timeline

RARE CANCER SEEN IN 41 HOMOSEXUALS

Outbreak Occurs Among Men
in New York and California
—8 Died Inside 2 Years

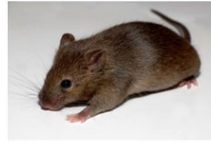
The New York
Times reports
a mysterious
illness

1981



Françoise Barré-
Sinoussi and Luc
Montagnier discover
HIV as the cause of
AIDS and later win
the Nobel Prize

1984



AZT, developed in
mice, becomes
the first drug
approved for
treating AIDS

1987



Infant HIV
infections
begin to fall
due to AZT
treatment

1994



AIDS-related
deaths fall in
developed
countries due to
combination
treatments

1997



After tests in mice
and macaques,
Truvada is shown to
reduce the risk of
HIV infection

2010



The majority of
people
worldwide
eligible for
antiretrovirals
are now
receiving them

2012

1982

The name "AIDS"
– Acquired
Immune
Deficiency
Syndrome – is
created

1985

A test for screening
blood donations is
developed through
chimpanzee
research



1990

8 million
people
have HIV



1996

Combination
treatment of
antiretrovirals
developed



22 million
people have
HIV



2007

33 million
people
have HIV



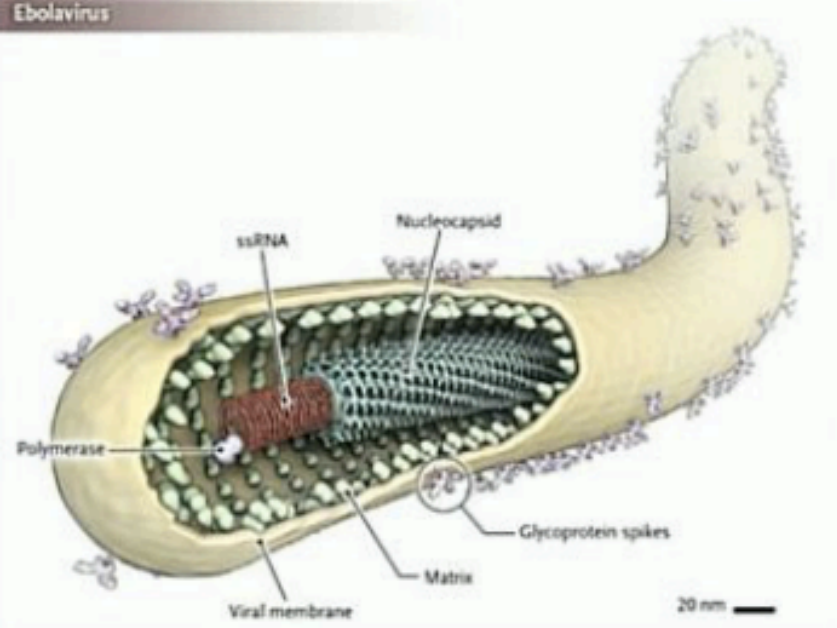
2011

Antiretrovirals are
shown to reduce the
risk of transmitting
HIV by 96%

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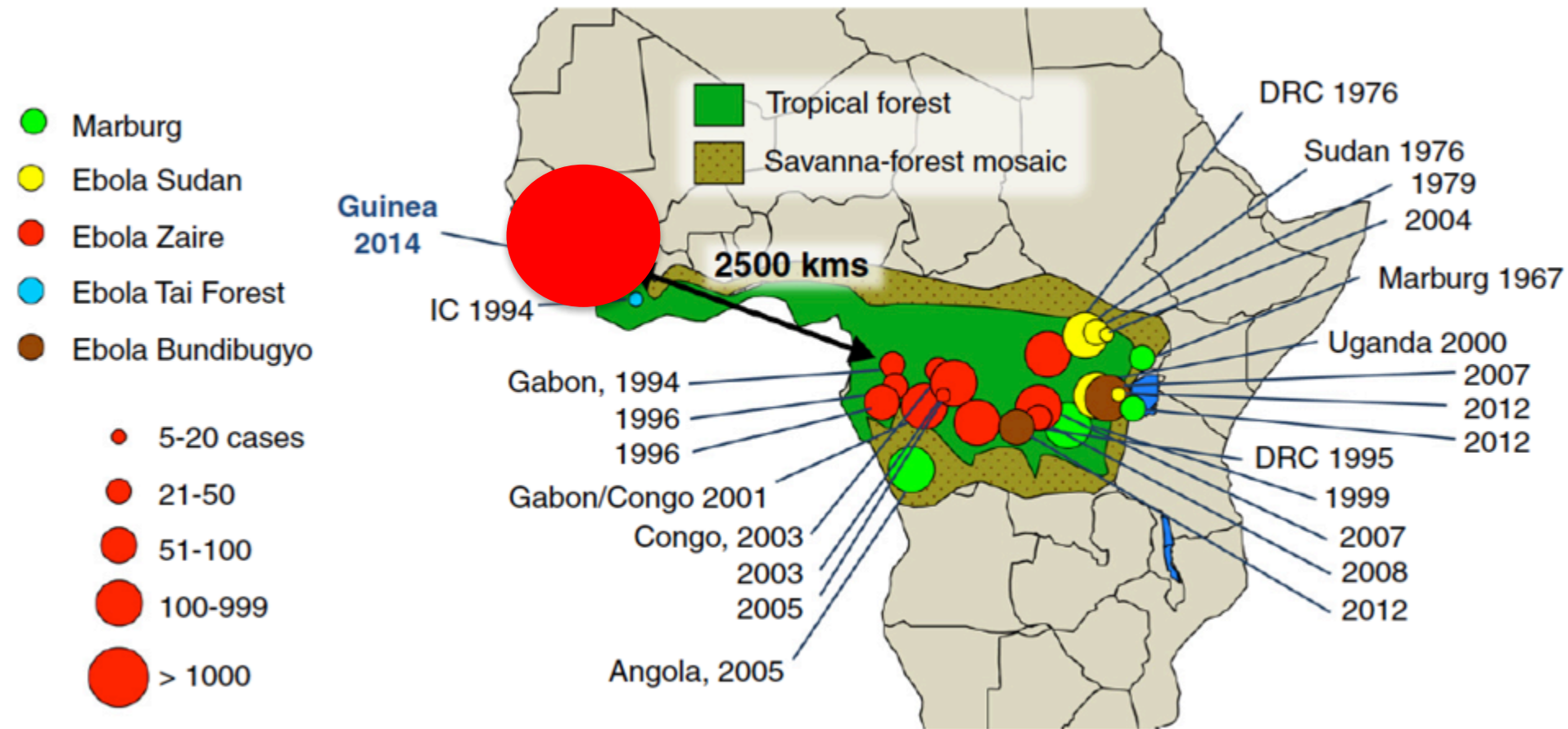


"The feeling was overpowering. Ebola is like a sickness from a different planet. It comes with so much pain." -
SALOME KARWAH, EBOLA SURVIVOR

Feldmann, NEJM, 2014

- Ebola virus, family Filovirus
- Enveloped, negative stranded RNA virus
- 5 species of varying virulence and disease progression (Zaire, Sudan, Bundibugyo, Tai Forest and Reston)
- Incubation 2-21 days
- Clinical progression in 4 phases: early febrile, gastrointestinal, shock or recovery, late complications.
- Case fatality 30-90%
- Transmission: human to human; contact with body fluids of symptomatic or dead; social networks, nosocomial, unsafe burials.

2013-15- Unprecedented Ebola Epidemic



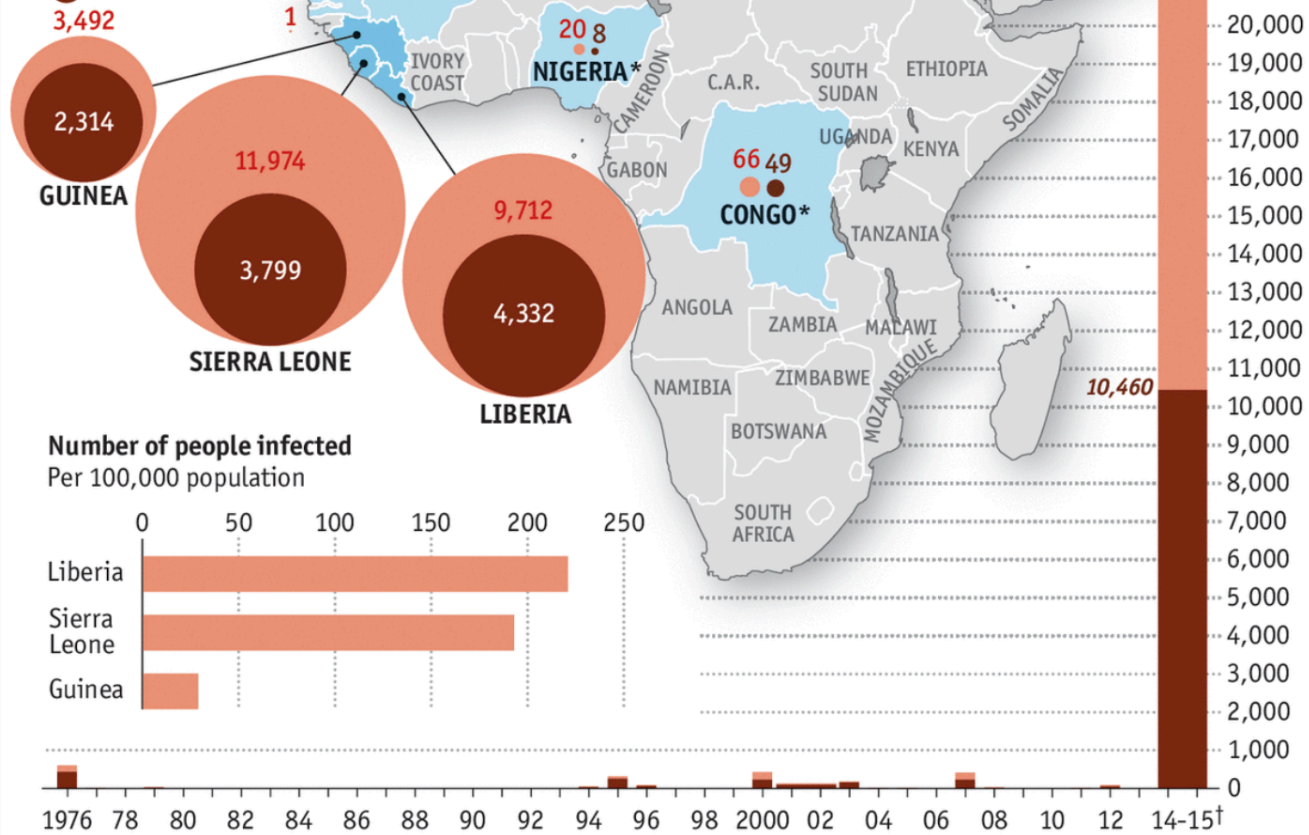
Ebola outbreaks

To March 29th 2015

Number of people:

● infected
of whom:

● dead



Sources: WHO; UN; *The Economist*

*Declared Ebola-free †Excluding Congo

Economist.com



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(S1) Child, 2 yr of age
Fever, black stool, vomiting
Onset Dec. 2, 2013; died Dec. 6, 2013



Conakry

(S14)

Health care worker at **Guéckédou** hospital

Fever, diarrhea, vomiting

Onset Feb. 5, 2014

Went to **Macenta** hospital;

died Feb. 10, 2014

Macenta

Sierra Leone

Liberia



Ebolavirus Ecology

Enzootic Cycle

New evidence strongly implicates bats as the reservoir hosts for ebolaviruses, though the means of local enzootic maintenance and transmission of the virus within bat populations remain unknown.

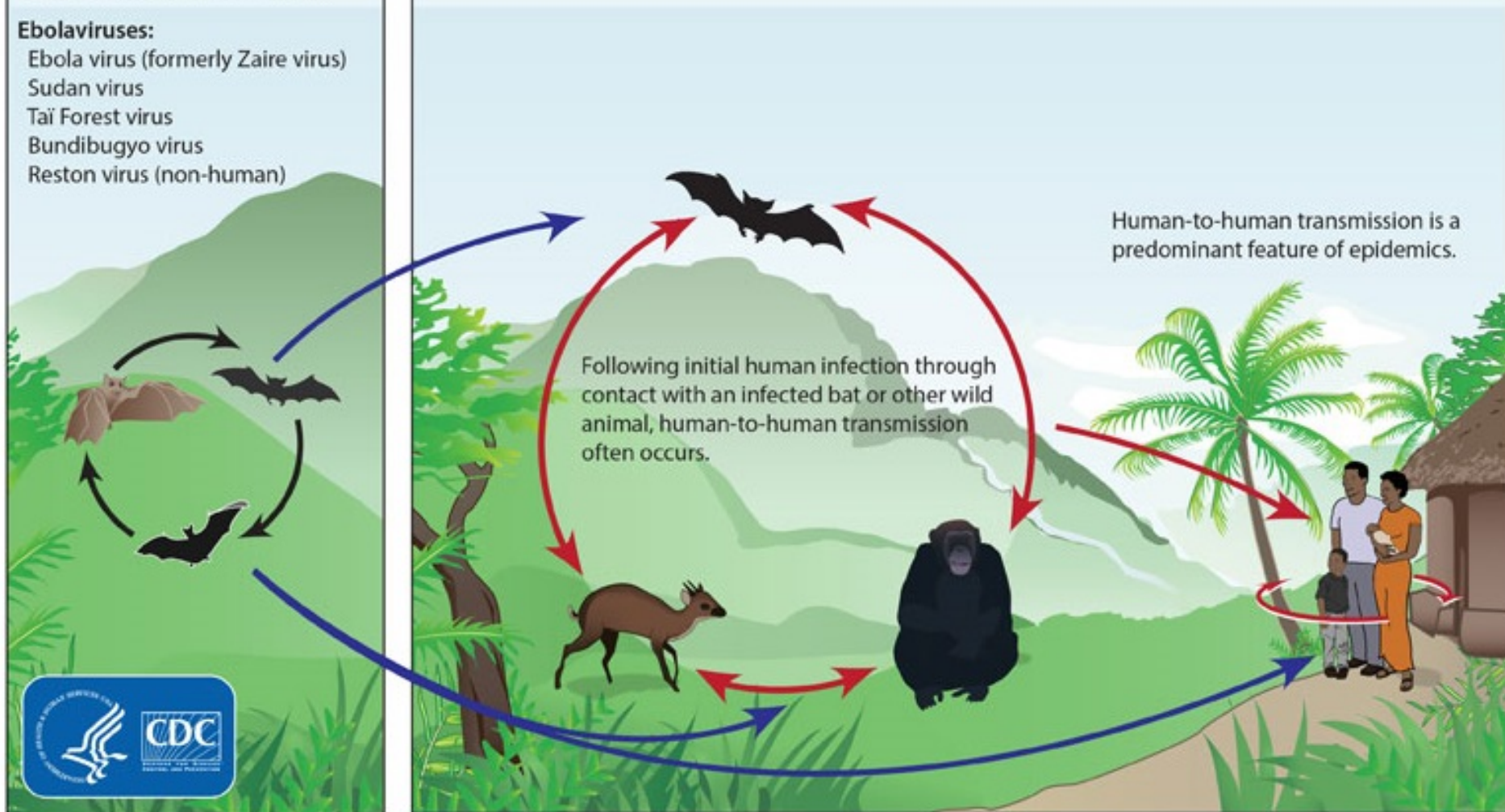
Ebolaviruses:

- Ebola virus (formerly Zaire virus)
- Sudan virus
- Tai Forest virus
- Bundibugyo virus
- Reston virus (non-human)

Epizootic Cycle

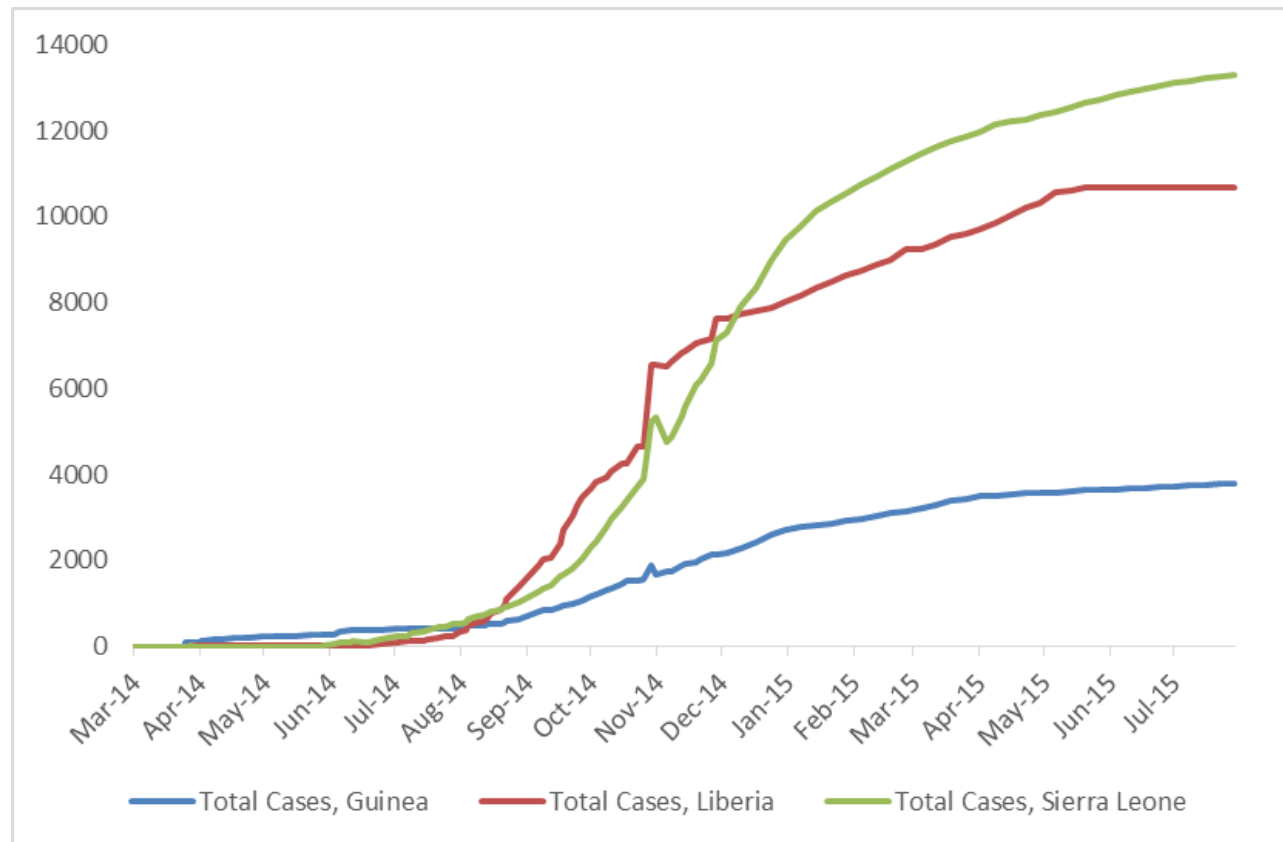
Epizootics caused by ebolaviruses appear sporadically, producing high mortality among non-human primates and duikers and may precede human outbreaks. Epidemics caused by ebolaviruses produce acute disease among

humans, with the exception of Reston virus which does not produce detectable disease in humans. Little is known about how the virus first passes to humans, triggering waves of human-to-human transmission, and an epidemic.



Spreads Fast: 2014 Ebola Outbreak

Reported Cases (Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed) in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone





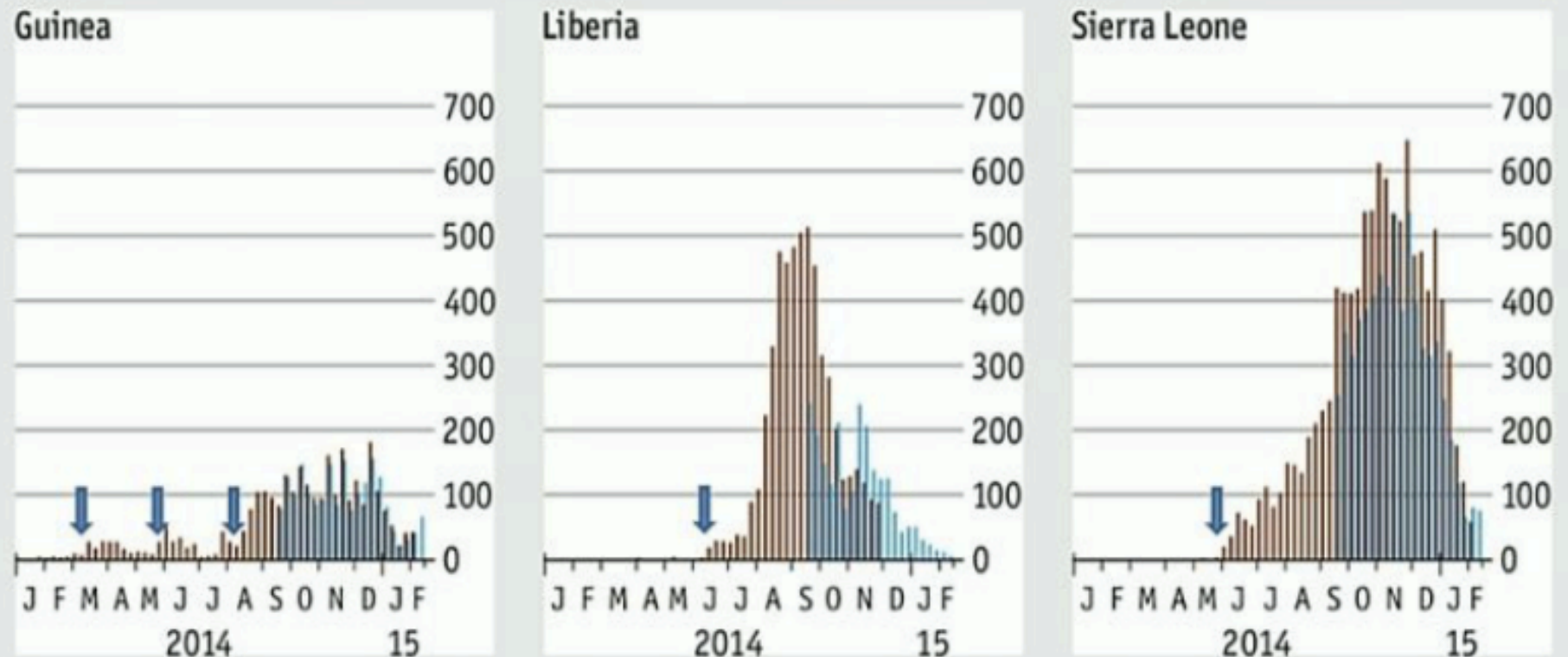
3 waves = 3 missed opportunities

New cases* of Ebola infection per week

To February 8th 2015

■ Patient database

■ WHO Situation Report



Sources: WHO

*Confirmed and probable



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What have we learned

- Humanitarian/Political
 - Response by those charged with responding to emerging infectious diseases was slow
 - Conditions that allowed this epidemic to happen are rooted in poverty and threadbare healthcare infrastructures
 - To contain this outbreak and prevent the next one will require long term commitment to this region



This Will Happen Again



Poverty Increases Interaction with Potential Reservoirs



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Inadequate Basic Healthcare Infrastructure



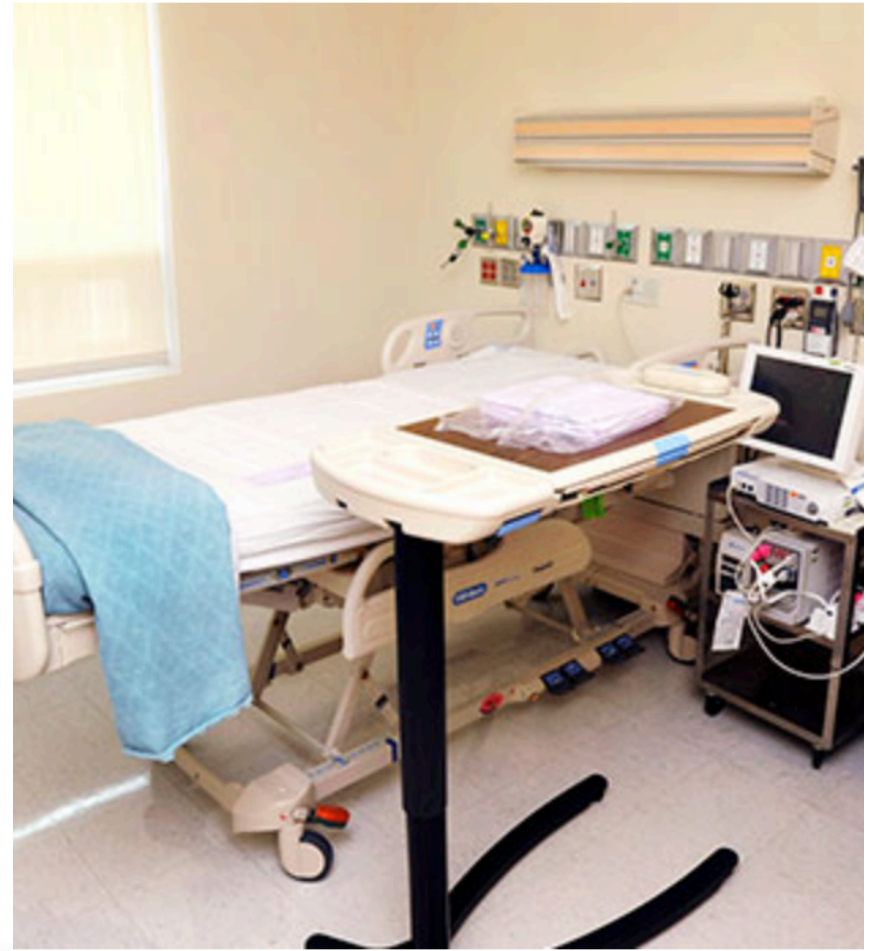
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Higher Level of Care + Investigational Therapies



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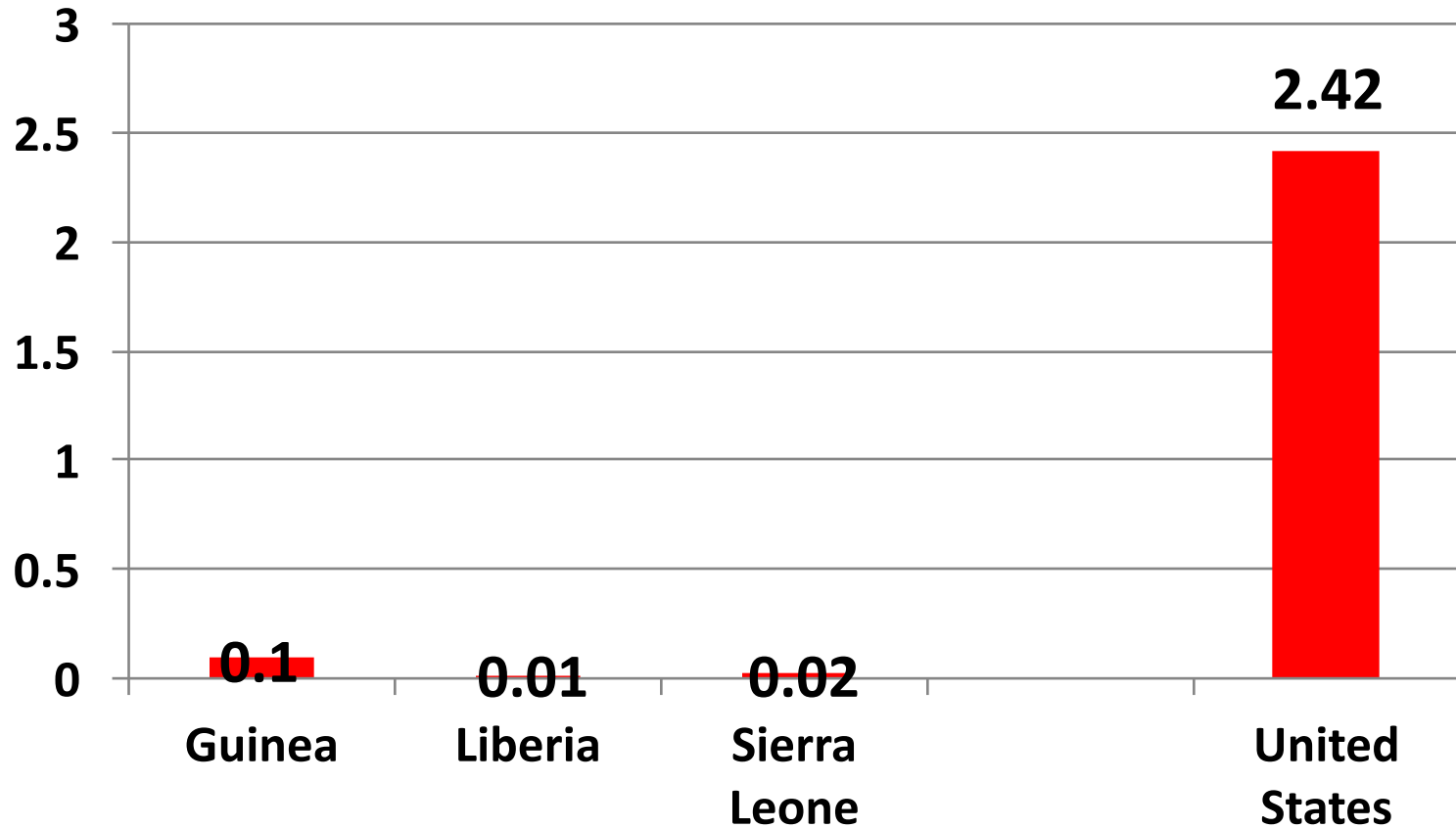
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Critical Care Medicine Is Possible in West Africa

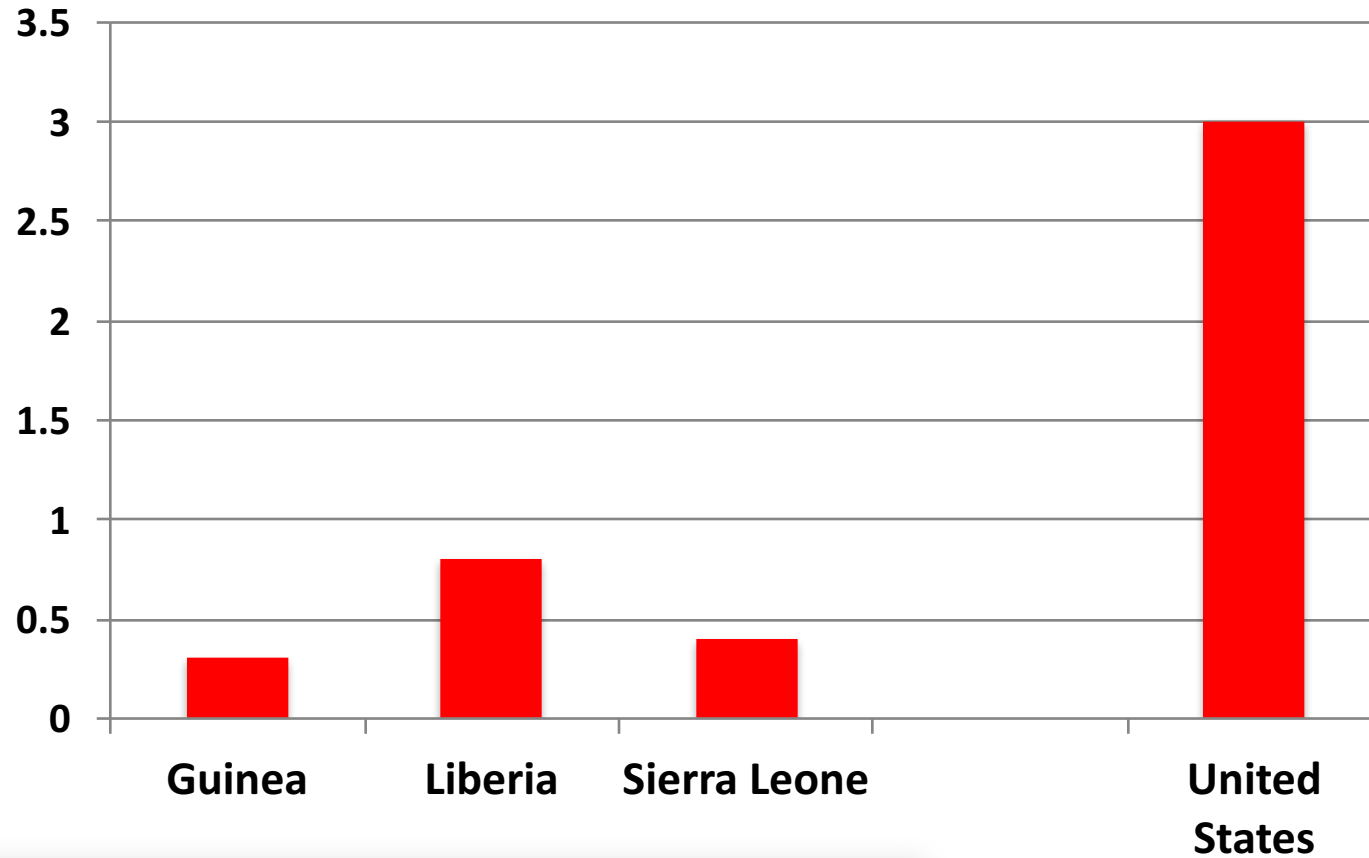


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Physicians/1000 Population



Hospital Beds/1000 Population



Distrust from Decades of Civil Conflict



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Increasing Access by UNC

Launch of
Convalescent
plasma trial

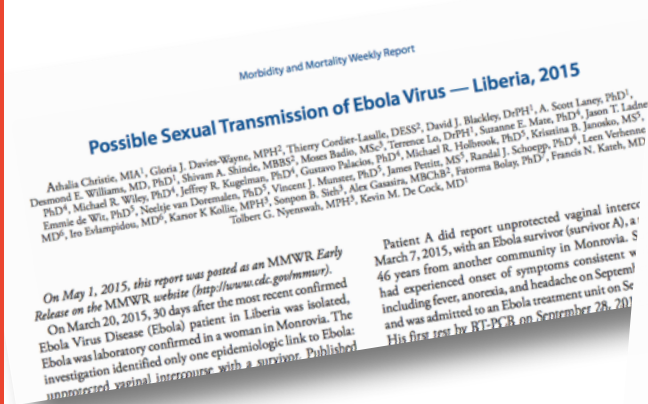
Launch of
Longitudinal
Survivor Study

Launch of NIH GS-
5734 Phase II Trial

Dec
2014

Aug
2015

May
2016



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Clinical Response



- A UNC physician was deployed to the epicenter to improve care for patients with Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)
 - Along with team from WHO demonstrated that aggressive supportive care could improve outcomes
- Dr. Fischer partnered with Dr. Wohl to bring enhanced care to patients in West Africa
 - Convalescent Plasma
 - Care for EVD Survivors
 - Evaluation of novel therapeutics





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ELWA Hospital

- Location: Paynesville, 30 minutes from Monrovia
- Facilities:
 - Private medical center with ~50 beds
 - For study (tentative): 2 in-patient beds and outpatient space
 - Out-patient clinics including dedicated Ebola Survivor Clinic
 - Site for convalescent plasma trial and longitudinal Ebola survivor cohort study
 - Basic clinical laboratory
 - On-site pharmacy





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Ebola Convalescent Plasma – Clinical Trials

Liberia – UNC – CRM Trial (Gates Funded)

- First ever trial of Ebola therapeutic intervention
- Plasma collected from survivors and given to pts with acute EVD
- Provided diagnostic labs to enhance patient care
- Replicated in Sierra Leone
- Plasma collection (>100 donors)



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Post Ebola Syndrome

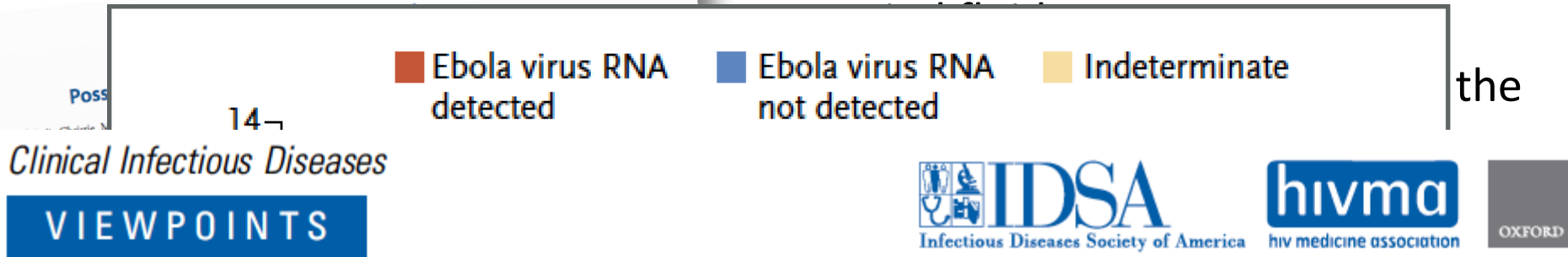
Table 2. Symptoms associated with Post-Ebola Syndrome (14,21)

Symptom	Survivors (%)	Household Contacts (%)
Arthralgia	48	3
Ocular Disease	16-39	NA
Hearing Loss or Tinnitus	11-27	NA
<u>Myalgias</u>	24	3
Extreme Fatigue	8	3
Anorexia	7	3



Persistence of Ebola Virus After “Cure”

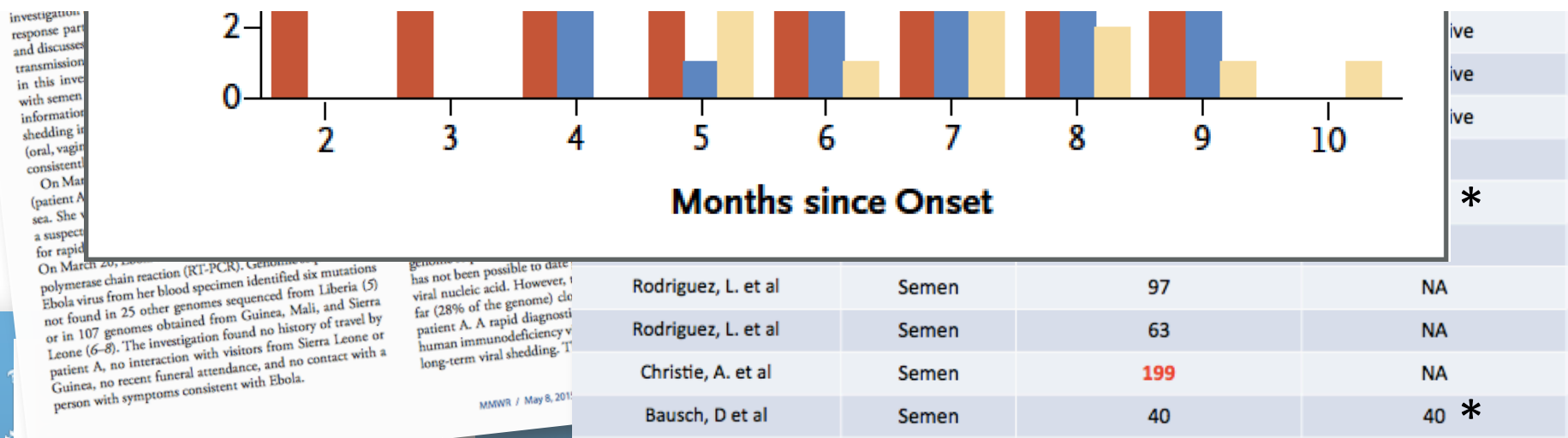
- Evidence of persistence of EBOV in



Confronting Ebola as a Sexually Transmitted Infection

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* Culture Positive

Longitudinal Survivor Study

- 300 survivors in Liberia
- Followed every 3-6 months
 - Clinical status
 - Psychosocial/Stigma
 - Sexual behavior
 - Blood for immune and inflammatory markers
 - Semen and vagina fluid for Ebola virus shedding
 - Results provided directly to survivors
 - 1st ever Ebola PCR platform validated for genital fluids



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PREVAIL IV – Trial of GS-5734

- Phase II trial of a novel anti-Ebola agent
- Male Ebola survivors with active seminal shedding of EBOV



Capacity Building

- Stand up point of care of care chemistry diagnostics for use during and following the active outbreak
- Support of plasma collection for Ebola concentrated immunoglobulin production
- Training of clinical staff in high quality clinical research
- Setting up of 3 clinical research sites in Liberia
- Developing validated, high quality Ebola PCR (blood, semen, cervico-vaginal fluid) testing at national reference laboratory



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Relationship Building

- Survivor advocacy groups
- Medical community
- Regulatory authorities
- Community service orgs



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Stage 3

Pandemic emergence

International travel and trade

- HIV/AIDS
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome

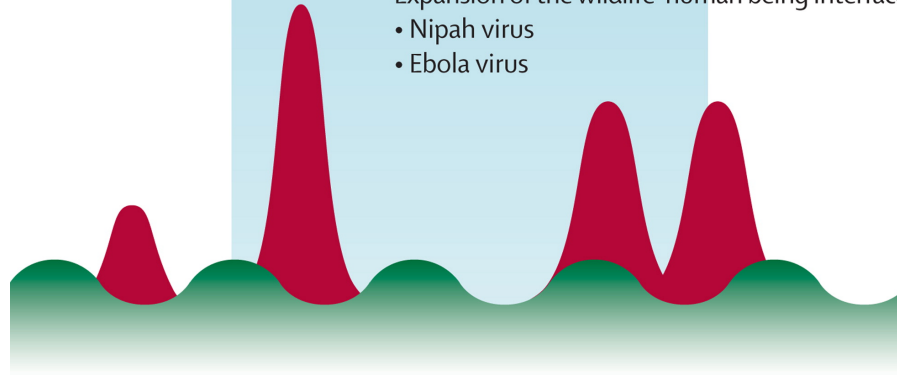


Stage 2

Localised emergence

Expansion of the wildlife-human being interface

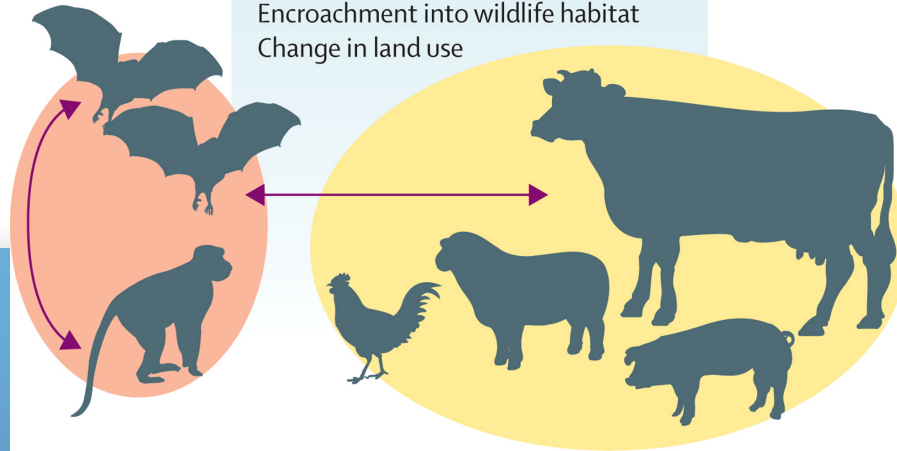
- Nipah virus
- Ebola virus



Stage 1

Pre-emergence

Encroachment into wildlife habitat
Change in land use



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- My work partner & friend Billy Fischer
- Our families

