# Vaccine preventable diseases in travelers

#### **Epidemiology and preventive strategies**

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#### Vaccine producers

GlaxoSmithKline (Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics) Mérieux (Fondation) Pfizer Takeda Valneva

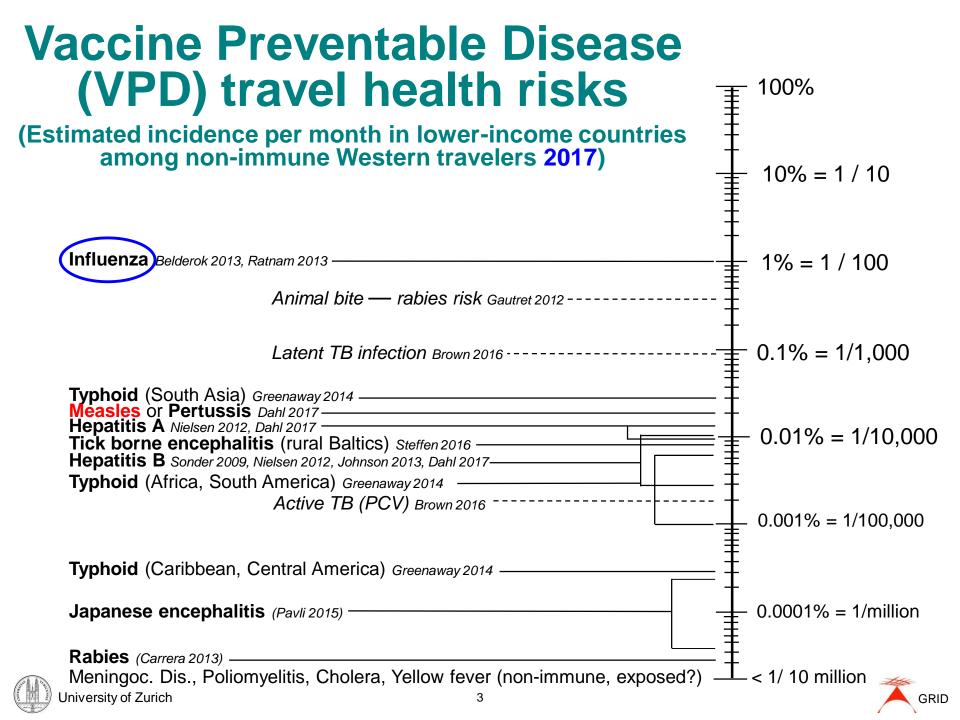
#### Drug manufacturers (Travelers' diarrhea)

Dr. Falk Pharma GmbH Host Therabiomics / Clasado

#### <u>Drug manufacturers (Malaria)</u>

**Biointelect** — Sixty Degrees Pharmaceuticals





# Influenza: high risk population

- Cruises in cool climate
  - July/August:
  - December to April:
- Scenario: outbreak on board
  - Acute respiratory illness, ILI
  - − Influenza frequent (70%)  $\rightarrow$

Pneumonia, death

### Elderly high risk

Alaska, Northern Europe

South America, Antarctica



Mütsch M et al Clin Infect Dis. 2005; 40:1282-87. Pavli A et al. Travel Med Infect Dis. 2016; 14:389-97. Millman AJ et al. J Travel Med. 2015; 22:306-11. Leder K, Torresi J et al, Ann Intern Med. 2013; 158:456-68.

#### ISTM / ESWI Initiative (2017):

- Prolong shelf life of vaccine
- **Opposite hemisphere vaccine available** Goeijenbier M et al. J Travel Med. 2017; 24:taw078.

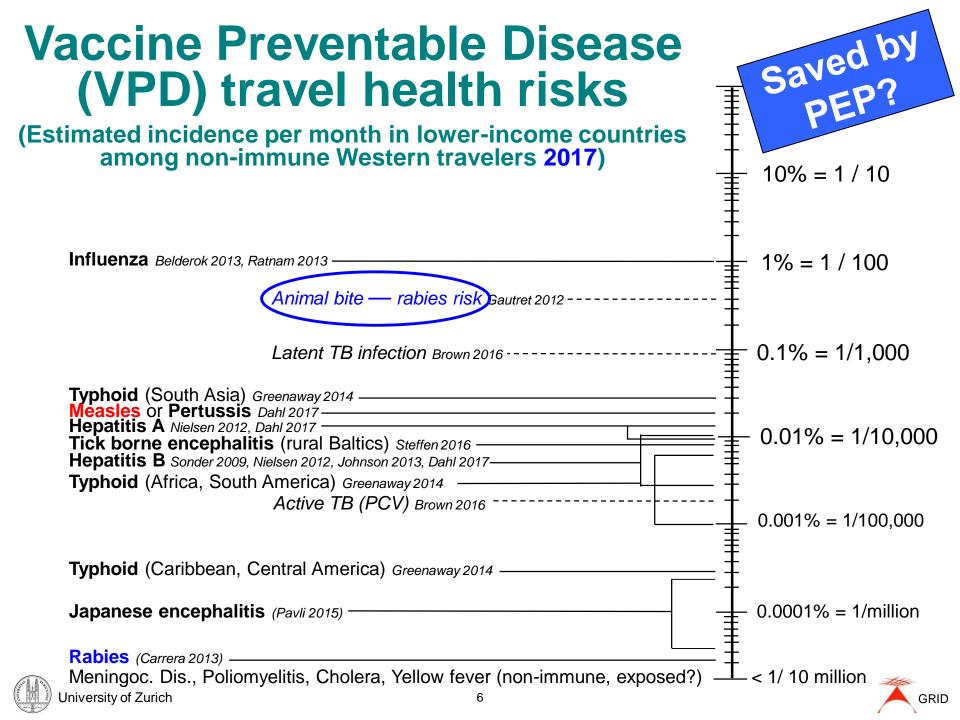


# Influenza in Paris — trivial?









# **Risk of rabies exposure in travelers**

Population	N: Bitten / Total	Destinat	ion	Bitten / Month	Ref.
US Peace Corps	175 / > 2,000	Worldwide	;	0.4%	1
Expatriates	72 / N/A	Worldwide		0.2%	2
Tourists Expatriates	56 / N/A 43 / N/A	Nepal Nepal		0.02% 0.06%	3
Backpackers	6 / 870	Thailand		0.7% (licked: 3.6%)	4
Metaanalysis	N/A / approx. 1.27 mill.	Various		<b>0.4%</b> (range 0.01 – 2.3)	5
Travelers BKK AP	66 / 7,681	Thailand		1.1%	6
Japanese expatriates Japanese travelers	105 / 1,208 9 / 590	Thailand Thailand		0.2% 4.3%	7

- 1 Bernard K & Fishbein DB. Vaccine. 1991; 9:833-6.
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- 3 Pandey P et al. J Travel Med. 2002; 9:127-31.
- 4 Piyaphanee W et al. Am J Trop Med Hyg. 2010; 82:1168-71.
- 5 Gautret P & Parola P. Vaccine. 2012; 30:126-33.
- 6 Piyaphanee W et al. PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2012; 6:e1852.
- 7 Kashino W et al. J Travel Med. 2014; 21:240-7.

#### **Conclusion:**

- Considerable risk in Asia
- India? Africa? No data!

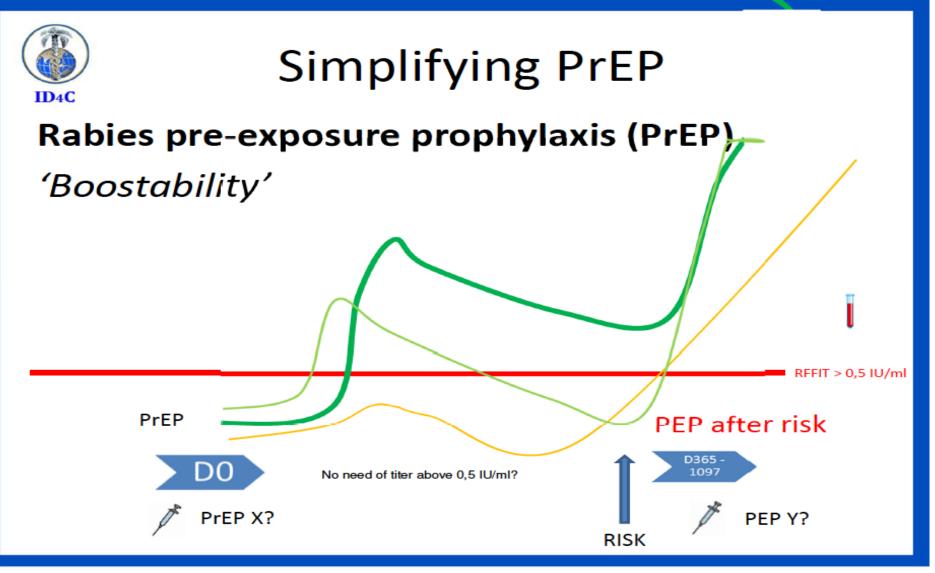
#### 60 fatal rabies cases in travelers 1990 – 2012



Carrara P et al. PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2013; 7:e2209.



# Basing on the principle of priming



Courtesy Dr. Patrick Soentjens, ITM Antwerp, Belgium

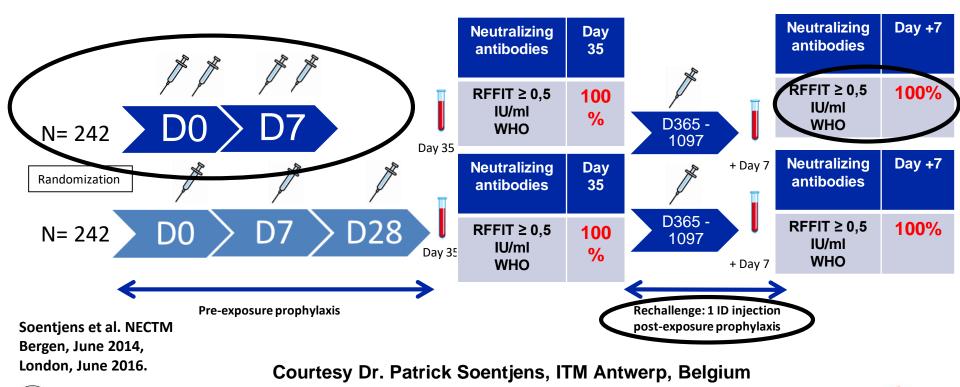




#### RCT1: Simplifying Rabies PrEP to two visits Vaccine d0, d7, d28 1x ID compared to Vaccine d0, d7 2x ID

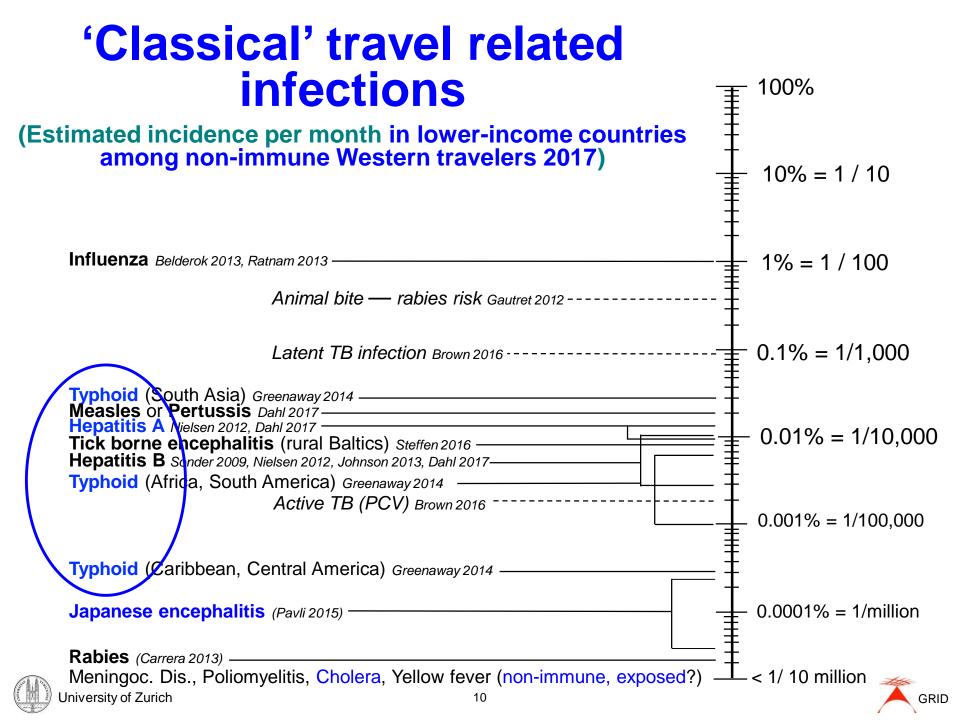
NOTE: d0, d7 priming NOT endorsed by WHO or anybody else

SAGE will consider (endorse?) shorter  $PrEP \rightarrow Revision TRS$ 

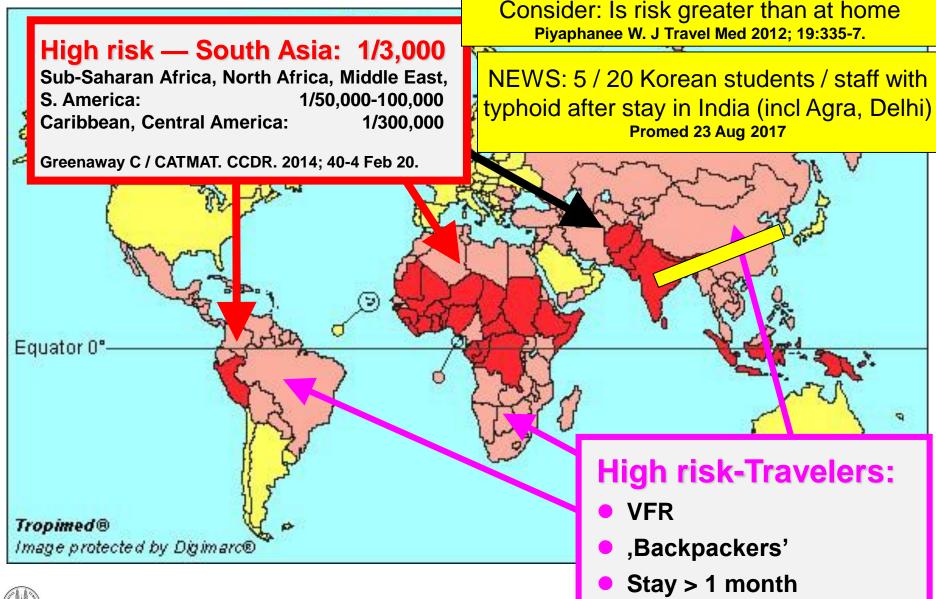


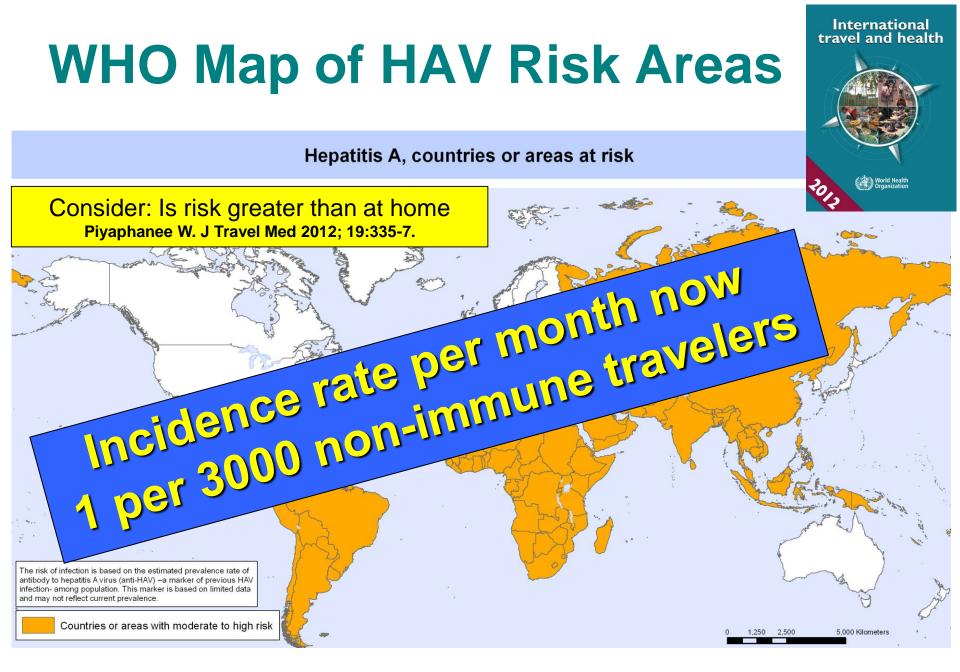
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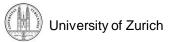
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### Typhoid risk in travellers









### Hepatitis A — individual impact

Incapacitation

#### 4-10 weeks

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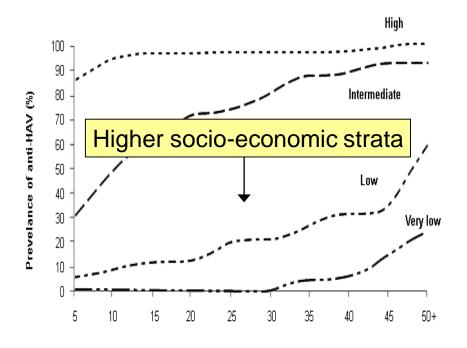
longer

2.1%

4.0%

- younger flight attendants
- older airline pilots
- Case fatality rate
- ≥ 40 years old
- ≥ 60 years old
- Early childhood
- infection usually asymptomatic
- viral shedding
  - → outbreak e.g. kindergarden
  - → teachers, parents **symptomatic**

Gutersohn T et al. Aviat Space Environm Med. 1996; 67:153-6. Ly KN & Klevens RM. J Infect Dis. 2015; 212:176-82.



Age-specific seroprevalence of anti-HAV depending on endemicity / socioeconomic / hygienic conditions





### PH relevance of travel related hepatitis A

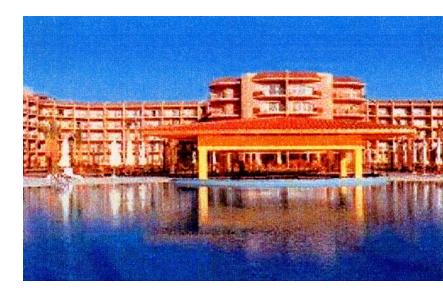
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- Outbreak: 352 Tourists (Germans) 2004 after a stay in the Siva Grand Beach Hotel, Hurghada, Egypt (Orange juice!)
- 2012/13 also n=80
- Outbreaks in kindergardens, day-nurseries
- Outbreaks associated with food-handlers
- Outbreaks associated with mixed berries
- Clusters around adopted children, refugees Guzman-Herrador BR et al. Arch Virol. 2015; 160:2823-6. MacDonald E et al. Eurosurveillance. 2013; 18:pii: 20473.

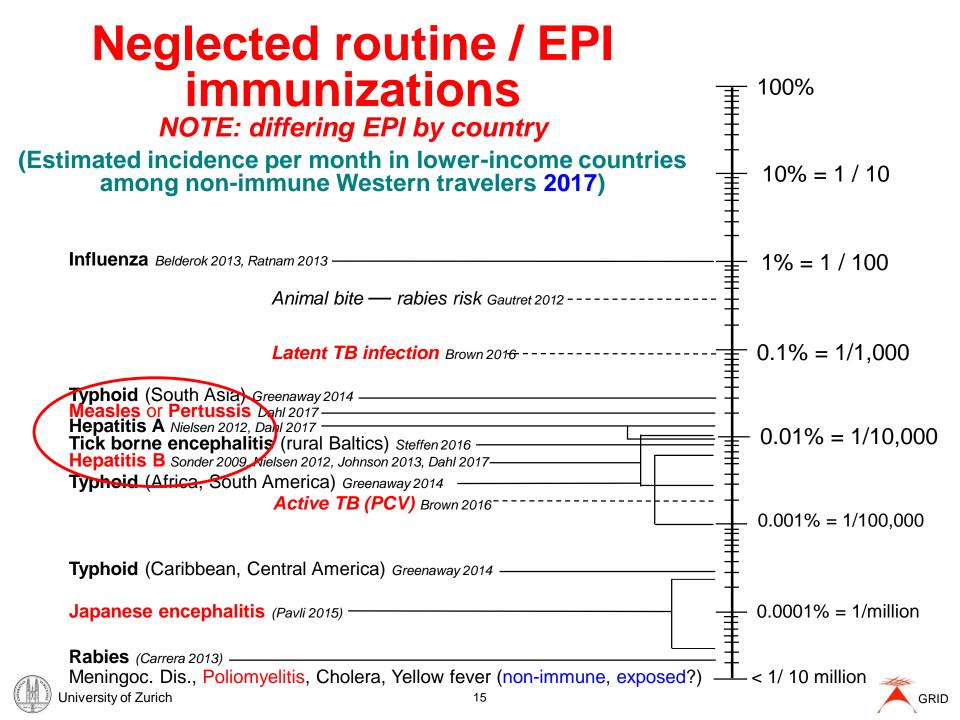
EUROPRIDE — Mass gathering AMS 2016 → Hepatitis A outbreaks **among MSM** in

- 15 European countries (n = 1,173)
- Israel

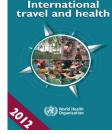
Gozlan Y et al. Euro Surveill. 2017 Jul 20; 22. pii: 30575. Freidl GS et al. Euro Surveill. 2017 Feb 23; 22. pii: 30468.







# Infections preventable by routine vaccination in travelers (WHO/ITH 2017)



Vaccine	N =	Travel history	Reference
Diphtheria	Rare	Afghanistan > Finland (asylum), USSR	Sane J 2016
Tetanus	1	German in Spain	Werner GT 1985
Pertussis	Many	European, Americans	Dahl V 2017, Barbosa F 2017, Gomez-Junient J, 2015
Hepatitis B	Many	Immigrants, Scandinavians	Dahl V 2017, Daw MA 2017, Boggild AK 2015, Lachish 2013
Measles	Many	Europeans, Japanese in USA, etc.	Dahl V 2017, Barrett P 2016, Zhangzhu J 2016, Jost M 2015
Mumps	Some	N/A	Dahl V 2017, MMWR 2006
Rubella	Few	Yemen > US, various > Scandinavia	Robyn M 2017, Dahl V 2017
Poliomyelitis	1	Pakistan > Australia (student)	Stewardson AJ, Carnie JA 2009
Pneumococcal	Rare	Hajj pilgrimage	Memish ZA 2017, Boggild 2010
Rotavirus	1	India > Hungary	Laszlo B 2009
Tuberculosis	Many	Immigrants, VFR, Peace Cps, Expats	Lim PL 2012, Jung P 2008
Varicella	Many	Various, immigrants	Siikamäki H 2017, Boggild 2010

No data on Haemophilus influenzae B, Human Papilloma Virus





### **Travel related risk of hepatitis B**



### 10 - 15% in high-risk situation: Willingly vs. not predictable



### Legally required travel vaccines

- Yellow fever: Required (IHR) if arrival from
  - any country: many in tropical Africa, French Guyana
  - endemic country: many countries, incl. Asian ones
  - Additional: recommended if traveler exposed to risk
- Meningococcal disease (ACW<sub>135</sub>Y) required for hajj
- Poliomyelitis
  - Required for hajj if arriving from infected/vulnerable state
  - Required for some when Exit Pakistan, Afghanistan

#### • Cholera: none

http://who.int/ith/updates/20170408/en/ (4 August 2017) WHO. Wkly Epidemiol Rec. 2014; 89:345-56.



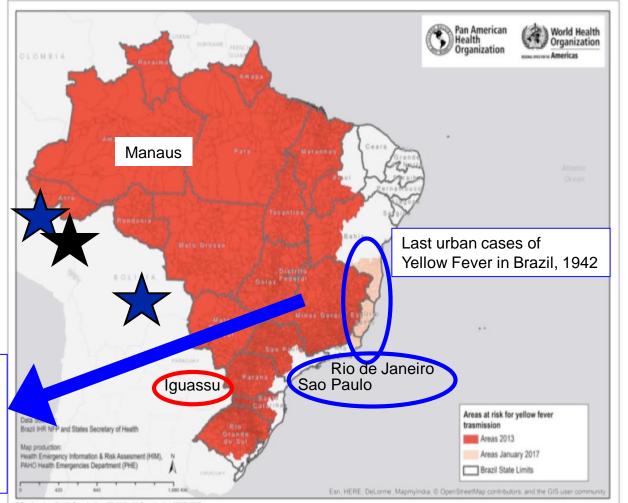
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### YF endemicity: South America 2017



Suspected cases: 3240 Confirmed cases: 792 Case fatality rate: 35% (mainly Minas Gerais)

PAHO. Epidemiological update Yellow Fever: 2 August 2017 WHO, DON: 30 August 2017 Figure 2. Areas at risk for yellow fever transmission in Brazil, 2013-2017

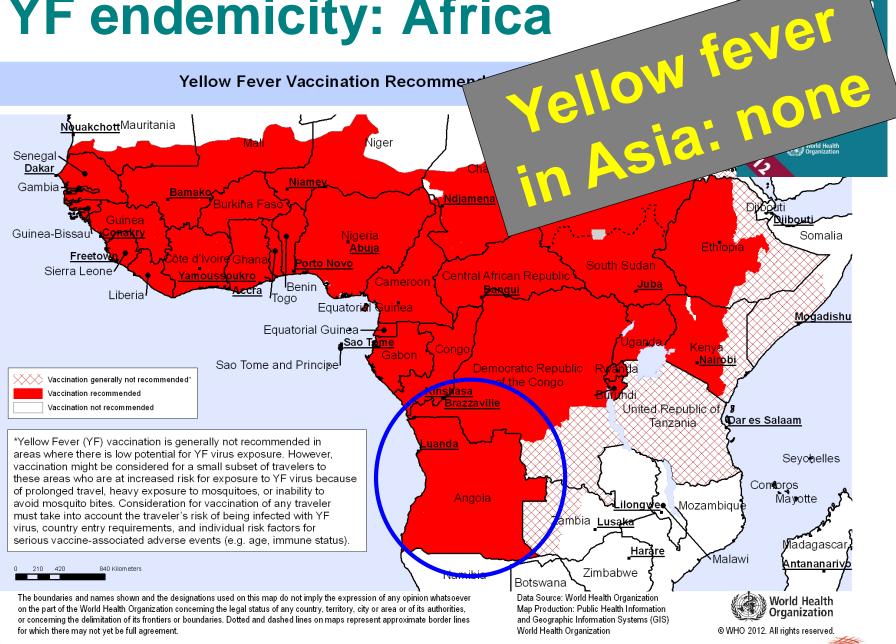


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# YF endemicity: Africa



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# YF cases in travelers 1979 - 2016

M 42y	Senegal
M 25y	Senegal
F 27y	Guinea-Bissa
F 37y	West Africa
M 53y	Brasil
M 42y	Brasil
M 40y	Yvory Coast
M 48y	Venezuela
F 47y	The Gambia
M 47y	Brasil

died 1979 died 1979 au survived 1985 1988 survived died 1996 1996 died 1999 died died 1999 died 2001 2002 died

Poumerol G. APTHS 2012 Singapore, Abstract S05-2. Behrens RH. J Travel Med. 2008; 15:285-6. Wassermann S et al. Int J Infect Dis. 2016; 48:98-103. Schlagenhauf P & Chen LH. Int J Infect Dis. 2017; 60:91-2. Cui S et al. Int J Infect Dis. 2017; 60:93-5.



- YF exports: Angola →
   China (n = 11)
- DR Congo (58)
- Kenya (2)
- Mauretania (1)
  Morocco (1)



### **Crowding:**

#### **MenDis Risk Factor Relevant to Travellers**

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#### **Dormitories**

- Educational institutions
- Military
- Trekking huts
  - Nepal in the 1980s

#### Discotheque

#### Pilgrimage

- Hajj, Umrah
  - Quadrivalent vaccination No 'exported outbreaks' since 2004

#### Transport

- Air Travel (n = 2)
- School bus

#### **Sporting events**

Refugee camps

- Rugby
  - No increased Men Dis incidence during the EURO 2004 football tournament

Photo courtesy Prof. Z. Memish

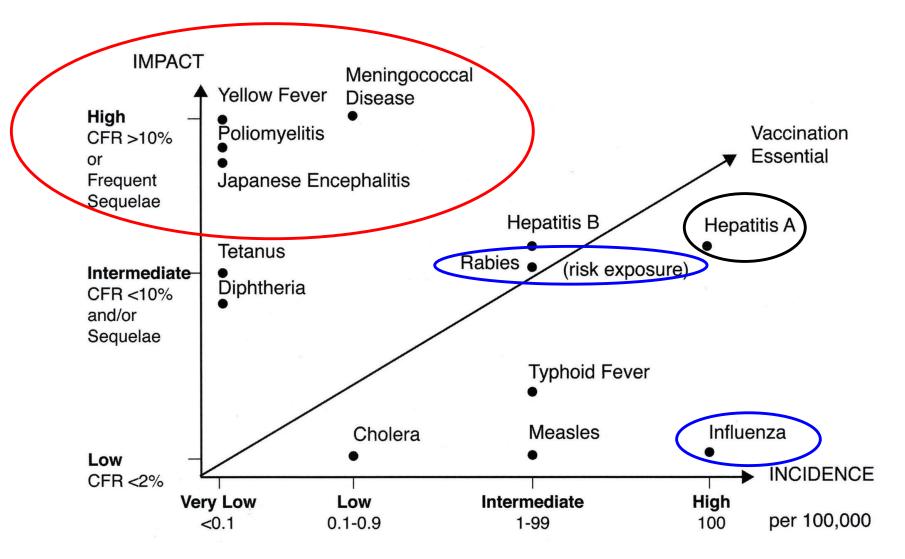
#### **Incidence rate for travelers 0.4-3 per million = similar to home in Europe**

Crowding

Koch S & Steffen R, J Travel Med 1994;1:4-7.



### **Impact of VPD in international travelers**

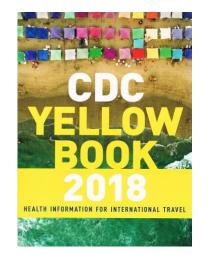


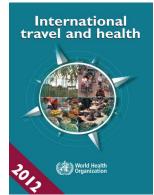
Steffen R & Connor BA. J Travel Med. 2005; 12:26-35.



# Strategic conclusions — general

- Create awareness in the public, particularly VFR
- Follow guidelines
  - National
  - U.S. CDC
  - WHO





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- Essential to have access to website with latest epidemiological news, e.g. NaTHNaC, Tropimed<sup>(engl)</sup>
- Pre-travel consultation is not limited to vaccination

#### **Pre-travel consultation = opportunity for adult vaccination**





# Strategic conclusions — individual

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority: **R**equired vaccines
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority: **R**outine vaccines (EPI, catch-up)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> priority: **R**ecommended vaccines, basing on
  - Incidence rate of infection: Destination, environmental characteristics → Risk profile (incremental risk vs. home)
  - Impact of infection
  - Financial limitations



- Question about future travel, cumulative exposure
- Consider host factors, e.g. immune deficiency, age





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