



**A REVIEW ON VIRUS OUTBREAK AFFECTING HUMAN ERA
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Viruses are infectious microbes that have genome of DNA or RNA that is enveloped by protein coat. They have small obligate intracellular parasites. These are categorized upon their shape, size, chemical composition, structure of its genome and its replication mode. They have been categorized mainly upon its structure, composition of its chemicals and its replication process. Viruses which cause infections in humans were now clustered into 21 families [1]. Virus cannot replicate on its own hence it infects the host cell to make copies. The 21 century has been with a lot of viral pandemics that affected millions of individuals [2]. The viruses which are emerged from certain species of animals then to the mammals and finally spreads to

the humans which leads to disease. Initially the virus, mainly depends on its ability to spread the virus within the human beings can cause an individual to get infected and can lead to few sporadic cases, which results in local endemic and can lead to a larger epidemic or world pandemic. These pandemic events from the past two centuries are huge. These include the viral infections that were not encountered earlier, such as SARS and MERS [3]. The 21st century has major epidemics, which includes pandemics, that are by previously emerged viruses such as cholera, plague and yellow fever, as well as emerging diseases such as SARS, Ebola, Zika, MERS, HIV, influenza A and COVID [4].

Table: Viruses details

VIRUS	FAMILY	VIRUS SIZE	VIRUS SHAPE	ORIGIN OF REPLICATION	GENOME	TRANSMISSION	SYMPTOMS
Dengue fever	Flaviviridae	40- 60 nm	Spherical	B cells	Single stranded - RNA	-Animals -Insect bites -Stings	-Sudden high fever,Headache,S wollen lymph glands, Skin rash.
Junin Virus	Arenaviridae	40-200nm	T-shape	Cytosol	Bi-Segmented negative stranded-RNA	-Infected rodents Blood, saliva, urine, feces -Aerosolized	-Photophobia -Retro orbital pain,Malaise,Pete chiae,Epigastric pain
Lassa Virus	Arenaviridae	70- 150 nm	T-shape	Cytoplasm	Bi-segmented Single stranded - RNA	-Ingestion -Inhalation -Infected rodents urine, feces	-Fever, General weakness,Malaise ,Sore throat Chest pain
Bird Flu Virus	Orthomyxoviridae	80- 120 nm	Roughly spherical	Nucleus	Eight segmented Single- stranded RNA genome	Infected birds saliva, mucous, feces	-Muscle pains -Fever,Runny nose,Shortness of breath,Cough,Headache
Ebola virus	Filoviridae	14000-80 nm.	Thread like shape changed to circular or filamentous	Cytoplasm	Negative stranded RNA	-Infected blood, body fluids of wild animals and humans	-Abdominal pain,Chest pain,Muscle pains,Chills - Dehydration, Vomiting blood,Red eyes,Sore throat,Red spots on skin -Coughing up blood
SARS Cov	Coronaviridae	20- 500 nm	Roughly spherical or Ellipsoidal shape	Upper respiratory epithelia	Linear RNA	-Aerosolic -Direct contact with infected person	-Muscle pains -Shortness of breathe,Chills,Fever,Headache,Cough,Malaise,Respiratory distress
Mers Cov	Coronaviridae	30.1 kb	Roughly spherical or Ellipsoidal shape	Airway epithelial cell (lungs)	Single stranded positive-sense RNA	-Infected dromedary camels -Infected humans direct contact	-Fever,Cough -Shortness of breathe -Pneumonia -Chills
Monkey Pox	Poxviridae	190 kb	Oval	Cytoplasm	Double- stranded DNA	-Direct contact with contaminated objects -From person to person -From animal to animal	-Swollen lymph nodes - Headache,Chills, Fever,Muscle pains ,Nasal congestion,Cough ,Sore throat

Nipha	Paramyxoviridae	120- 500 nm	Helical	Epithelial surfaces of respiratory route	Single stranded negative sense RNA	-Direct contact with infected animals like bats, pigs -Contaminated food products with infected animals -Infected people secretions and excretions	-Severe headache -Unconsciousness -Fever -Twitching of facial muscles -Nausea -Encephalitis -Vomiting
Zika	Flaviviridae	50 nm	Icosahedral Tiles	Fetal brains and placenta	Positive sense single stranded RNA	- Bite of an infected mosquito of Aedes species -From infected mother to baby -Sexual transmission	-Fever -Vomiting -Rashes -Conjunctivitis -Headache -Joint pain -Fatigue

DENGUE

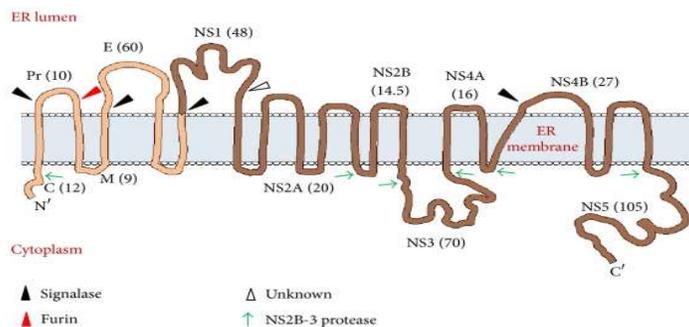
INTRODUCTION:

According to the data, around three billion of people, who are in urban areas of tropical and subtropical are considered for getting Dengue [5]. For more than 200 years sporadic dengue fever was known to the world, but the cause for these epidemics of dengue is not known clearly [6]. This is a mosquito born infection mainly transmits by a female mosquito known as Aedes mosquito. This infection is mostly seen in regions of both tropical and subtropical [7]. Other species of mosquitoes such as

Albopictus, Polynesiensis, Scutellaris complex, and Niveus of Aedes family were also the vectors for transmitting this viral infection [8]. This virus comes under the family of Flaviviridae.

CHARACTERISTICS:

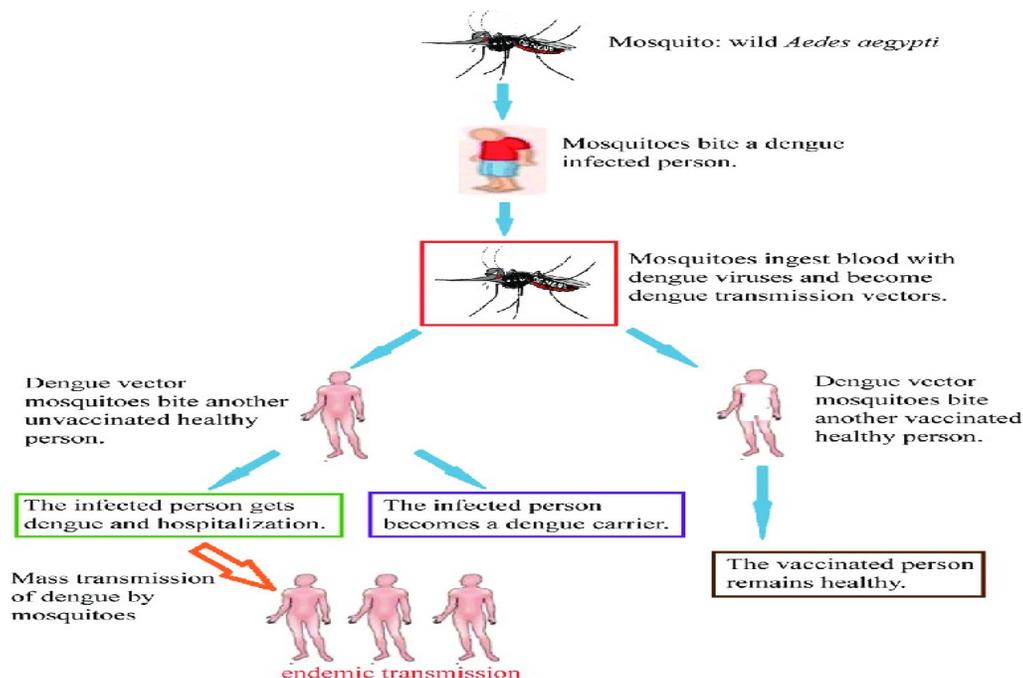
The genome of this virus is a positive sense RNA with 11kb length. These viruses are about 40 to 60 nm in length. The genome of this virus is then converted into a polyprotein and it codes 3 protein structures and they are named Capsid, Pre-membrane and Envelope. It also encodes for 7 nonstructural proteins [9].



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The above image is about the organization and membrane of dengue virus. These Non structural proteins are mainly processed in the cytoplasm with NS2B and NS3. NS2A, 2B, 4A, 4B belongs to the proteins of transmembrane. These are present in the endoplasmic reticulum.

TRANSMISSION:



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SYMPTOMS:

Mostly the persons who are infected with this virus are asymptomatic in nature. Sometimes undifferentiated fever, Dengue fever are also seen [10].

The common symptoms that are seen in the infected persons are abdominal pain [11], myalgia, joint pains [12],

Mainly the transmission of this virus is by mosquito bites. The infected mosquito with the virus bites a healthy person and transmits the virus. This virus can also transmits among the two individuals in which one of the persons will act as a carrier to transmit the virus to a healthy individual.

gastrointestinal tract hemorrhage [13], Dengue shock syndrome [14] and Swollen lymph glands.

JUNIN VIRUS

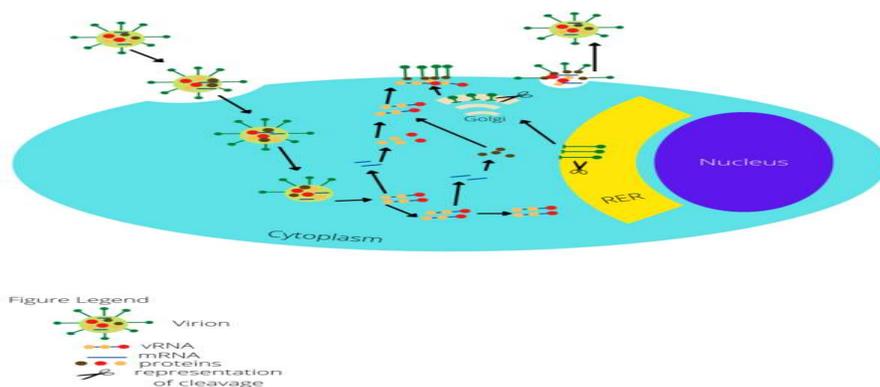
INTRODUCTION:

Argentina hemorrhagic fever was first identified in 1953, and several years later the isolation of this junin virus took place.

This virus is the causative agent for Argentine hemorrhagic fever. The disease that causes pandemic in the regions of Argentina. This fever leads to the risk of five million people's lives [15]. This disease primarily affected the agricultural workers in Argentina. Junin virus comes under the family of Arenaviridae. The studies have confirmed that the main hosts for this infection are musculus and other rodents of family Calomys. The C. rodents include C. laucha, A. azarae and O. flavescence [16].

CHARACTERISTICS:

Genome of this virus is bi-segmented and contains a negative stranded RNA [17]. The RNA contains segments from 7.3kb to 3.5kb respectively. This virus works with an ambisense coding strategy which encodes the two reading frames which are opened in opposite direction, and are divided by non-coding intergenic region which acts as a termination signal for the viral polymerase for its transcription process [18].



<https://microbewiki.kenyon.edu/images/thumb/8/80/JuninVirus.png/400px-JuninVirus.png>

Visual representation of Junin Virus genome structure and life cycle. The virion of this virus first enters the host cell through the endocytosis process and then it releases the RNA. There are two stages of mRNA: early and late. Early mRNA goes through NP and LP translation while late mRNA goes through Z translation [19].

TRANSMISSION:

This virus directly transmits by infected mucus and also with the contaminated objects with the infected virus. This virus can also be transmitted with an individual to individual but it is rare and also possible through infected persons excreta, blood,

mucus secretions and also nosocomial infections are reported [20].

SYMPTOMS:

The main symptoms are fever, headache, anorexia, rashes on the soft palate, trunk and edema [21]. Other symptoms that are seen are dry cough, muscle aches, joint pains, severe malaise, sore throat and runny nose.

LASSA VIRUS

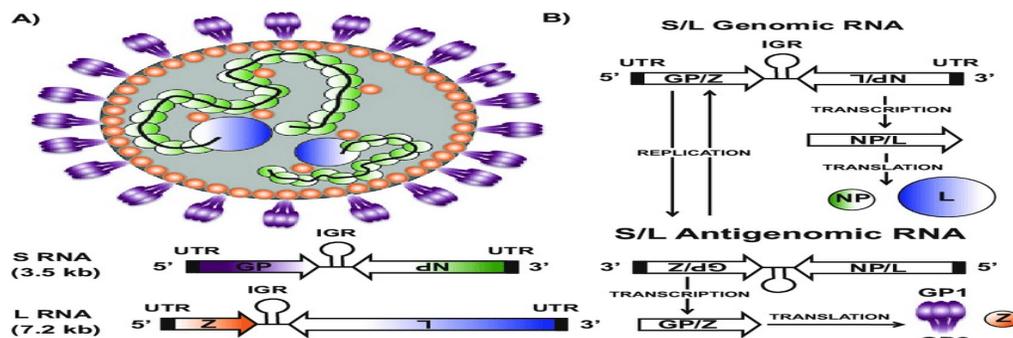
INTRODUCTION:

Lassa virus causes hemorrhagic fever. This virus mainly caused the pandemic to West Africa. This virus belongs to the Old World

of arenavirus [22] and comes under the family Arenaviridae. Rodents plays as main hosts of this virus, which belongs to the genus of Mastomys and these are mainly seen in the sub-Saharan region of Africa [23]. The lassa virus caused severe global burden among all the viral hemorrhagic fevers (except dengue fever) [24].

CHARACTERISTICS:

Like other arenaviruses, the genome of this virus has two single-stranded RNA. The genome consists of two segments: ranging from 3.4kb to 7 kb in length [25].



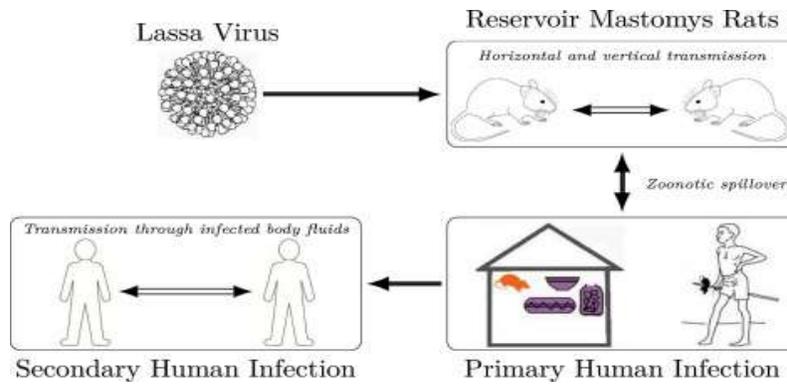
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The above image is about the structure of virionits replication and transcription process [26].

TRANSMISSION:

The transmission to humans is by direct or indirect contact with the contaminated food

items with the excreta of infected multimammate rats. The transmission is through respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts of humans. The person to person transmission is also seen [27].



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SYMPTOMS:

The symptoms are seen after 2 to 21 days of exposure with the virus. Most of the people who are infected with this virus are asymptomatic in nature. The commonly seen symptoms are muscle aches, fever, nausea, facial swelling, sore throat, vomiting, nose bleeds, diarrhea, headache, chest pain, mouth bleeds and gastrointestinal hemorrhages.

BIRD FLU

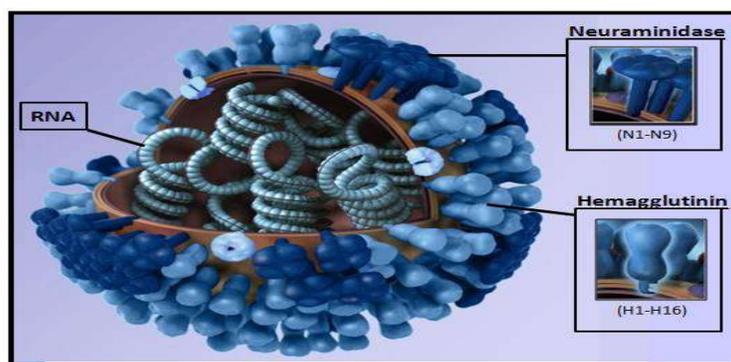
INTRODUCTION:

Bird flu is also called as Avian Flu. The pandemic has occurred in 29 countries of Europe in 2016 and in the year 2017. The largest poultry outbreaks and wild birds

are dead in the European region and this has been the largest ever recorded [28]. Avian influenza viruses are the causative agents for the bird flu infection. In the year 1997 the 1st emergence of this infection in humans was observed in the region of Hong Kong [29]. The main reservoirs for this virus are the wild birds that are migratory waterfowl in nature.

CHARACTERISTICS:

These are the influenza A viruses and the genome of this virus is a single stranded negative sense RNA with eight segments in it. These viruses have surface proteins of H1-16 and N1-9 subtypes [30].

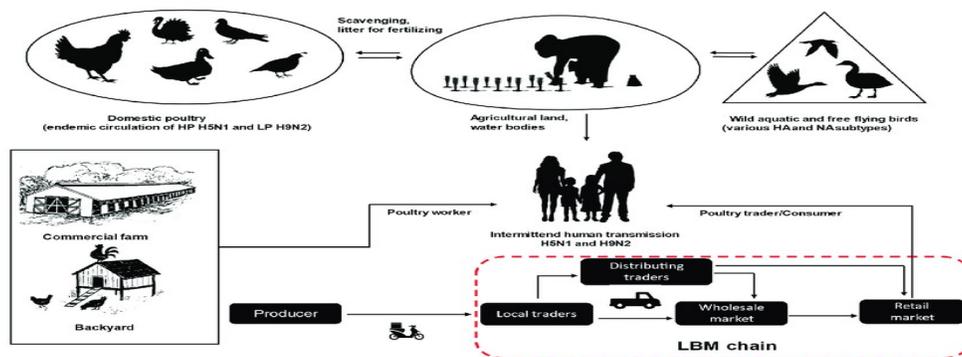


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TRANSMISSION:

These viruses are mainly discovered in live bird markets and the poultries throughout the year. It means that this virus circulates in the poultry birds all year and it leads to the infections in humans [31]. The

transmission can be both in direct and indirect form. The transmission is by consuming the poultry meat that was infected with virus and person to person transmission can also be seen.



<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/342877973/figure/fig1/AS:912432105013249@1594552174884/An-overview-of-avian-influenza-virus-transmission-and-live-bird-market-trading-chains.png>

SYMPTOMS:

The symptoms that are seen in the people infected with bird flu are as follows: high temperature, dry cough, chesty cough, sore throat, headache, tiredness, joint pains, diarrhea, blocked nose, limb pain, stomach upset, runny nose, sneezes, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, insomnia, malaise and muscle aches.

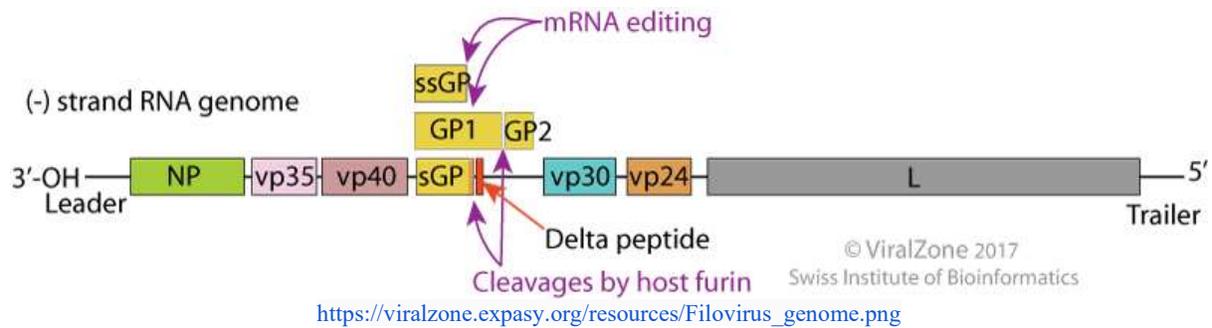
EBOLAINTRODUCTION:

Ebola virus caused several pandemics from the past 38 years. In the year 2014, the Ebola virus led to the pandemic that was

spreaded from Africa to other continents [32]. Among all viral haemorrhagic fevers, Ebola is highly pathogenic in nature. Mortality is up to 90%. It is mainly due to multi-organ failure and severe bleeding. Ebola comes under Filoviridae family with Bundibugyo and Sudan. Ebola viruses are also associated with disease outbreaks in humans [33].

CHARACTERISTICS:

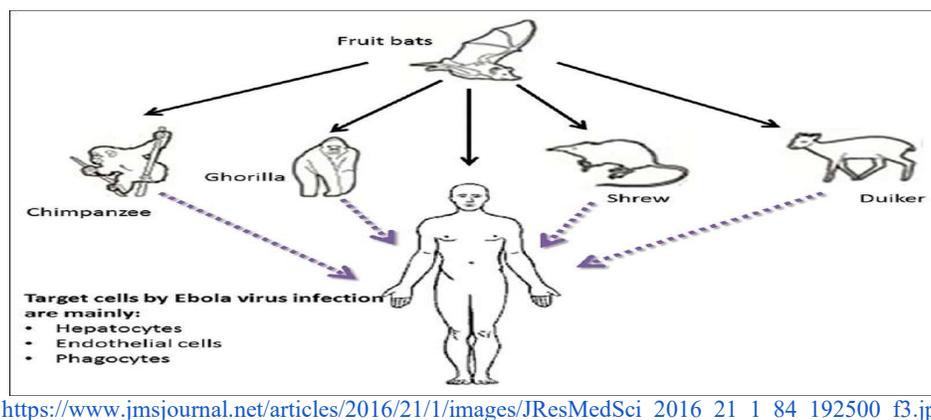
The genome is of single stranded negative-sense RNA. It encodes seven viral proteins that include nucleoprotein, glycoprotein, polymerase, VP24, VP30, VP35, VP40. The genome of this virus is 19-kb [34].



TRANSMISSION:

Transmission to humans are by close contact with wild bats or by manipulating contaminated wildlife. Direct transmission

in between two persons is also possible by infected persons blood, excreta, mucous secretions or from contaminated surfaces with the virus [35].



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SYMPTOMS:

Symptoms that include fever, lack of appetite, hiccups, sore throat, red eyes, breathing difficulty, headache, swallowing difficulty, chest ache, muscle pains, internal bleeds, joint pains, muscle weakness, stomach pain, vomiting, nausea, rashes on skin and diarrhea.

SARS COV

INTRODUCTION:

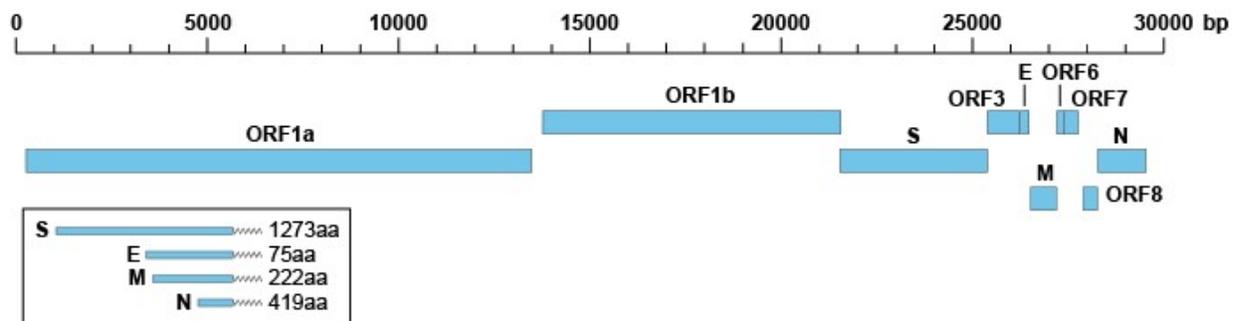
The 21st century people have experienced this huge pandemic in their lives which totally changed the way of their living. The pandemic was caused by the coronaviruses, that are SAR Cov of year 2003, later it is called as SARS CoV 2 in Dec 2019 [36]. This SARS-CoV-2 is a highly contagious and severe pathogenic coronavirus. Later the Chinese scientists have identified that the causative agent of pandemic disease is

a betacoronavirus [37]. Till 2nd Dec 2020 1.4 million deaths and 64 million cases are reported across the world [38].

CHARACTERISTICS:

The genomic of this virus is 29.8 kb to 29.9 kb. The genomic structure is with specific gene characteristics of known corona viruses. The 5' genome contains

orf1ab which encodes orf1a polyproteins. When it comes to the 3' it encodes proteins that are structural in nature, that include Surface, Envelope, Membrane, and Nucleocapsid proteins. This virus contains approximately 6 accessory proteins that encodes by ORF-3a, ORF-6, ORF-7a, ORF-7b, and ORF-8 genes [39].

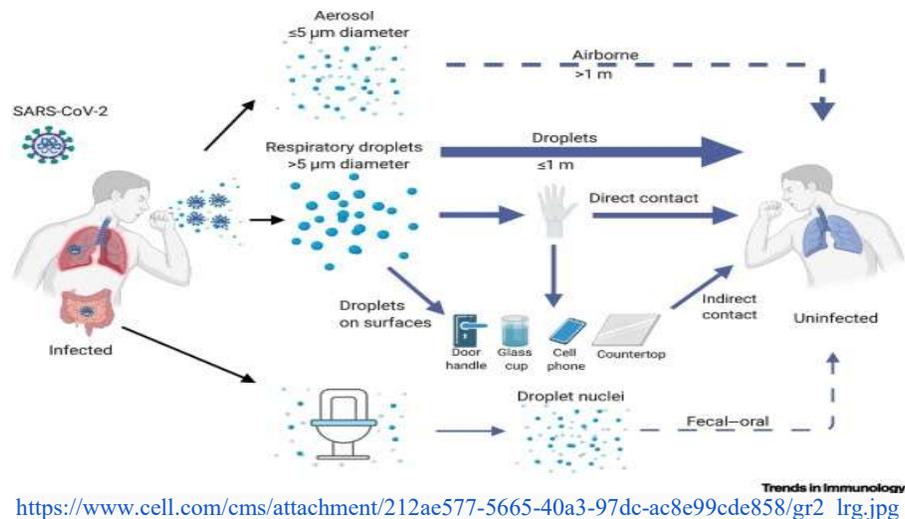


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TRANSMISSION:

These virus particles are mainly transmitted by droplet mode of transmission. And it is the most widely pronounced and heavily implicated mode of transmission that was reported during the pandemic situations. The transmission

is by direct contact, the virus spreads from one infected person to the other person very rapidly. Human to human transmission can be seen more mainly in households with close interactions among the family members [40].



SYMPTOMS:

The symptoms of this virus are like the flu symptoms. The most commonly seen symptoms in the patients who are infected with this virus are headache, anosmia, cough, ageusia, sore throat, cold, fever, feeling unwell and dyspnea. The symptoms are seen worse in the patients who have some secondary diseases like asthma, eczema, OCD, anxiety, depression or previous ebola virus infection.

MERS COV

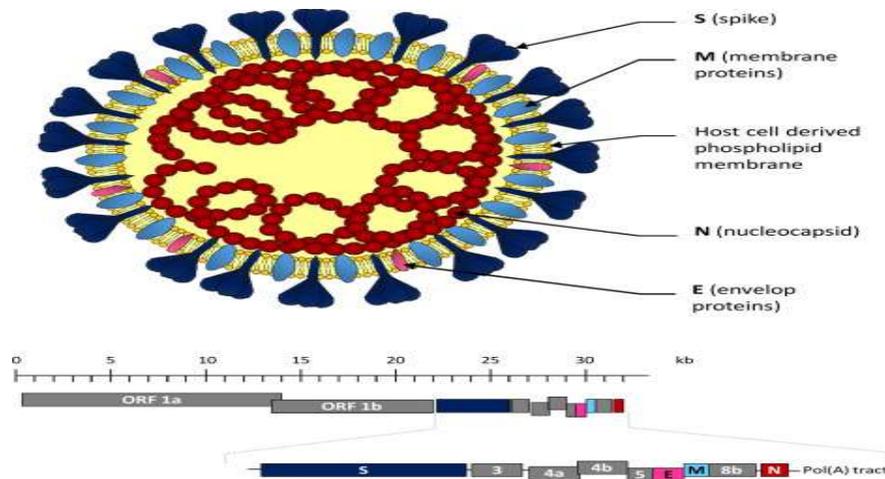
INTRODUCTION:

This is also a type of coronavirus and was first reported in 2012 by Saudi Arabia. This was called as the MERS CoV. This virus is responsible for acute human respiratory syndrome. This virus is mainly transmitted

by animals and person to person transmission is also possible. The research explains that this virus was mainly associated with the bats as they are the reservoirs, although this is not confirmed [41]. According to the WHO reports 2,040 laboratory-confirmed cases, 712 fatalities are seen from 27 countries across the globe [42].

CHARACTERISTICS:

The genome of MERS-CoV is a large RNA. The length of this genome is approximately 26-33 kb [43]. This virion is a single stranded RNA of Coronaviridae family. Totally 4 coronavirus genus described as alpha, beta, gamma and delta [44].

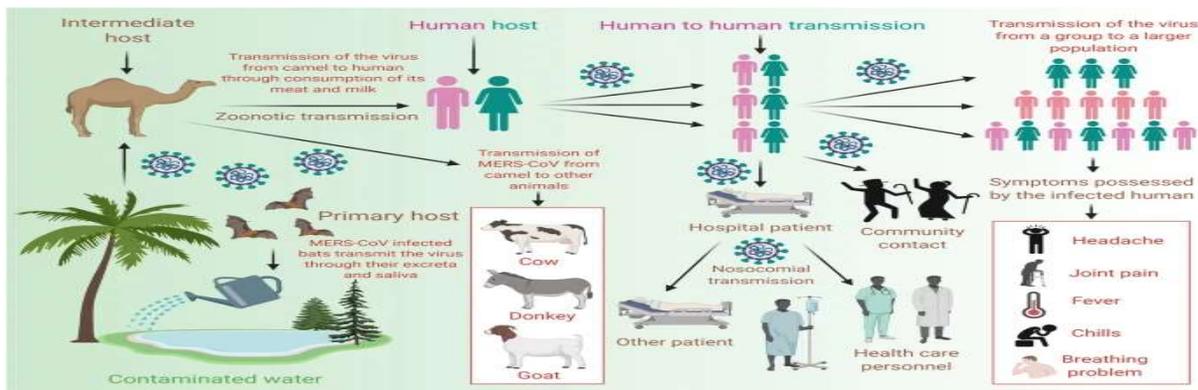


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TRANSMISSION:

Transmission of this virus to humans from animals is very rare and the evidence is limited [45]. And direct Human-to-human

transmission is possible mainly by two major factors that are family and healthcare.



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SYMPTOMS:

The most commonly seen symptoms of MERS CoV include high fever, cough, vomiting, dyspnea, nausea, diarrhea, pneumonia and renal failure are also seen in severely infected patients.

MONKEYPOX

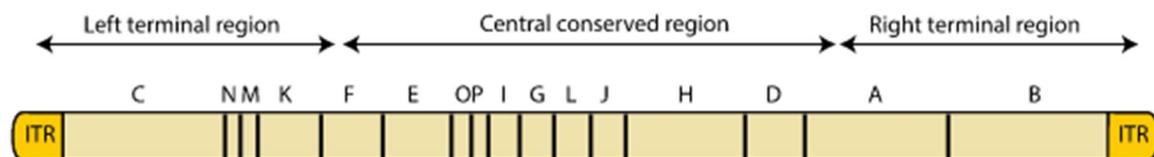
INTRODUCTION:

This is an Orthopox virus which is same as Smallpox. Wide number of monkeypox infections to humans occurred in Central Africa. This virus is transmitted accidentally to humans when they are in contact with the infected animals [46]. This

virus was first isolated in 1958 in Copenhagen during the pandemics of a smallpox like disease which occurred in a group of cynomolgus monkeys. In between the years 1960 and 1968 several outbreaks of monkeypox virus were reported in the United States and the Netherlands monkeys. The first monkeypox infection in humans was reported in the year 1970 [47].

CHARACTERISTICS:

This virus comes under Poxviridae family. Genome of monkey pox has double-stranded DNA and it resembles as brick-like particles which ranges from 200–250 nm in diameter. This can be seen by an electron microscope in magnification of 10000X.



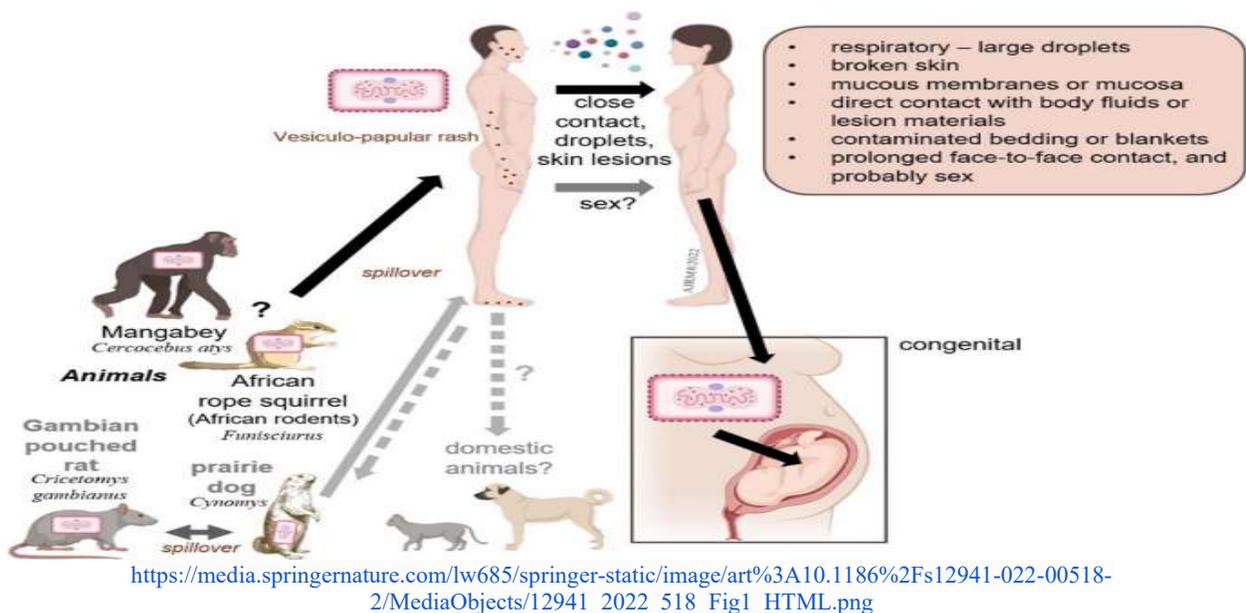
ITR= Inverted terminal repeats

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TRANSMISSION:

This virus is primarily transmitted to humans by infected animals mainly by monkeys. Transmission is also possible through the direct contact with the infected persons. It can also be transmitted by mucous secretions of nose and by the clothes

which are contaminated with virus particles. Present epidemiological data says that high frequency of human-to-human transmission can cause further outbreaks mainly in men who have sexual contact with men [48].



SYMPTOMS:

The symptoms of monkeypox virus include muscle pain, back ache, fatigue, rashes on face, swollen lymph nodes, palms, fever, hands, feet, groin, headache, genital parts and in anal regions. The rashes are flat in nature and they are filled with liquid and these can also be found in the mouth, throat, and on the eyes too. The rashes on the entire body can range up to thousands.

NIPHA

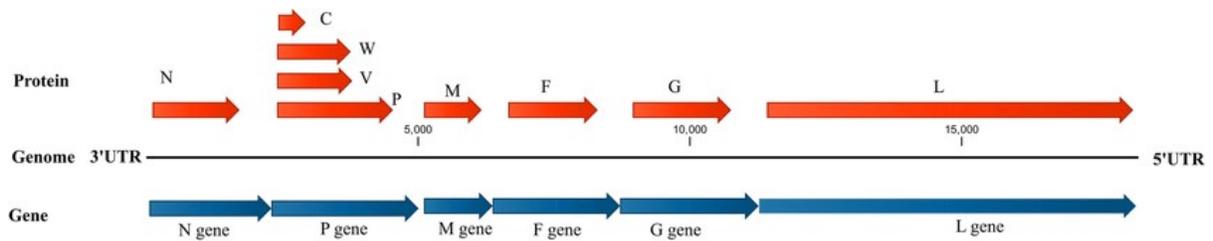
INTRODUCTION:

This virus leads to severe febrile encephalitis which results in mortality of 40- 75 percent of infected cases. The primary natural reservoir for this Nipah virus is fruit bats. At first this virus emerged in Malaysia in the year 1998 and caused human nervous and respiratory

problems who are in contact with live pigs which are infected with nipah virus^[49]. Nipah is a paramyxovirus related to Hendra virus. Since 1999 Malaysia has not had any cases, but outbreaks of nipah virus had continued to Bangladesh and India^[50].

CHARACTERISTICS:

The virus is helical in shape. It is about 40-1900 nm. The genome is single stranded negative sense RNA [51]. Nipah virus was morphologically similar with other viruses of Paramyxoviridae family. Nipah virus has 6 genomes and that encodes for Fusion protein, Glycoprotein, Matrix, Nucleocapsid, Phosphoprotein and Polymerase. Nipah virus is very much related to Hendra virus. The genome of this virus has twelve nucleotides larger than Hendra virus [52].



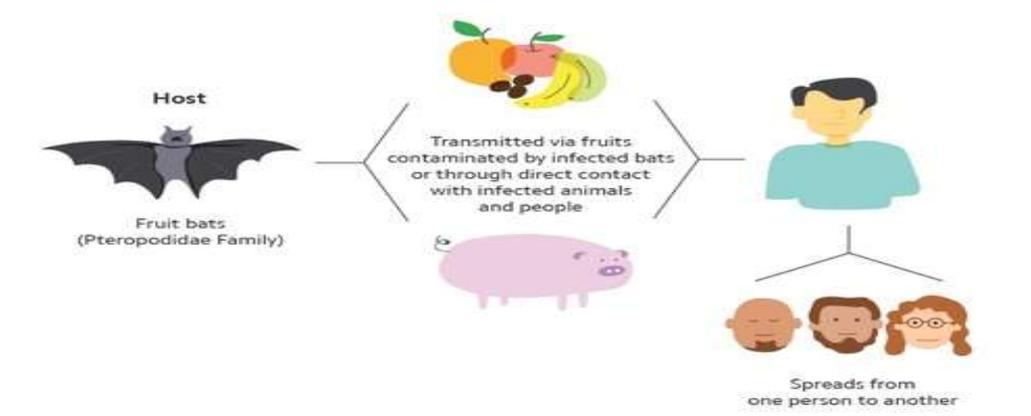
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	2406..4535	P	L	11418..18152	L
	2406..2928	C			

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TRANSMISSION:

In Bangladesh person to person direct virus transmission is commonly seen. Mainly the transmission takes place by direct contact with the infected people and their secretions. During patient care the transmission of this virus is very common [53]. The main transmission pathways in Bangladesh are via consumption of

contaminated raw dates and palms by infected bats and also by the infected animals like cattle, pigs, and goats. Transmission is also by the food that was contaminated with infected bats saliva or by its excreta. Maximum one-half of patients in Bangladesh were infected by human to human transmission of the virus [54].



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SYMPTOMS:

Patients infected with this virus show the following symptoms: fever, headache, dizziness, vomiting, and severe encephalitis. More patients have shown reduced levels of alertness and brainstem dysfunction. Other symptoms that are shown are aseptic meningitis, diffuse encephalitis, and focal brainstem dysfunction. Cerebellar signs were common in the patients infected with this virus [55].

ZIKA

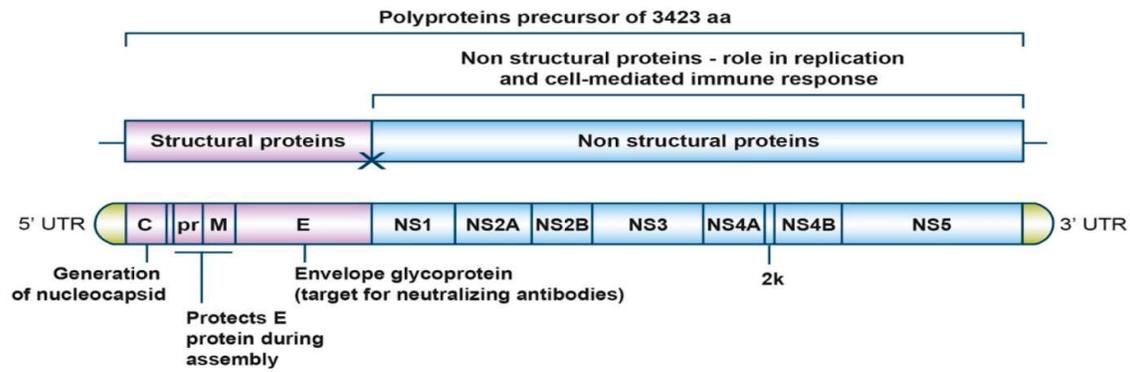
INTRODUCTION:

This is a flavivirus which belongs to Flaviviridae family. This virus was first isolated from *A. Africanus* mosquitoes in the year 1947 [56]. At the beginning there was no evidence that this virus can cause disease in humans. In 1947 Zika virus was initially isolated from nonhuman primates and in 1948 it was isolated from mosquitoes of Africa. This viral infection in humans was pandemic for half decade in Africa before its emergence in Pacific and Americas [57]. In 1954 the first three cases of human infection by Zika virus were identified in Nigeria. The main

pandemic of this virus was in 2007, with its endemic in western Pacific island called Yap island. During 2013 and 2014 a large pandemic was seen in French Polynesia and the south Pacific. In those areas the severe complications were noticed. The non vector borne transmission of this virus was also reported [58]. Sero Surveillance studies in humans say that this virus is widespread in Africa, Asia, and Oceania regions [59].

CHARACTERISTICS:

The genome is a single stranded positive sense RNA. Zika virus comes under the Flaviviridae family. Viruses of this flaviviridae causes severe morbidity across the world [60]. The genome is 10.8-kb and it contains ~100 nt 5' untranslated region, an open reading frame of ~10 kb, and ~420 nt 3' [61]. The unique character of this virus is high homologous recombination activity. This virus has undergone multiple recombination events during the years 1947 and 2007. Such an active recombination is not so common among these viruses and this serves as the main mechanism for Zika virus adaptation to the *A. dalziel* vectors [62].

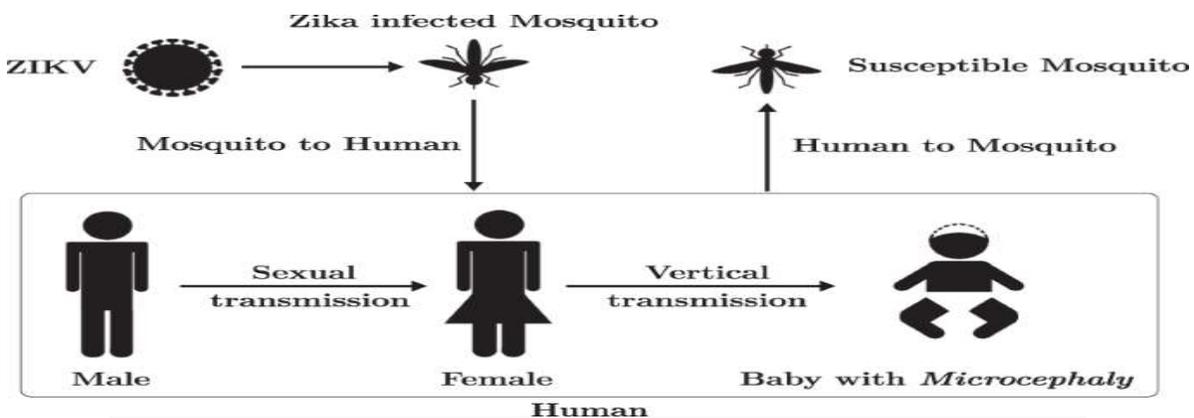


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TRANSMISSION:

Transmission is by two distinct transmission cycles such as ecological and phylogenetic. Most of these flaviviruses such as dengue fever, yellow fever are arboviruses and these has 2 distinct transmission cycles: evolutionarily and ecologically, a sylvatic transmission cycle, in which the virus circulates between the zoonotic vertebrate reservoir and the amplification hosts and arboreal mosquitoes, and an urban transmission cycle, where this virus circulates between the humans and the peridomestic Aedes Mosquitoes [63]. This virus is mainly

transmitted to humans by the bite of infected mosquitoes. The transmission can also be possible from the mother to the child during pregnancy or by sexual contact, breastfeeding, or even by transfusion of blood with infected virus particles [64]. In African countries this zika virus twirls in a sylvatic transmission cycle involving nonhuman primates and forest-dwelling Aedes species mosquitoes, the elongation of transmission of virus to humans is not defined well due of the lack of surveillance as well as serologic cross-reactivity with other circulating flaviviruses [65].



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SYMPTOMS:

The most common symptoms were rashes, pruritus, arthralgia, headache, myalgia, fever, asthenia, and conjunctivitis [66]. The typical symptoms were seen after 2 to 12 days after mosquito bite. Other symptoms include joint pains, and clinical symptoms lasts for a week. Various symptoms like muscle ache, headache, stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea, mucosal ulcers, and pruritus are rarely observed. Guillain-Barré syndrome was also reported in some adults that were severely infected with this virus [67].

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