



Accelerating development of dengue treatment through an endemic country-led collaboration

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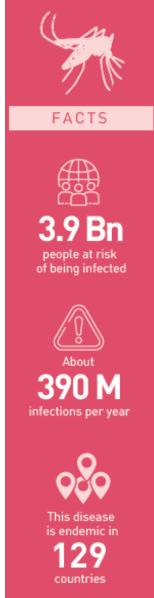
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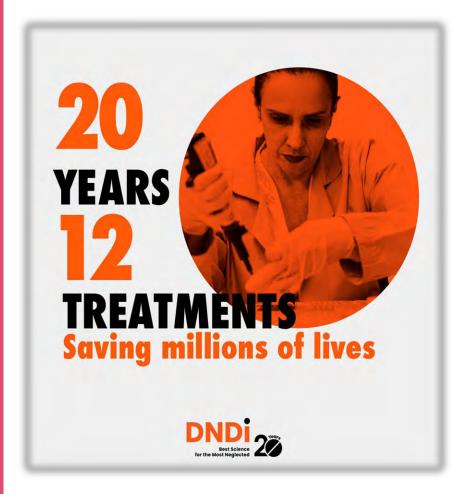


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DNDi was created in response to the frustration of clinicians and the desperation of patients faced with medicines that were ineffective, unsafe, unavailable, unaffordable, or that had never been developed at all.

## The root of the problem?

The prevailing profit-oriented model for medical research and development (R&D) leaves little incentive to develop drugs for the poorest and most vulnerable communities.



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1975- 1999



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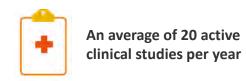
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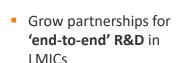
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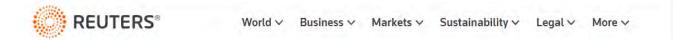


- Proactively collaborate with LMIC pharmaceutical and other partners
- Conduct half of first-inhuman Phase I studies in LMICs
- Train 600 to 1,000 frontline clinicians and researchers every year



- Secure concrete policy changes to make the innovation system more needs-driven, collaborative, equitable, open and transparent, inclusive, and sustainable
- Engage with 50+ strategic advocacy partners to build stronger coalitions and networks of influence
- Document and share key lessons from DNDi's model





Asia Pacific

# Bangladesh grapples with record deadly outbreak of dengue fever

By Ruma Paul

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# Dengue is breaking records in the Americas — what's behind the surge?

Increasing temperatures contribute to longer dengue seasons, and could drive the geographical expansion of the disease.

# Mosquito-borne dengue grows deadlier in South Asia as planet warms



Mosabber Hossain, Aadesh Subedi Published: September 08, 2023







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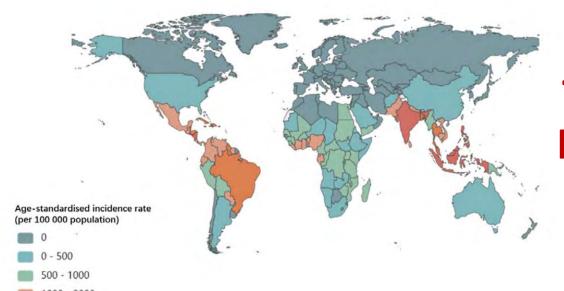
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Dengue Outbreak: 2023 already the deadliest year



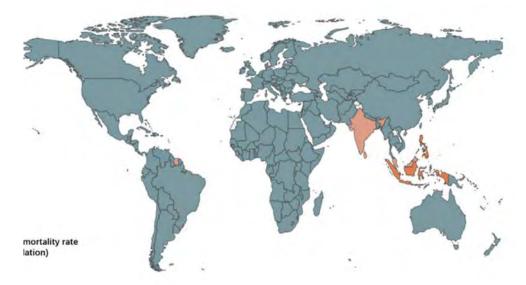
Global, regional, and national dengue burden from 1990 to 2017: A systematic analysis based on the global burden of disease study 2017



70% of burden in Asia

Global infections increasing from 23 million in 1990 to 104 million in 2017

WHO named dengue as one of the top ten threats to global health in 2019



Although the incidence of dengue is similar in Latin America and Asia, the mortality rates are higher in Asia



# Why is there a sudden surge of dengue in 2022/2023?

- It is not sudden!
- WHO named dengue as one of the top ten threats to global health in 2019
- Reasons for gradual increase in dengue
  - Increase temperatures
  - Erratic rains
  - Urbanization
  - Overcrowding and population expansion

# Pakistan floods: Dengue cases soaring after record monsoon

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# El Nino rains intensify record dengue outbreak in Peru

By Marco Aquino

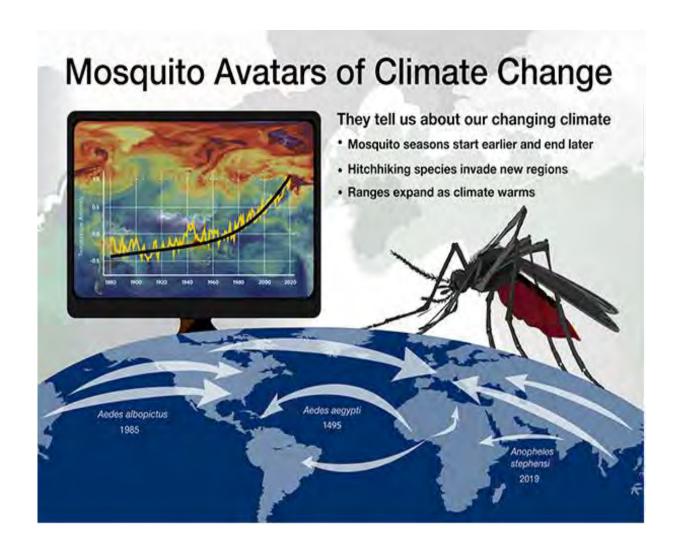
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# How does climate change affect Aedes mosquitoes?

## Increase in temperature:

- 1. Stimulates egg hatching and accelerates growth of larva. Development of Aedes from egg to adult was:
  - 7.2 days at 35 °C
  - 39.7 days at 15°C
- 2. The mosquito gonadotropic cycle shortens:
  - more time for the female mosquito to be in contact with host (longer duration of the ability to infect)
- 3. At higher temperatures, the mosquitoes bite more frequently
- 4. Increased virus replication within the mosquito at higher temperatures





# Change in the epidemiology of dengue and implications







# Dengue infections in pregnancy



Dengue increases maternal death by 3 times and DHF increases maternal death by 450 times, compared to pregnant women without dengue (Paixao et al,2018).

 Pregnant women were more likely to require ICU admission, ventilatory support and multiorgan failure (Brar et al, 2021)

 Foetal complications: still birth, low birth weight, preterm delivery, foetal distress, miscarriages (Martin et al, 2023).



# Comorbidities Associated with Severe Dengue

Diabetes, cardiac disorders and asthma as risk factors for severe organ involvement among adult dengue patients: A matched case-control study

Junxiong Pang<sup>1,2</sup>, Jung Pu Hsu<sup>1</sup>, Tsin Wen Yeo<sup>1,3</sup>, Yee Sin Leo<sup>1,2,4</sup> & David C. Lye<sup>1,3,4</sup>

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS | 7:39872 | DOI: 10.1038/srep39872

# The association between diabetes and obesity with Dengue infections

S. D. Sekaran<sup>1\*</sup>, Z. M. Liew<sup>2</sup>, H. C. Yam<sup>2</sup> and C. S. Raju<sup>3</sup>

Sekaran et al.
Diabetology & Metabolic Syndrome (2022) 14:101

Is Diabetes a Risk Factor for a Severe Clinical Presentation of Dengue? - Review and Meta-analysis

Nan Shwe Nwe Htun<sup>1,2</sup>, Peter Odermatt<sup>1,2</sup>, Ikenna C. Eze<sup>1,2</sup>, Noémie Boillat-Blanco<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Valérie D'Acremont<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Nicole Probst-Hensch<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

Original Article

Diabetic patients suffering dengue are at risk for development of dengue shock syndrome/ severe dengue: Emphasizing the impacts of co-existing comorbidity(ies) and glycemic control on dengue severity

Ing-Kit Lee a,b, Ching-Jung Hsieh c,§, Chien-Te Lee b,d, Jien-Wei Liu a,b,\*

Journal of Microbiology, Immunology and Infection (2020) 53, 69-78

Diabetes with Hypertension as Risk Factors for Adult Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever in a Predominantly Dengue Serotype 2 Epidemic: A Case Control Study

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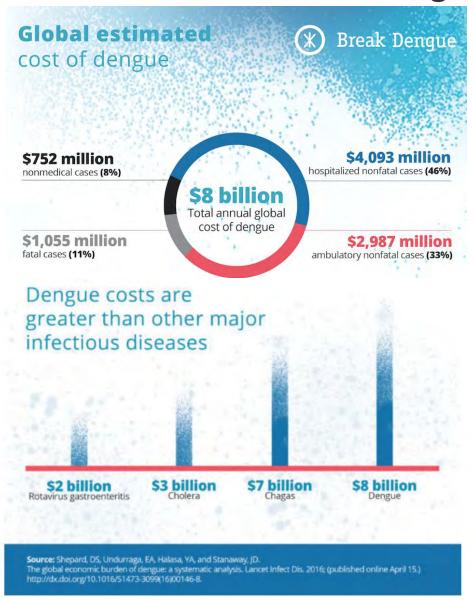
www.plosntds.org

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With the rise in diabetes, obesity and metabolic disease in our countries, we are likely to see more people developing severe dengue



# **Economic burden of dengue**



Economic burden of dengue illness in India from 2013 to 2016: A systematic analysis

Dhwani Hariharan<sup>a</sup>, Manoja Kumar Das<sup>b</sup>, Donald S. Shepard<sup>a</sup>, Narendra Kumar Arora<sup>b</sup>,

Global costs of USD 8 billion in 2014 is a gross under estimation, when the costs in India alone in 2018 was USD 5.71 billion

# Productivity costs from a dengue episode in Asia: a systematic literature review

A review of 31 studies

Outpatient: USD 3.8 to 1332

Hospitalized: USD 6.7 to 1445.9

Fatal dengue: USD 12.035 to 1,453,237

Loss of workdays (Thailand)

Dengue fever: 8.4

Dengue hemorrhagic fever: 9.7

Shock: 12.3



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# How can we face these challenges?

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# Bangladesh fears record high death toll from dengue outbreak



# Dengue fever crisis forces Peru minister to resign

16 June







# **Vector Control**





Use insect repellent

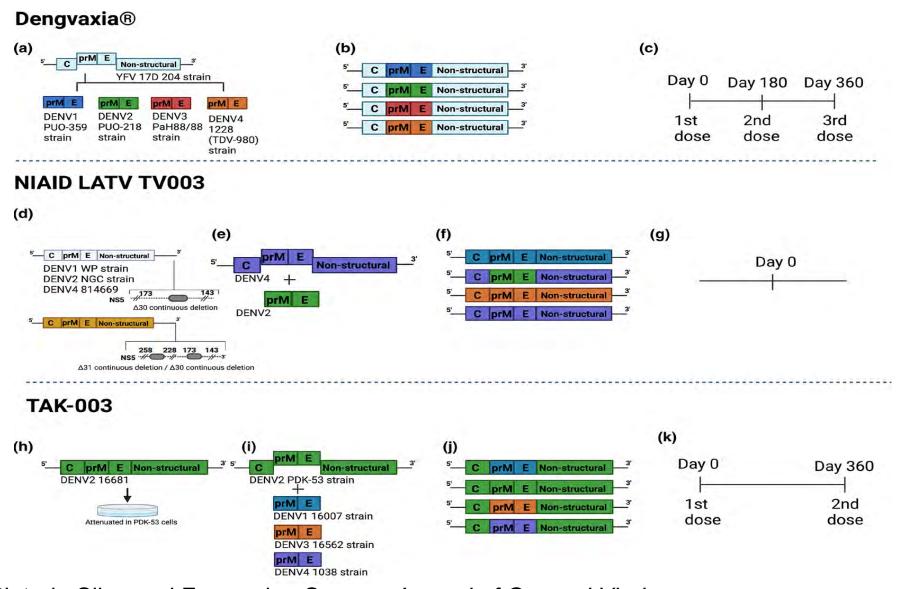


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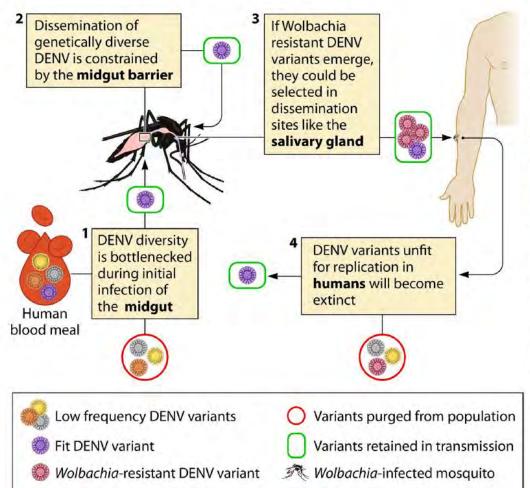


Pintado Silva and Fernandez-Sesma, *Journal of General Virology* 2023;104:001831



## Using Wolbachia to Eliminate Dengue: Will the Virus Fight Back?

Kathryn M. Edenborough,<sup>a</sup> Heather A. Flores,<sup>a</sup> Cameron P. Simmons,<sup>b,c,d</sup> Dohanna E. Fraser<sup>a,e</sup>



#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

With a body of evidence now demonstrating that *Wolbachia-Ae. aegypti* introgression methods can substantially reduce the burden of dengue in areas of endemicity, it is expected that application of this technology will undergo a major expansion in coming years (17, 19, 24, 26). The intention is that this will lead to long-term control or local elimination of human-pathogenic arboviruses. Achieving long-term suppression in the field would be dependent upon the evolutionary stability of the *Wolbachia*, *Ae. aegypti*, and DENV tripartite interaction. *Wolbachia* and *Ae. aegypti* evolve slowly compared to DENV, and *Wolbachia*-carrying mosquitoes collected years after release have so far retained their antiviral profile. Yet the rapid mutation rate of RNA viruses suggests it is inevitable that viruses like DENV will eventually adapt to *Wolbachia*'s selective pressure and become resistant to the intervention. The question is, how long will this take?

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# Dengue Strategy: An Oral Treatment for Patients of All Ages, with Acute Dengue Infection to Prevent progression to Severe Disease

Correctly identify patients with dengue

Identify those who need it most (risk stratification)

Treat to prevent progression to severe disease

Point-of-care (POC) testing available but lack -sensitivity especially after day 3 of illness

No test to identify who will progress to plasma leakage

Prevent progression to severe disease
Reduce hospitalizations
Return to work/school/day to day activities sooner

Need proper diagnostics!

Need a biomarker to predict severe disease!

Need effective drugs!

Establish a clinical network for conducting phase 2 and 3 trials and validate POC diagnostics and biomarkers to predict progression to severe disease





# **DENGUE**

# FORGING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS TO TACKLE A RAPIDLY SPREADING CLIMATE-SENSITIVE DISEASE

**FACTS** 

**3.9 billion** people at risk

About **390 million**infections per year

Endemic in 129 countries around the world

#### **CHALLENGES**

- Most prevalent mosquito-borne viral disease
- Climate sensitive: rising burden of disease
- No existing treatments for uncomplicated dengue fever to prevent progression to severe disease and complications

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Window of opportunity to meet growing medical need
- well-defined populations for clinical trials and endpoints to define success
- Opportunities in smallmolecule drugs and/or biologicals
- COVID-19 learnings and opportunities for cross-fertilization

#### **OUR GOALS**

2021- 2028: Advance treatment solutions that can prevent progression to severe disease and reduce burden on public health systems

- Together with leaders in endemic countries, coordinate public-private partnerships for dengue R&D
- Accelerate evaluation of candidate repurposing agents as well as novel treatments, in monotherapy and in combination
- Antiviral + host-directed therapy combination, to be deployed with rapid diagnostic tests at point of care
- Affordable, sustainable, and adapted for use in resource-limited settings, suitable for children/adults/elderly



MAIN PARTNERS: Ministry of Health Malaysia, Mahidol University (Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital) - Thailand, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) - Brazil, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute - India



# **Dengue Alliance and Supporting Ecosystem**





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In vitro and in vivo assays for repurposing drugs





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# The Clinical Working group of the dengue alliance

Clinical trial design and protocol development





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## Clinical trial protocol almost finalized at this stage.

# An Endemic Country-Led Collaboration to Accelerate Development of **Dengue Treatment**

# Treatments for dengue: a Global Dengue Alliance to address unmet needs



Dengue is currently the most rapidly spreading in India; the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brazil; and Lancet Glob Health 2023 mosquito-borne viral infection in the world, with half the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil. The Published Online of the world's population at risk of becoming infected.\(^1\) mission of this alliance is to accelerate research and As a result of climate change, rapid urbanisation, and development and deliver dengue therapeutics through 52214-109X(23)00362-5 widespread international travel, the incidence of dengue an inclusive partnership. It aims to deliver a new is rapidly increasing, overwhelming health-care systems in many lower-income countries. Climate change has increased the burden of dengue in endemic countries and has also led to expansion of this infection to new territories in Europe and North America.<sup>2</sup>

treatment for dengue, within 5 years, from repurposed drugs and combinations (including novel antivirals from pharmaceutical companies). This alliance is cocreated, co-owned, and co-funded by dengue-endemic countries, with a tiered governance mechanism allowing

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#### South-South collaboration to find a safe, affordable, and effective treatment

The first in-person Dengue Alliance meeting took place in India on 6-7 February 2023, with experts and scientists from India, Malaysia, Thailand, Brazil, Sri Lanka, and Switzerland present to kick-off plans to develop treatments for this climate-sensitive disease which causes substantial morbidity and mortality globally.



The Dengue Alliance, launched in 2022, is a global partnership led by institutions from dengue-endemic countries that aims to develop affordable and accessible treatments for dengue. The members of this alliance include the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), India; Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand; Institute of Medical Research (IMR), Ministry of Health (MOH), Malaysia; Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil; Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil; and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi).

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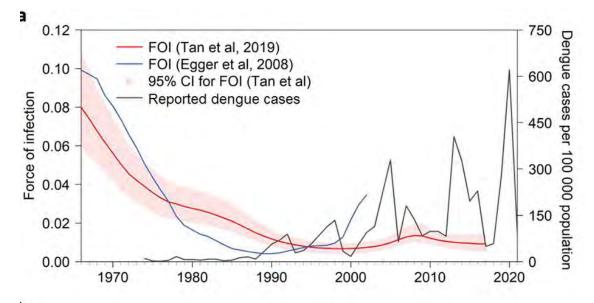
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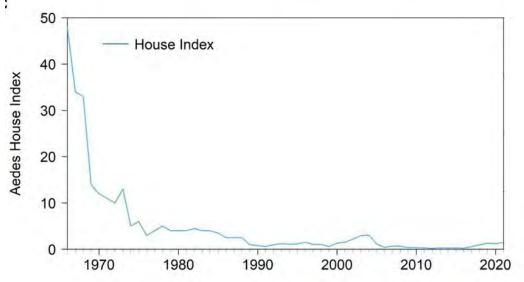


# Singapore's 5 decades of dengue prevention and control—Implications for global dengue control

## **Abstract**

This paper summarises the lessons learnt in dengue epidemiology, risk factors, and prevention in Singapore over the last half a century, during which Singapore evolved from a city of 1.9 million people to a highly urban globalised city-state with a population of 5.6 million. Set in a tropical climate, urbanisation among green foliage has created ideal conditions for the proliferation of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus, the mosquito vectors that transmit denque. A vector control programme, largely for malaria, was initiated as early as 1921, but it was only in 1966 that the Vector Control Unit (VCU) was established to additionally tackle dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) that was first documented in the 1960s. Centred on source reduction and public education, and based on research into the bionomics and ecology of the vectors, the programme successfully reduced the Aedes House Index (HI) from 48% in 1966 to <5% in the 1970s. Further enhancement of the programme, including through legislation, suppressed the Aedes HI to around 1% from the 1990s. The current programme is characterised by 4 key features: (i) proactive inter-epidemic surveillance and control that is stepped up during outbreaks; (ii) risk-based prevention and intervention strategies based on advanced data analytics; (iii) coordinated inter-sectoral cooperation between the public, private, and people sectors; and (iv) evidence-based adoption of new tools and strategies. Dengue seroprevalence and force of infection (FOI) among residents have substantially and continuously declined over the 5 decades. This is consistent with the observation that dengue incidence has been delayed to adulthood, with severity highest among the elderly. Paradoxically, the number of reported dengue cases and outbreaks has increased since the 1990s with record-breaking epidemics. We propose that Singapore's

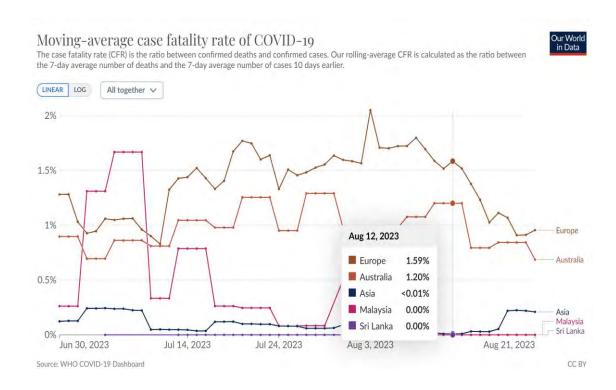


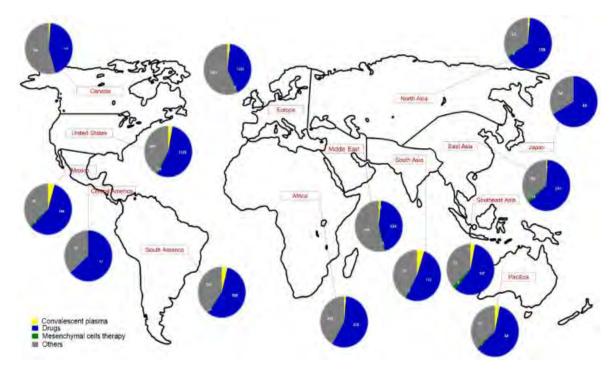


PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases | https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0011400 June 22, 2023



# Case Fatality Rates due to Covid-19 & on-going clinical trials





2,079 trials for COVID-19!

Actively recruiting: 172

Completed: 782

92 trials for dengue!

Actively recruiting: 4, active but not recruiting: 2

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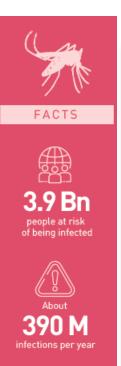


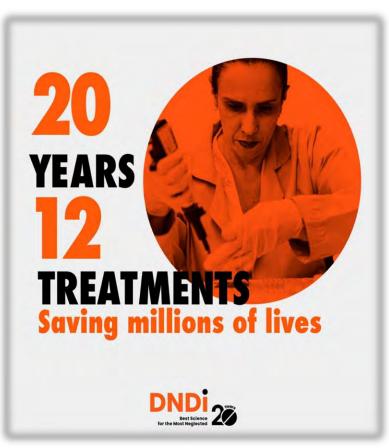
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# NGUỒN GỐC CỦA DNDi





DNDi được tạo ra để đáp lại sự thất vọng của bác sĩ lâm sang và sự tuyệt vọng của bệnh nhân khi phải đối mặt vứi các loại thuốc không hiệu quả, không an toàn, không có sắn, không đủ khả năng chi trả hoặc chưa bao giờ được phát triển.

## Gốc rễ của vấn đề?

Mô hình nghiên cứu và phát triển y tế (R&D) hướng tới lợi nhuận phổ biến không tạo ra nhiều động lực phát triển thuốc cho các cộng đồng nghèo nhất và dễ bị tổn thương nhất.

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- Grow partnerships for 'end-to-end' R&D in LMICs
- Proactively collaborate with LMIC pharmaceutical and other partners
- Conduct half of first-inhuman Phase I studies in LMICs
- Train 600 to 1,000 frontline clinicians and researchers every year



#### ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE

- Secure concrete policy changes to make the innovation system more needs-driven, collaborative, equitable, open and transparent, inclusive, and sustainable
- Engage with 50+ strategic advocacy partners to build stronger coalitions and networks of influence
- Document and share key lessons from DNDi's model

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# Bangladesh grapples with record deadly outbreak of dengue fever

By Ruma Paul

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# Mosquito-borne dengue grows deadlier in South Asia as planet warms



Mosabber Hossain, Aadesh Subedi Published: September 08, 2023





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## Dengue is breaking records in the Americas — what's behind the surge?

Increasing temperatures contribute to longer dengue seasons, and could drive the geographical expansion of the disease.

Dengue Outbreak: 2023 already the deadliest year

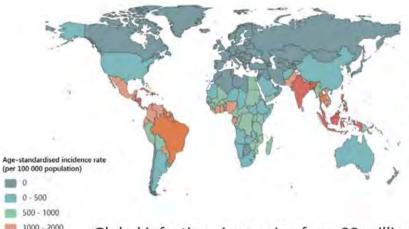
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Global, regional, and national dengue burden from 1990 to 2017: A systematic analysis based on the global burden of disease study 2017

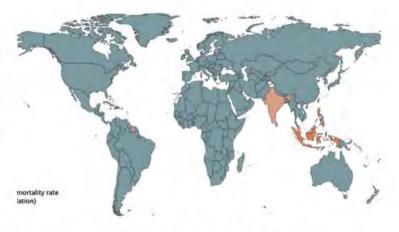
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70% of burden in Asia

Global infections increasing from 23 million in 1990 to 104 million in 2017

Age stratified deaths and DALYs also increased (DALYS by 109%)



Although the incidence of dengue is similar in Latin America and Asia, the mortality rates are higher in Asia

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### Why is there a sudden surge of dengue in 2022/2023?

- It is not sudden!
- WHO named dengue as one of the top ten threats to global health in 2019
- Reasons for gradual increase in dengue
  - Increase temperatures
  - Erratic rains
  - Urbanization
  - Overcrowding and population expansion

### Pakistan floods: Dengue cases soaring after record monsoon

15 September 2022





### El Nino rains intensify record dengue outbreak in Peru



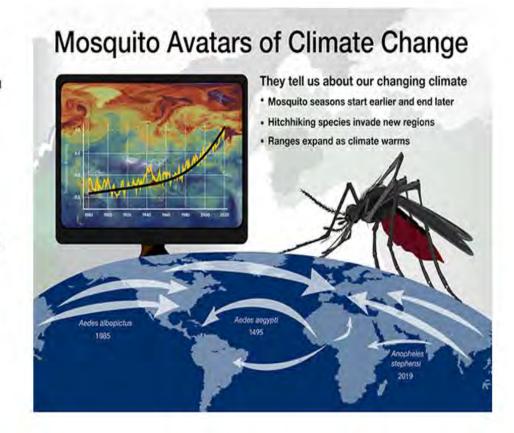
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### How does climate change affect Aedes mosquitoes?

#### Increase in temperature:

- Stimulates egg hatching and accelerates growth of larva. Development of Aedes from egg to adult was:
  - 7.2 days at 35 °C
  - 39.7 days at 15°C
- 2. The mosquito gonadotropic cycle shortens:
  - more time for the female mosquito to be in contact with host (longer duration of the ability to infect)
- At higher temperatures, the mosquitoes bite more frequently
- Increased virus replication within the mosquito at higher temperatures



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### Change in the epidemiology of dengue and implications





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#### Dengue infections in pregnancy



- Dengue increases maternal death by 3 times and DHF increases maternal death by 450 times, compared to pregnant women without dengue (Paixao et al, 2018).
- Pregnant women were more likely to require ICU admission, ventilatory support and multiorgan failure (Brar et al, 2021)
- Foetal complications: still birth, low birth weight, preterm delivery, foetal distress, miscarriages (Martin et al, 2023).

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#### Comorbidities Associated with Severe Dengue

Diabetes, cardiac disorders and asthma as risk factors for severe organ involvement among adult dengue patients: A matched case-control study

Junxiong Pang<sup>1,2</sup>, Jung Pu Hsu<sup>1</sup>, Tsin Wen Yeo<sup>1,3</sup>, Yee Sin Leo<sup>1,2,4</sup> & David C. Lye<sup>1,3,4</sup>

5C)ENTIFIC REPORTS | 7:39872 | DOI: 10.1038/srep39872

The association between diabetes and obesity with Dengue infections

S. D. Sekaran 1°, Z. M. Liew2, H. C. Yam2 and C. S. Raju3

Sekaran et al.

Diabetology & Metabolic Syndrome (2022) 14:101

Is Diabetes a Risk Factor for a Severe Clinical Presentation of Dengue? - Review and Meta-analysis

Nan Shwe Nwe Htun<sup>1,2</sup>, Peter Odermatt<sup>1,2</sup>, Ikenna C. Eze<sup>1,2</sup>, Noémie Boillat-Blanco<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Valérie D'Acremont<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Nicole Probst-Hensch<sup>1,2</sup>\*

Original Article

Diabetic patients suffering dengue are at risk for development of dengue shock syndrome/ severe dengue: Emphasizing the impacts of co-existing comorbidity(ies) and glycemic control on dengue severity

Ing-Kit Lee a,b, Ching-Jung Hsieh c, , Chien-Te Lee b,d, Jien-Wei Liu a,b,\*

Journal of Microbiology, Immunology and Infection (2020) 53, 69-78

Diabetes with Hypertension as Risk Factors for Adult Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever in a Predominantly Dengue Serotype 2 Epidemic: A Case Control Study

Junxiong Pang<sup>1,2</sup>, Agus Salim<sup>2</sup>, Vernon J. Lee<sup>2,3</sup>, Martin L. Hibberd<sup>1,2</sup>, Kee Seng Chia<sup>2</sup>, Yee Sin Leo<sup>4,5</sup>, David C. Lye<sup>4,5</sup>

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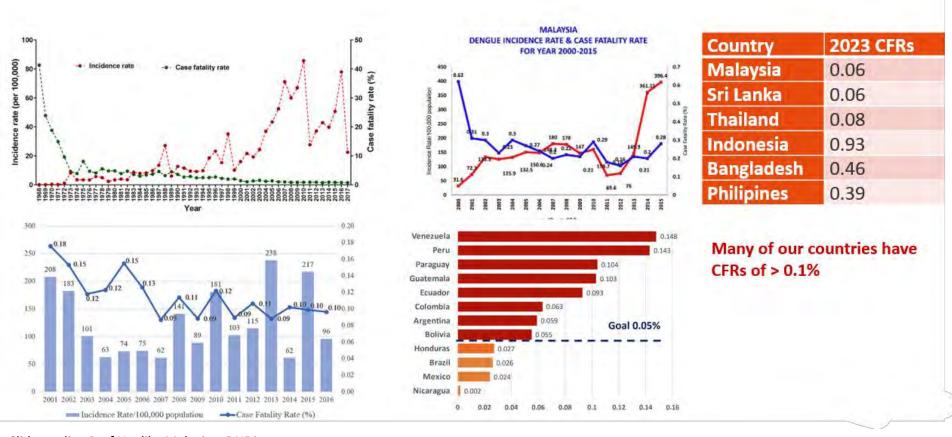
With the rise in diabetes, obesity and metabolic disease in our countries, we are likely to see more people developing severe dengue

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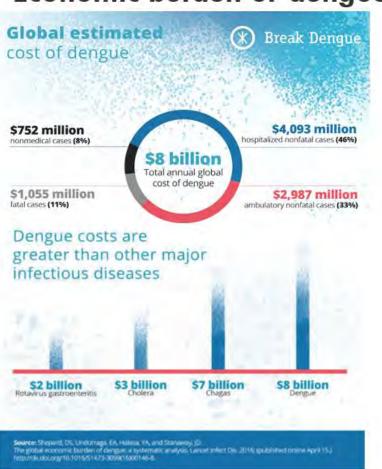
### But isn't dengue mild in most..?



## TÁC ĐỘNG ĐẾN KINH TẾ CỦA SỐT XUẤT HUYẾT



**E**conomic burden of dengue



Economic burden of dengue illness in India from 2013 to 2016: A systematic analysis

Dhwani Hariharan<sup>a</sup>, Manoja Kumar Das<sup>b</sup>, Donald S. Shepard<sup>a</sup>, Narendra Kumar Arora<sup>b</sup>

Global costs of USD 8 billion in 2014 is a gross under estimation, when the costs in India alone in 2018 was USD 5.71 billion

Productivity costs from a dengue episode in Asia: a systematic literature review

A review of 31 studies

Outpatient: USD 3.8 to 1332

Hospitalized: USD 6.7 to 1445.9

Fatal dengue: USD 12.035 to 1,453,237

Loss of workdays (Thailand)

Dengue fever: 8.4

Dengue hemorrhagic fever: 9.7

Shock: 12.3

A Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, USA

<sup>15</sup> The INCLEN Trust International, New Delhi, India

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### How can we face these challenges?

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# Bangladesh fears record high death toll from dengue outbreak



## Dengue fever crisis forces Peru minister to resign

(3) 16 June







#### **Vector Control**



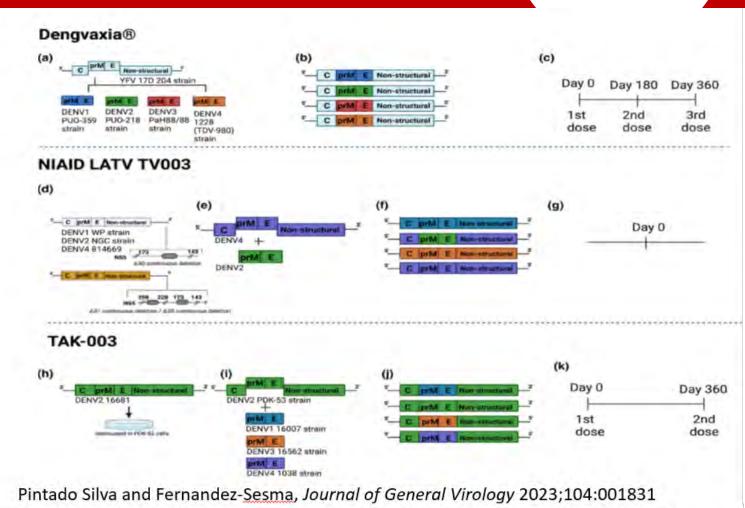








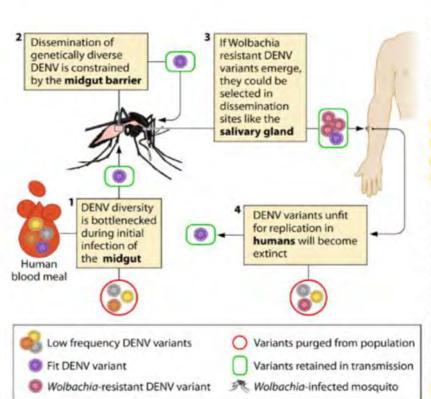
Dengue vaccines currently in Phase 3 trials or approved





#### Using Wolbachia to Eliminate Dengue: Will the Virus Fight Back?

Kathryn M. Edenborough, Heather A. Flores, Cameron P. Simmons, b.c.d Dohanna E. Fraser



#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

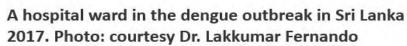
With a body of evidence now demonstrating that Wolbachia-Ae. aegypti introgression methods can substantially reduce the burden of dengue in areas of endemicity, it is expected that application of this technology will undergo a major expansion in coming years (17, 19, 24, 26). The intention is that this will lead to long-term control or local elimination of human-pathogenic arboviruses. Achieving long-term suppression in the field would be dependent upon the evolutionary stability of the Wolbachia, Ae. aegypti, and DENV tripartite interaction. Wolbachia and Ae. aegypti evolve slowly compared to DENV, and Wolbachia-carrying mosquitoes collected years after release have so far retained their antiviral profile. Yet the rapid mutation rate of RNA viruses suggests it is inevitable that viruses like DENV will eventually adapt to Wolbachia's selective pressure and become resistant to the intervention. The question is, how long will this take?

ABSTRACT Recent field trials have demonstrated that dengue incidence can be substantially reduced by introgressing strains of the endosymbiotic bacterium Wolbachia into Aedes aegypti mosquito populations. This strategy relies on Wolbachia reducing the susceptibility of Ae. aegypti to disseminated infection by positive-sense RNA viruses like dengue. However, RNA viruses are well known to adapt to antiviral pressures. Here, we review the viral infection stages where selection for Wolbachia-resistant virus variants could occur. We also consider the genetic constraints imposed on viruses that alternate between vertebrate and invertebrate hosts, and the likely selection pressures to which dengue virus might adapt in order to be effectively transmitted by Ae. aegypti that carry Wolbachia. While there are hurdles to dengue viruses developing resistance to Wolbachia, we suggest that long-term surveillance for resistant viruses should be an integral component of Wolbachia-introgression biocontrol programs.



Why Aren't We Focusing on a treatment for dengue?

- Dengue is mild. Really?
- It costs too much to develop a treatment?
- We have managed to reduce dengue fatalities with monitoring and fluid replacement?





## CHIẾN LƯỢC SỐT XUẤT HUYẾT



Dengue Strategy: An Oral Treatment for Patients of All Ages, with Acute Dengue Infection to Prevent progression to Severe Disease

Correctly identify patients with dengue

Identify those who need it most (risk stratification)

Treat to prevent progression to severe disease

Point-of-care (POC) testing available but lack -sensitivity especially after day 3 of illness

No test to identify who will progress to plasma leakage

Prevent progression to severe disease Reduce hospitalizations Return to work/school/day to day activities sooner

Need proper diagnostics!

Need a biomarker to predict severe disease!

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Need effective drugs!

Establish a clinical network for conducting phase 2 and 3 trials and validate POC diagnostics and biomarkers to predict progression to severe disease

## CHIẾN LƯỢC SỐT XUẤT HUYẾT





#### **FACTS**

3.9 billion people at risk

About 390 million infections per year

Endemic in 129 countries around the world

#### DENGUE

FORGING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS TO TACKLE
A RAPIDLY SPREADING CLIMATE-SENSITIVE DISEASE

#### CHALLENGES

- Most prevalent mosquito-borne viral disease
- Climate sensitive: rising burden of disease
- No existing treatments for uncomplicated dengue fever to prevent progression to severe disease and complications

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Window of opportunity to meet growing medical need
- Well-defined populations for clinical trials and endpoints to define success
- Opportunities in smallmolecule drugs and/or biologicals
- COVID-19 learnings and opportunities for cross-fertilization

#### **OUR GOALS**

2021-2028: Advance treatment solutions that can prevent progression to severe disease and reduce burden on public health systems

- Together with leaders in endemic countries, coordinate public-private partnerships for dengue R&D
- Accelerate evaluation of candidate repurposing agents as well as novel treatments, in monotherapy and in combination
- Antiviral + host-directed therapy combination, to be deployed with rapid diagnostic tests at point of care
- Affordable, sustainable, and adapted for use in resource-limited settings, suitable for children/adults/elderly



MAIN PARTNERS: Ministry of Health Malaysia, Mahidol University (Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital) - Thailand, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) - Brazil, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute - India





## An Endemic Country-Led Collaboration to Accelerate **Development of Dengue Treatment**

## Treatments for dengue: a Global Dengue Alliance to address





territories in Europe and North America.<sup>2</sup>

Dengue is currently the most rapidly spreading in India; the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation in Brazil; and Lancet Glob Health 2023 mosquito-borne viral infection in the world, with half the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil. The Published Online of the world's population at risk of becoming infected.\(^1\) mission of this alliance is to accelerate research and As a result of climate change, rapid urbanisation, and development and deliver dengue therapeutics through \$2224-109X(23)00362-5 widespread international travel, the incidence of dengue an inclusive partnership. It aims to deliver a new is rapidly increasing, overwhelming health-care systems treatment for dengue, within 5 years, from repurposed in many lower-income countries. Climate change has drugs and combinations (including novel antivirals increased the burden of dengue in endemic countries from pharmaceutical companies). This alliance is coand has also led to expansion of this infection to new created, co-owned, and co-funded by dengue-endemic countries, with a tiered governance mechanism allowing

#### South-South collaboration to find a safe, affordable, and effective treatment

The first in-person Dengue Alliance meeting took place in India on 6-7 February 2023, with experts and scientists from India, Malaysia, Thailand, Brazil, Sri Lanka, and Switzerland present to kick-off plans to develop treatments for this climate-sensitive disease which causes substantial morbidity and mortality globally.



The Dengue Alliance, launched in 2022, is a global partnership led by institutions from dengue-endemic countries that aims to develop affordable and accessible treatments for dengue. The members of this alliance include the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), India; Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand; Institute of Medical Research (IMR), Ministry of Health (MOH), Malaysia; Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil; Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil; and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi).

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### **Dengue Alliance and Supporting Ecosystem**



Pre-clinical working group: 25 members and 4 countries & DNDi

Clinical working group: 34 members, 6 countries & DNDi & OUCRU

Translational working group: (Diagnostics and biomarkers) 14 members, 4 countries, DNDi & Harvard



### Key Objectives of The Dengue Alliance



Create a joint & collaborative agenda for the development of affordable dengue therapeutics



Promote & foster collaborative non-forprofit medical R&D environment



Implement research activities with the partners



Engage in joint fundraising to support the Alliance and R&D activities



Encourage, support, & develop research knowledge & skills of personnel



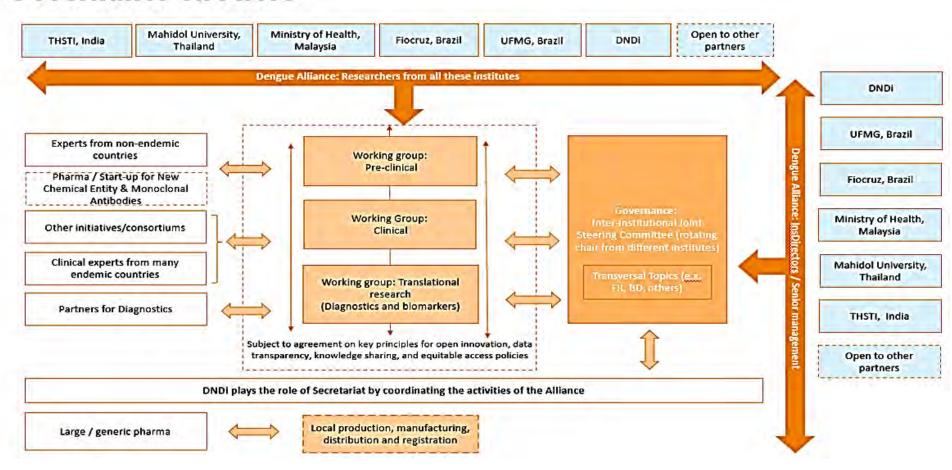
Engage additional partners/service providers required to fulfil Alliance objectives



Encourage & promote the use & sharing of the research results (including intellectual property) & products, created under this collaboration, for an equitable & affordable access, policy-making & other public purposes



#### **Governance Structure**



## **THANK YOU**







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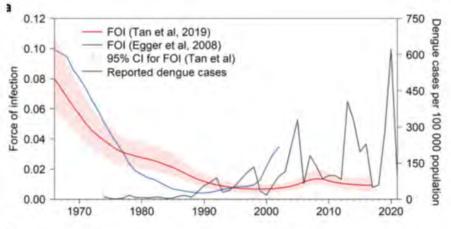
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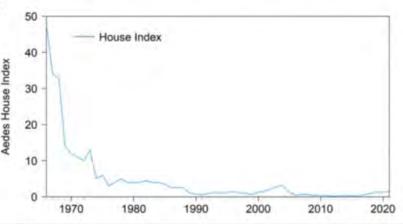


# Singapore's 5 decades of dengue prevention and control—Implications for global dengue control

#### Abstract

This paper summarises the lessons learnt in dengue epidemiology, risk factors, and prevention in Singapore over the last half a century, during which Singapore evolved from a city of 1.9 million people to a highly urban globalised city-state with a population of 5.6 million. Set in a tropical climate, urbanisation among green foliage has created ideal conditions for the proliferation of Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus, the mosquito vectors that transmit dengue. A vector control programme, largely for malaria, was initiated as early as 1921, but it was only in 1966 that the Vector Control Unit (VCU) was established to additionally tackle dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF) that was first documented in the 1960s. Centred on source reduction and public education, and based on research into the bionomics and ecology of the vectors, the programme successfully reduced the Aedes House Index (HI) from 48% in 1966 to <5% in the 1970s. Further enhancement of the programme, including through legislation, suppressed the Aedes HI to around 1% from the 1990s. The current programme is characterised by 4 key features: (i) proactive inter-epidemic surveillance and control that is stepped up during outbreaks; (ii) risk-based prevention and intervention strategies based on advanced data analytics; (iii) coordinated inter-sectoral cooperation between the public, private, and people sectors; and (iv) evidence-based adoption of new tools and strategies. Dengue seroprevalence and force of infection (FOI) among residents have substantially and continuously declined over the 5 decades. This is consistent with the observation that dengue incidence has been delayed to adulthood, with severity highest among the elderly. Paradoxically, the number of reported dengue cases and outbreaks has increased since the 1990s with record-breaking epidemics. We propose that Singapore's



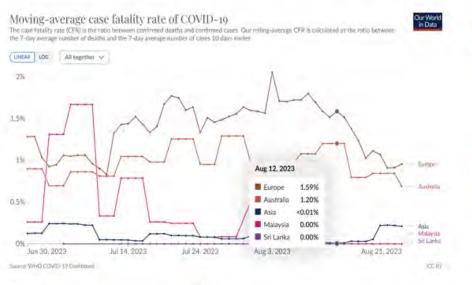


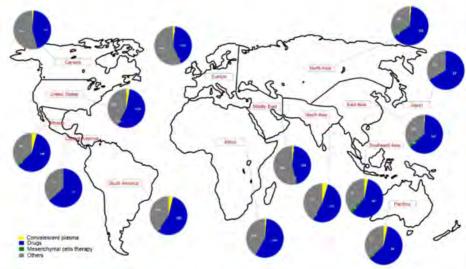
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### Case Fatality Rates due to Covid-19 & on-going clinical trials





2,079 trials for COVID-19!

Actively recruiting: 172

Completed: 782

92 trials for dengue!

Actively recruiting: 4, active but not recruiting: 2

Completed: 62