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Australia: Novel virus responsible for deaths of organ donation recipi

A virus unknown to medical science was behind the deaths of 3 Victorians who received organs from the one donor. The unnamed bug has been linked to Ebola virus, [a virus] responsible for the deaths of thousands in central Africa since the 1970s. [This is an incorrect statement. The organ transplant-associated virus is not related to Ebola virus; see part [2] below. - Mod.CP]. After baffling local scientists, experts from New York's Columbia University were called in to help solve the mystery of the multiple transplant deaths being investigated by the coroner.

Initial investigations and tests had been unable to determine any common link between the donor and the 3 recipients. The presence of the virus in the recipients is thought to be a world first. One of the New York team said: "The discovery of this virus is of national and international significance."

The Sunday Herald Sun revealed the deaths in February 2007. A 63-year-old woman died after receiving a kidney transplant at Austin Hospital. A 64-year-old man died after receiving a liver transplant there. The 3rd victim received a kidney at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The male donor whose organs carried the suspected killer bug had died in Dandenong Hospital of a brain hemorrhage in December 2006 after returning from overseas; it is believed most of his trip was spent in Europe.

The virus is part of the rodent-borne arenavirus family and can cause "old-world" diseases such as Yellow Fever, Ebola and Lymphocytic choriomeningitis. [This statement is incorrect: yellow fever is caused by a flavivirus and Ebola hemorrhagic fever is caused by a filovirus; only lymphocytic choriomeningitis (LCM) is caused by an old-world arenavirus. - Mod.CP]. Victoria's acting Chief Health Officer, Dr John Carnie, confirmed the virus [LCM virus?] had been detected in multiple samples from all 3 transplant patients. But there was no evidence the virus represented a public health risk, he said.

Health authorities are examining whether future donated organs can be screened for [LCM?] virus. A spokesman for the Victoria Coroner's office said families of the victims were told yesterday [21 Apr 2007]. There would be a formal inquest.

Experts from Columbia's Greene Infectious Diseases Laboratory helped

solve the mystery. Initial investigations and tests were unable to determine any common link between the donor and the 3 recipients. Dr Carnie said the risk to the public was minimal because "these viruses [?] affect immunocompromised people, and it is rarely fatal in those with normal immune systems. We have not had any indication of any unexplained illnesses among families of the donor or recipients," he said. "This would be the case if it was transmissible person to person. Our supposition is it was transmitted by organ transplantation."

Cutting edge techniques were used for the 1st time by the Greene lab -- in collaboration with Victorian Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory -- to gene sequence the virus. "Our gene technology enables unbiased sequencing of all agents present," Columbia's Prof. Ian Lipkin said. "We found a handful (of combinations) that were related to Lassa virus or LCM virus [both old world arenaviruses - Mod.CP]. Using these clues we can confidently say this is a new virus, present in the original organs and so different than anything seen before."

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Scientists Discover New Virus Responsible for Deaths of 3 Transplant Recipients From Single Donor in Victoria, Australia

Knowledge of genetic sequence of virus will enable improvements in screening to enhance transplantation safety. Scientists in the Greene Infectious Disease Laboratory of Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and colleagues in the Victoria Infectious Diseases Reference Laboratory in Melbourne, Australia and 454 Life Sciences have discovered a new virus that was responsible for the deaths of 3 transplant recipients who received organs from a single donor in Victoria, Australia.

The previously unknown virus, which is related to lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV), was found using rapid sequencing technology established by 454 Life Sciences and bioinformatics algorithms developed in the Greene Laboratory with support from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Known strains of LCMV have been implicated in a small number of cases of disease transmission by organ transplantation [see references below], however, the newly discovered virus is sufficiently different that it could not be detected using existing screening methods.

Over 30 000 organ transplants are performed in the U.S. each year. Knowledge of the genetic sequence of this virus will enable improvements in screening that will enhance the safety of transplantation.

Ian Lipkin, MD, director of the Greene Laboratory and Principal Investigator of the Northeast Biodefense Center, emphasized the importance of academic, public health, and industrial partnership in this work. "This was a team effort. Drs. Mike Catton and Julian Druce at the Victorian Infectious Disease Reference Laboratory reached out to us after a comprehensive state-of-the-art investigation failed to turn up leads," stated Dr. Lipkin. "We succeeded in identifying the virus responsible for the deaths by building on their work and utilizing new tools for pathogen surveillance and discovery developed in the Greene Laboratory and 454 Life Sciences."

[Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virtu (LCMV) is the type species of the genus \_Arenavirus\_ of the \_Areanviridae\_ family of bipartitie genome

RNA viruses. The reservoir hosts of almost all arenaviruses are rodents. LCMV is found in wild and laboratory mice, and other related "old world" arenaviruses are found in African species of rodents. Human LCMV infection may occur in rural and urban areas with high densities of rodents. Laboratory-acquired infections occur sporadically, and, previously, there have been a small number of cases of LCMV transmission by organ transplantation as mentioned by Professor Lipkin above. The virus detected by Professor Lipkin's group appears to be an LCMV-like agent but distinct from previously isolated strains of LCMV. It is unresolved, however, whether these organ-transplanted viruses are merely passengers or are responsible also for tissue-rejection illness and death. - Mod.CP]

[see also: 2005 LCMV, transplant recipients, fatal - USA (02) 20050526.1459 LCMV, transplant recipients, fatal - USA 20050524.1426 LCMV & birth defects - USA 19951119,1095] .....mpp/cp/msp/lm

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# Reemergence of Endemic Chikungunya, Malaysia

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Chikungunya virus infection recently reemerged in Malaysia after 7 years of nondetection. Genomic sequences of recovered isolates were highly similar to those of Malaysian isolates from the 1998 outbreak. The reemergence of the infection is not part of the epidemics in other Indian Ocean countries but raises the possibility that chikungunya virus is endemic in Malaysia.

Chikungunya, a mosquitoborne disease first described in Tanzania (formerly Tanganyika) in eastern Africa in 1952, is caused by chikungunya virus (CHIKV), an alphavirus belonging to the *Togaviridae* family. The disease occurs in Africa and various parts of Asia and is endemic in several southeast Asian countries, including Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Only 1 known outbreak has occurred in Malaysia, in 1998–1999 when  $\geq 51$  persons in Port Klang were infected (1).

From March through April 2006, an outbreak of CHIKV infection was reported in Bagan Panchor (4°31'N, 100°37'E), an isolated coastal town 50 km west of Ipoh, the state capital of Perak, in northwest Malaysia. At least 200 villagers were infected, with no deaths reported. This was the second known outbreak in Malaysia, 7 years after the previous one. This reemergence coincided with reports of ongoing epidemics of CHIKV infection in India and almost all the island nations of the Indian Ocean, with >200,000 cases in the French island of Reunion alone since February 2005 (2).

Why and how the recent infection reappeared in Malaysia remains unknown. The apparent absence of CHIKV for 7 years may be due to failure to detect low-level, continued transmission in humans, particularly because the symptoms may be mistaken for dengue fever. Alternatively, this outbreak could have originated from a viremic traveler from an endemic country (such as neighboring Thailand or Indonesia), but proximity of Malaysia to the Indian Ocean raises the possibility of an extension of the epidemic, with Malaysia being the furthest point yet of the expanding epidemic frontline.

### The Study

We received serum samples from 11 patients who had symptoms typical of CHIKV infection (Table). Samples were injected into Vero and C6/36 mosquito cells. Indirect immunofluorescence assays for immunoglobulin M (IgM) and IgG were performed using the patients' sera and CHIKV-infected cells fixed onto glass slides, as previously described (1). A CHIKV isolate (SM287) reported previously (3) was used to prepare the slides as a positive control for subsequent studies. Serum samples from patients who did not have symptoms of chikungunya, including patients with dengue fever, were used as negative controls. Nucleic acid amplification was performed using RNA extracted directly from the patients' sera or from cell cultures (Table). At least 3 different primer pairs specific for envelope glycoprotein E1 (E1), glycoprotein E2 (E2), and nonstructural protein 1 (nsP1) genes of CHIKV were used (4,5). Confirmation of the amplified DNA fragments was done by DNA sequencing. Phylogenetic relationships were examined using the E1, E2, and nsP1 gene sequences of the isolates and all other available CHIKV sequences obtained from GenBank or the previous studies (online Appendix Table, available from www.cdc.gov/ncidod/ EID/13/1/147-appT.htm). Sequences were aligned and phylogenetic trees were drawn as previously described (6).

CHIKV infection was confirmed in 8 of 11 patients. CHIKV sequences were amplified directly from serum samples from 5 patients in the acute phase of disease. Of these, 4 CHIKV isolates were eventually cultured. IgM and IgG were detected in serum samples from 3 other patients in the convalescent phase (data not shown). In 1 patient, CHIKV sequences were amplified from serum samples obtained as late as 9 days after onset of symptoms (data not shown). The PCR amplification method, thus, could be useful for early detection of CHIKV infection in suspected outbreak situations.

The genomic sequence of the E1, E2, and nsP1 genes in the CHIKV isolates shared high similarity (>90%) to all the known CHIKV except West African CHIKV (=86% similarity). The sequences were only =70% related to o'nyong-nyong virus, the most closely related alphavirus, which is present only in certain parts of Africa. Previous phylogenetic studies showed that CHIKV strains were clustered into 3 distinct groups based on origin from West Africa, Central/East Africa, or Asia (7-13). Phylogenetic trees drawn using E1 (Figure), E2, and nsP1 (data not shown) gene sequences clustered the recent Malaysian isolates into a group with other known CHIKV Asian isolates. The cluster, however, was distinctly separated (100% bootstrap support) from the African isolates and all the known isolates of the ongoing CHIKV epidemics of the Indian Ocean islands (7-9, 11, 13). This makes it unlikely that the outbreak in Malaysia is part of the ongoing epidemics,

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Table, Identification of virus by PCR amplification and serologic analysis\*

Patient			Dengue fever						
	Sex	PCR†			hikungunya Serology				Serology
Age (y)		E1	E2	nsP1	IgM	lgG	Culture	PCR‡	lg <b>M</b>
6	М	+	+	+	_		+§	_	-
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40	М	+	+	+			+#	_	_
26	F	+	+	+	-	_	+**	ND	_
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\*IgM, immunoglobulin M; IgG, immunoglobulin G; +, positive; -, negative; ND, not determined.

†PCR amplifications were performed for detection of envelope glycoprotein E1 (E1), glycoprotein E2 (E2), and nonstructural protein 1 (nsP1) genes of chikungunya virus.

#Multiplex PCR amplifications were performed for detection of dengue virus type 1-4.

§Isolate MY/0306/BP37348.

¶Isolate MY/0306/BP37350.

#Isolate MY/0306/BP37352

\*\*Isolate MY/0406/BP37437

††Isolate MY/0306/BP34198.

despite its proximity to the region and timing of the outbreak. The phylogenetic tree, on the other hand, suggests that the isolates from the current Malaysia outbreak share a common ancestral lineage to the 2 Malaysian isolates recovered in 1998 (4; GenBank accession nos. AF394210 and AF394211) but have a slight genetic distance from all other Asian isolates.

### Conclusions

On the basis of all available sequences of isolates from the neighboring countries where CHIKV is endemic, Thailand and Indonesia, the outbreak in Malaysia likely did not originate from either of these countries, which means the outbreak could have originated from an endemic CHIKV cycle not previously identified in Malaysia. A serologic survey of human serum samples collected during 1965-1969 in west Malaysia showed neutralizing antibodies to CHIKV among adults, especially those inhabiting the rural northern and eastern states bordering Thailand (14). The same authors also reported in an earlier study evidence of CHIKV-neutralizing antibodies in wild monkeys, a pig, and a chicken and suggested that a CHIKV sylvatic transmission cycle involving primates and possibly nonprimates exists in Malaysia. A sylvatic transmission cycle of the virus has been described in Africa and may play a role in the episodic emergence and reemergence of CHIKV infection (15). Before 1998, CHIKV had not been isolated from humans or animals in Malaysia, and no clinical disease caused by CHIKV had been reported. However, in the absence of active surveillance since the 1965 study, whether the apparent absence of CHIKV over the years and between the 2 recent outbreaks in Malaysia is due to an unidentified sylvatic transmission cycle or silent transmission among humans cannot be determined. Further investigation is required to examine these possibilities. Understanding this disease in Southeast Asia is critical

because CHIKV shares the same mosquito vectors as dengue virus, which is endemic to the region.

Phylogenetic analysis showed that CHIKV from the recent 2006 outbreak in Malaysia is highly similar to isolates from the 1998 outbreak. At the 3 genes examined,

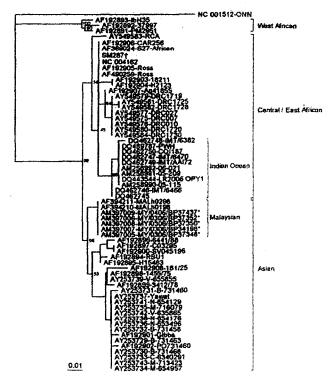


Figure. Phylogenetic relationships of chikungunya virus isolates from the 2006 Malaysia outbreak. The neighbor-joining tree was constructed using nucleic acid sequences of the envelope glycoprotein E1 gene, with o'nyong nyong virus (GenBank accession no. NC\_001512) as the outgroup virus. \* indicates isolates from the Malaysia 2006 outbreak; † indicates Australia SM287. Bootstrap values are shown as percentages derived from 1,000 samplings. The scale reflects the number of nucleotide substitutions per site along the branches.

the isolates differ from the ongoing Indian Ocean epidemic isolates and known isolates from Thailand and Indonesia. These findings support the possibility that the outbreak originated from an endemic infection in Malaysia.

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