

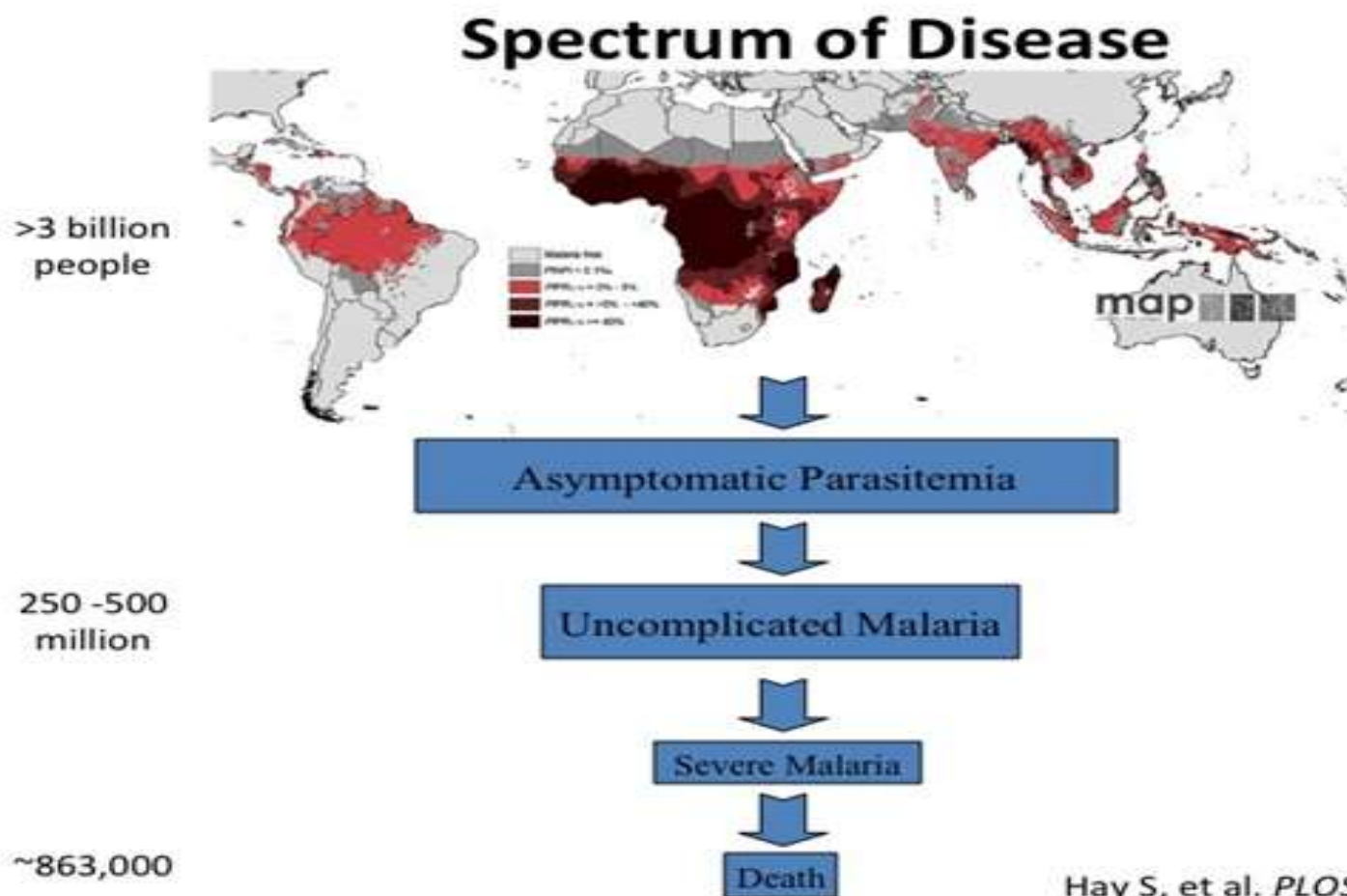
MALARIA



Why malaria?

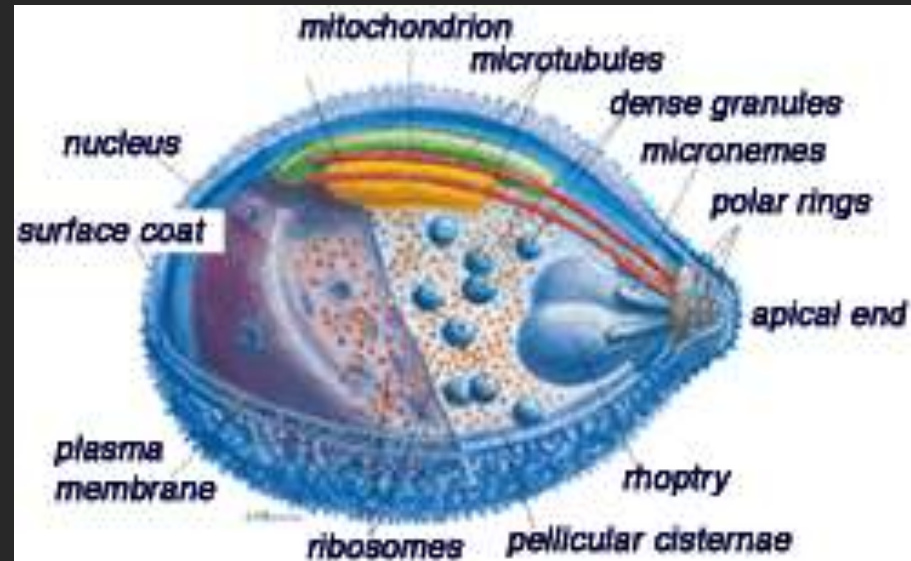
➤ The world's most devastating human parasitic infection

- affects >40% of the world's population
- 350-500 million cases worldwide
- 270-400 million are *Falciparum* malaria



TAXONOMIC CLASSIFICATION

Kingdom	Protista
Subkingdom	Protozoa
Phylum	Apicomplexa
Class	Haematozoa
Order	Haemosporida
Family	Plasmodiidae
Genus	<i>Plasmodium</i> {sub genera- <i>lavarania</i> and <i>plasmodium</i> }
Species	<i>falciparum</i> , <i>malariae</i> , <i>ovale</i> , <i>vivax</i>



There are 165 known species of Plasmodium- may infect reptiles, birds and mammals

Of these, 4 were known to infect humans.

A new species- **Plasmodium knowlesi**- causes malaria in macaques but can also infect humans.

Malaria



72 species of anopheles mosquito (♀)

90% cases

Plasmodium
Falciparum

Plasmodium
vivax

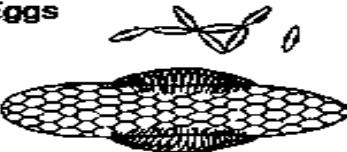
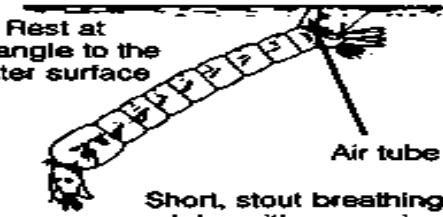
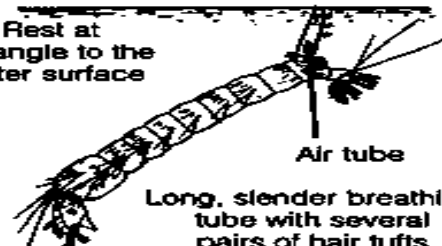
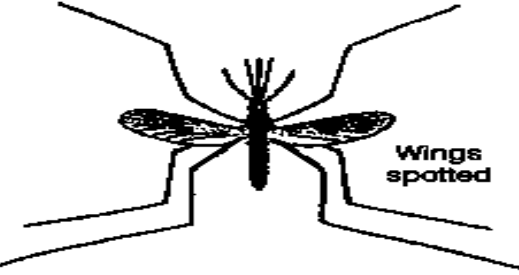
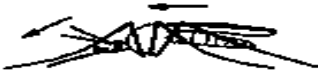
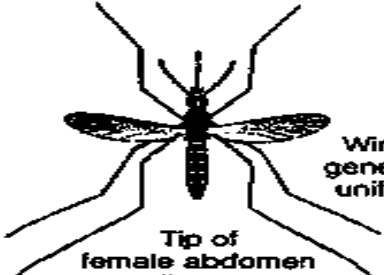
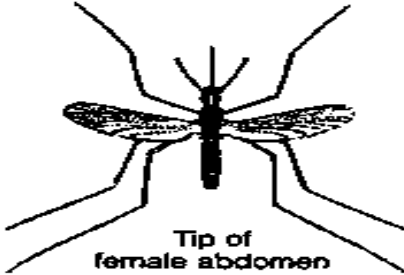
Plasmodium
Ovale

Plasmodium
Malariae

Plasmodium
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95%
malarial
Death

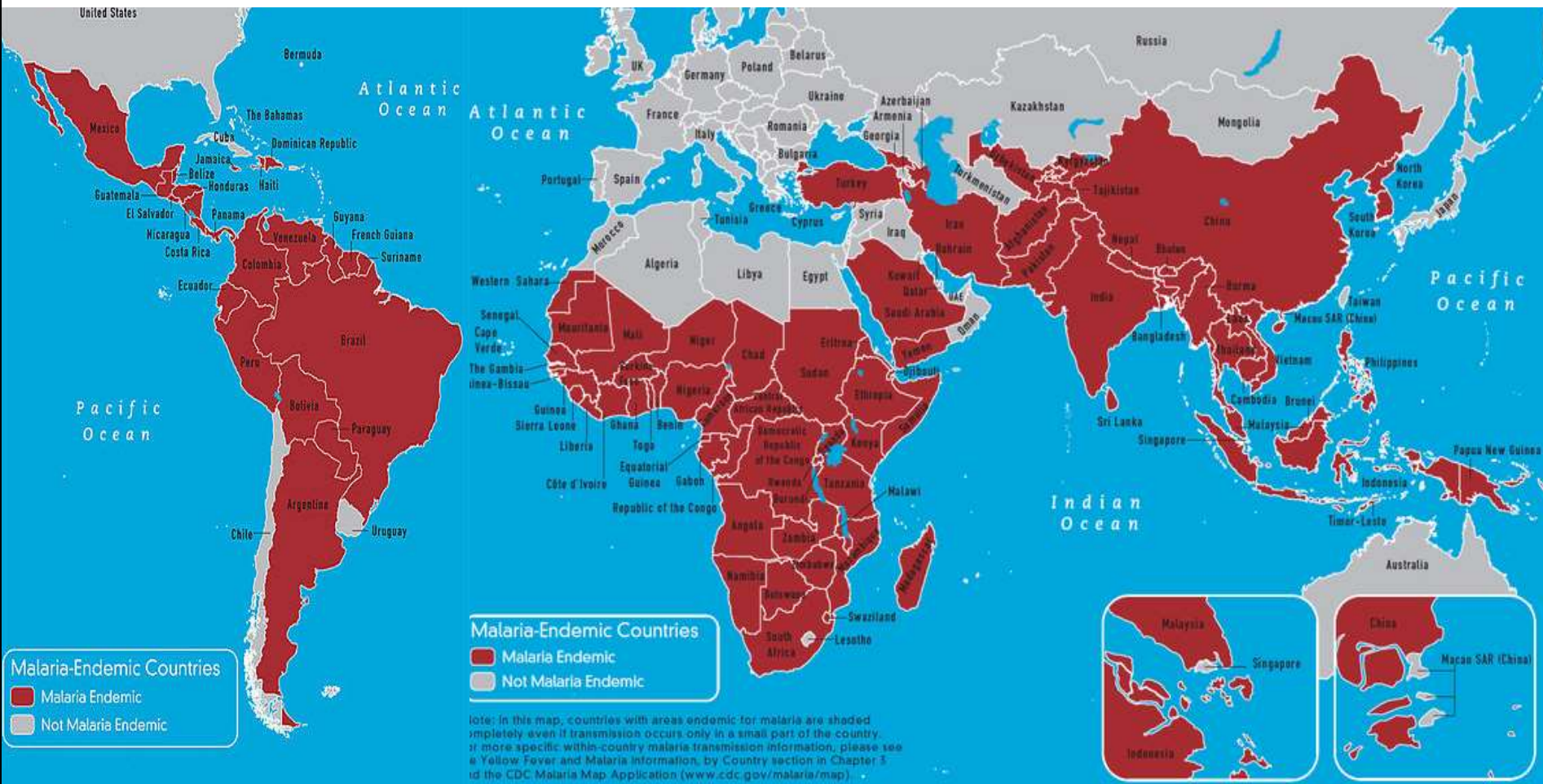


Anopheles	Aedes	Culex
Eggs  Laid singly Has floats	 Laid singly No floats	 Laid in rafts No floats
Larvae  Rest parallel to water surface Rudimentary breathing tube	 Rest at an angle to the water surface Air tube Short, stout breathing tube with one pair of hair tufts	 Rest at an angle to the water surface Air tube Long, slender breathing tube with several pairs of hair tufts
Pupae (differ only slightly) 		
Adult Proboscis and body in same straight line   Maxillary palps Maxillary palps as long as proboscis  Wings spotted	Proboscis and body at an angle to one another   Maxillary palps Maxillary palps shorter than proboscis  Wings generally uniform Tip of female abdomen usually pointed	Proboscis and body at an angle to one another   Maxillary palps Maxillary palps shorter than proboscis  Tip of female abdomen usually blunt



Risk for Travelers

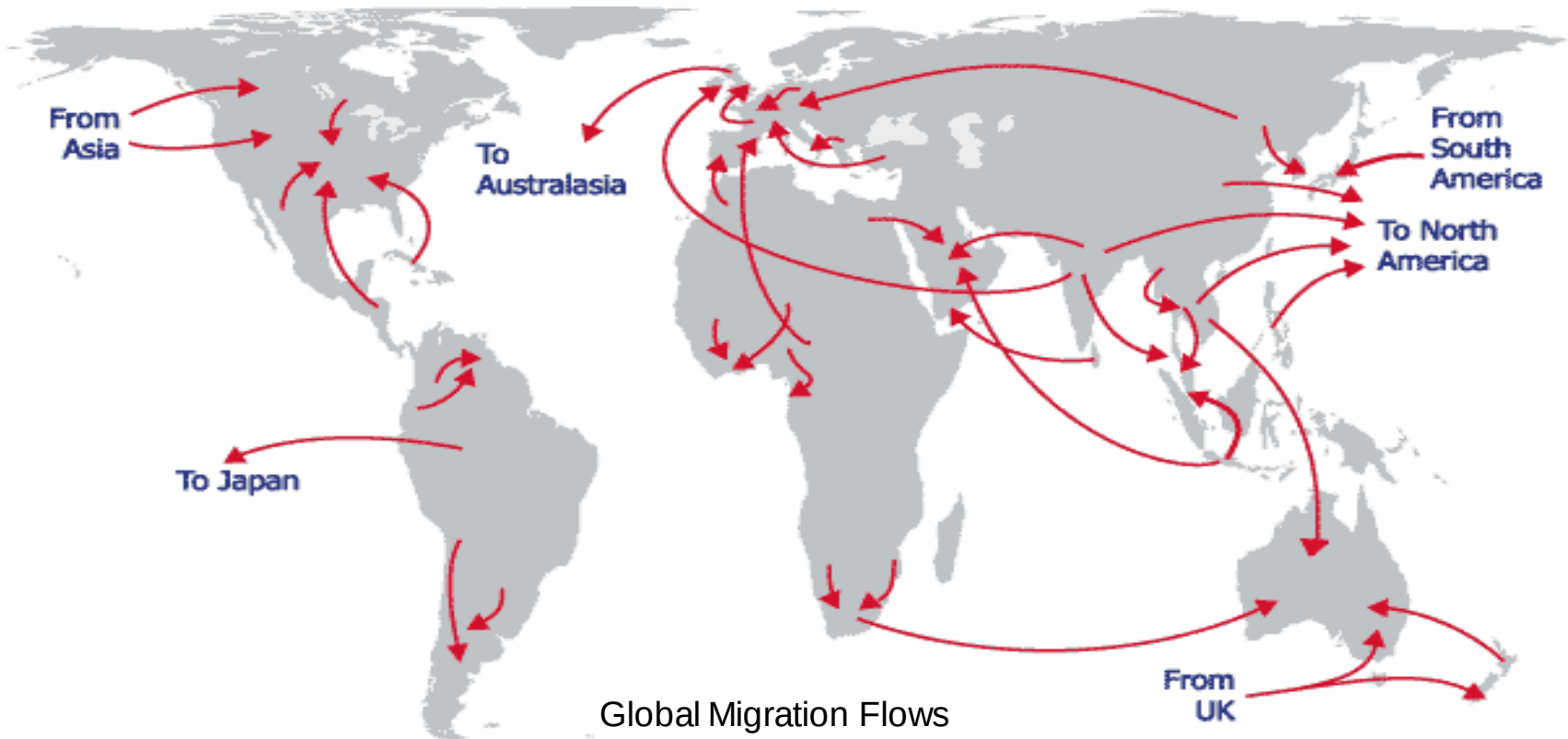
- Relative risk for infection:
 highest - West Africa, Oceania.
 moderate - other Africa parts, South Asia, South America
 lower - Central America, other parts of Asia.



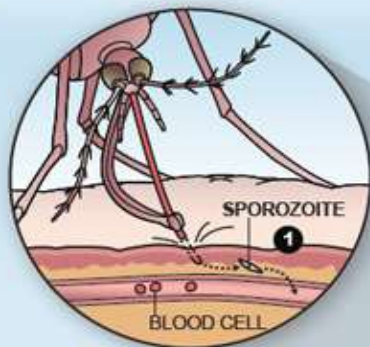
India	All areas throughout country except none in areas >2,000 m (>6,561 ft) in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir, and Sikkim. Present in cities of Delhi and Bombay (Mumbai)	Chloro quine	<i>vivax</i> 40%; <i>falciparum</i> 20–40% <i>malariae</i> , <i>ovale</i> remainder
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Risk for Travelers

- High risk associated with I- and II-generation immigrants:
 - visit endemic countries of origin
 - consider themselves immune
 - immunity → slow developed, requires multiple exposures
 - older children & adults in endemic. → are protected
 - **acquired immunity is lost very quickly!!!**



The Life Cycle of Malaria



- 1 To start the cycle, an infected female *Anopheles* mosquito injects sporozoites into the skin while feeding.

An infected mosquito starts the cycle



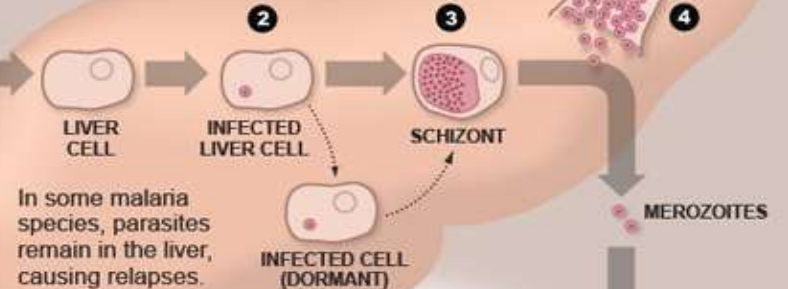
SPOROZOITES

- 2 Sporozoites enter the blood stream and are carried to the liver, where they infect liver cells.

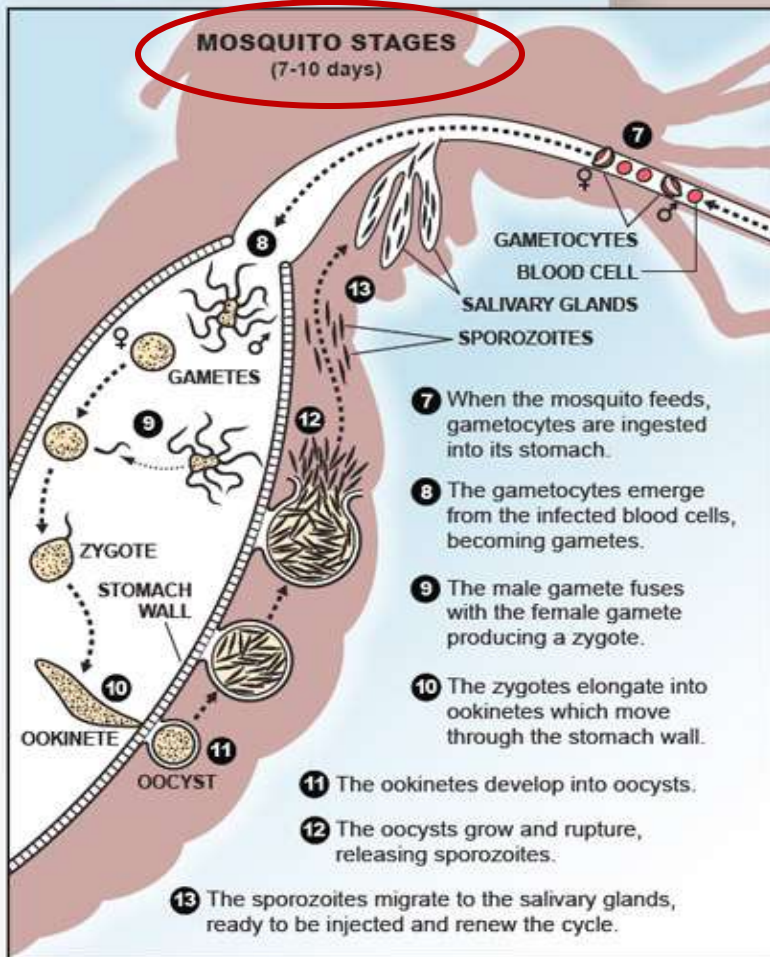
- 3 Within liver cells, the parasites develop into schizonts.

- 4 The schizonts rupture, releasing thousands of individual merozoites into the bloodstream.

HUMAN LIVER STAGES (About 2 weeks)



MOSQUITO STAGES (7-10 days)



- 7 When the mosquito feeds, gametocytes are ingested into its stomach.

- 8 The gametocytes emerge from the infected blood cells, becoming gametes.

- 9 The male gamete fuses with the female gamete producing a zygote.

- 10 The zygotes elongate into ookinetes which move through the stomach wall.

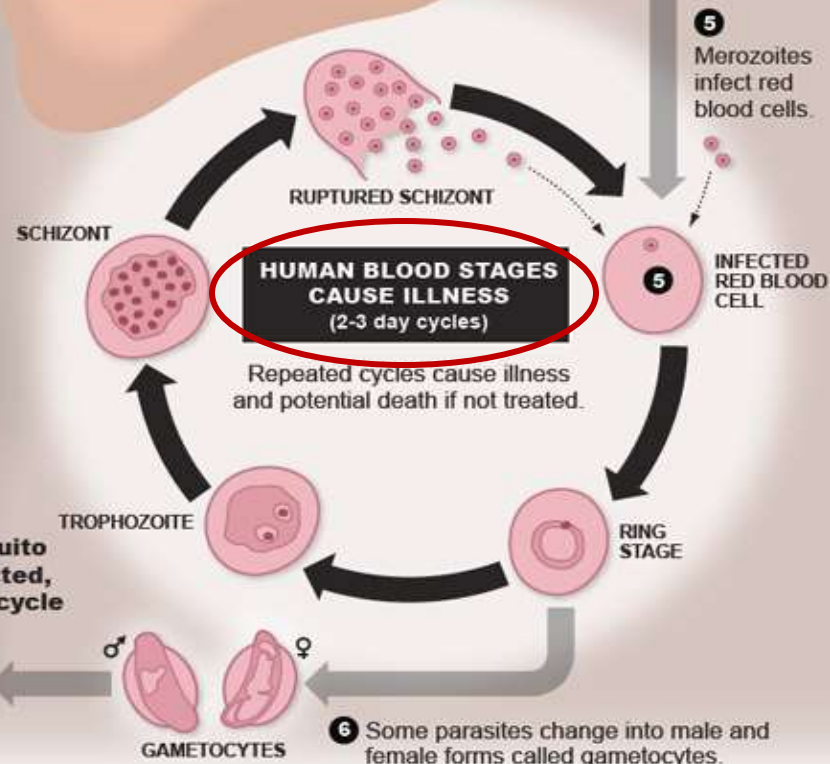
- 11 The ookinetes develop into oocysts.

- 12 The oocysts grow and rupture, releasing sporozoites.

- 13 The sporozoites migrate to the salivary glands, ready to be injected and renew the cycle.

HUMAN BLOOD STAGES CAUSE ILLNESS (2-3 day cycles)

Repeated cycles cause illness and potential death if not treated.



Another mosquito becomes infected, continuing the cycle



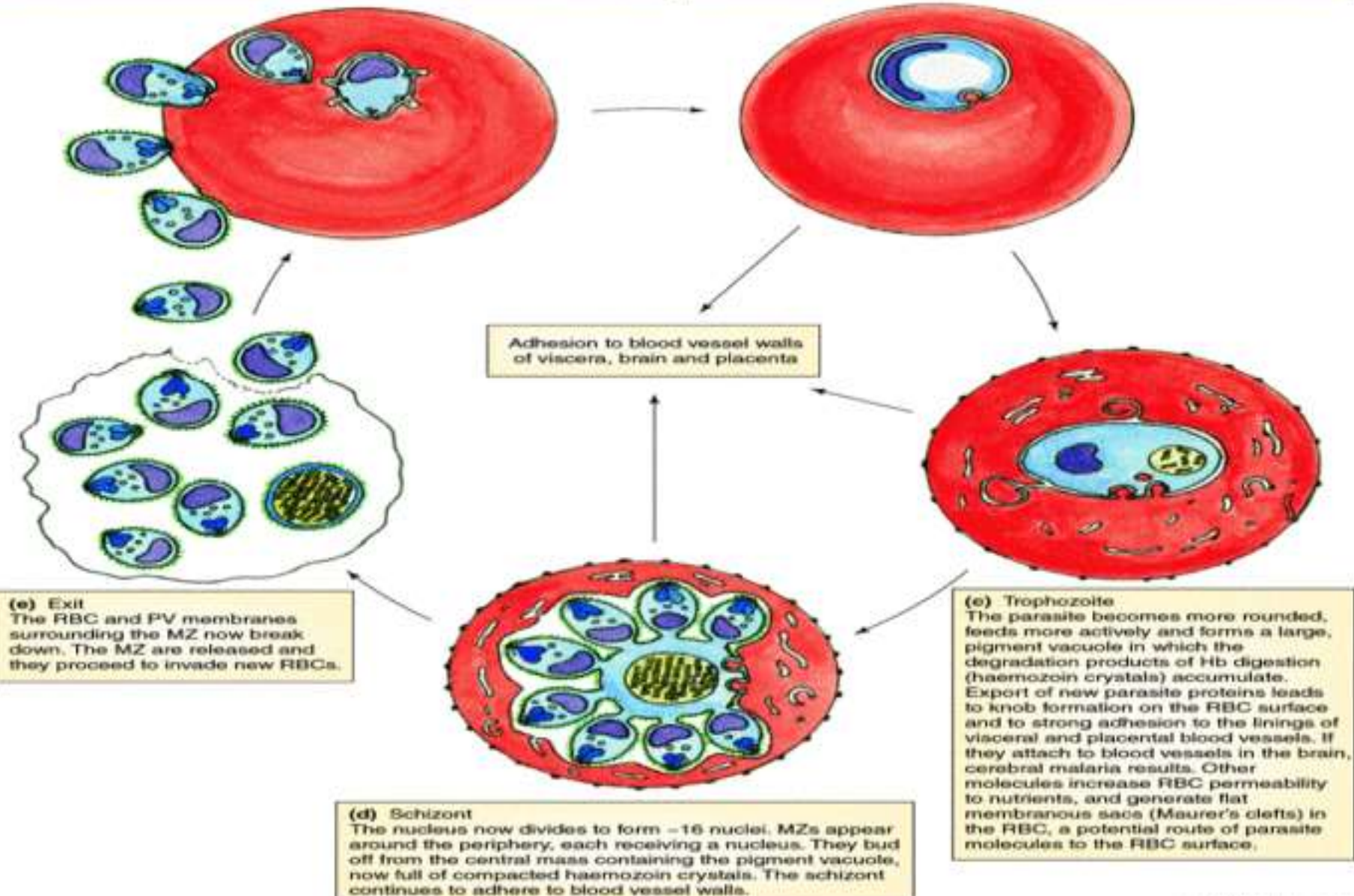
(a) Invasion by MZ.

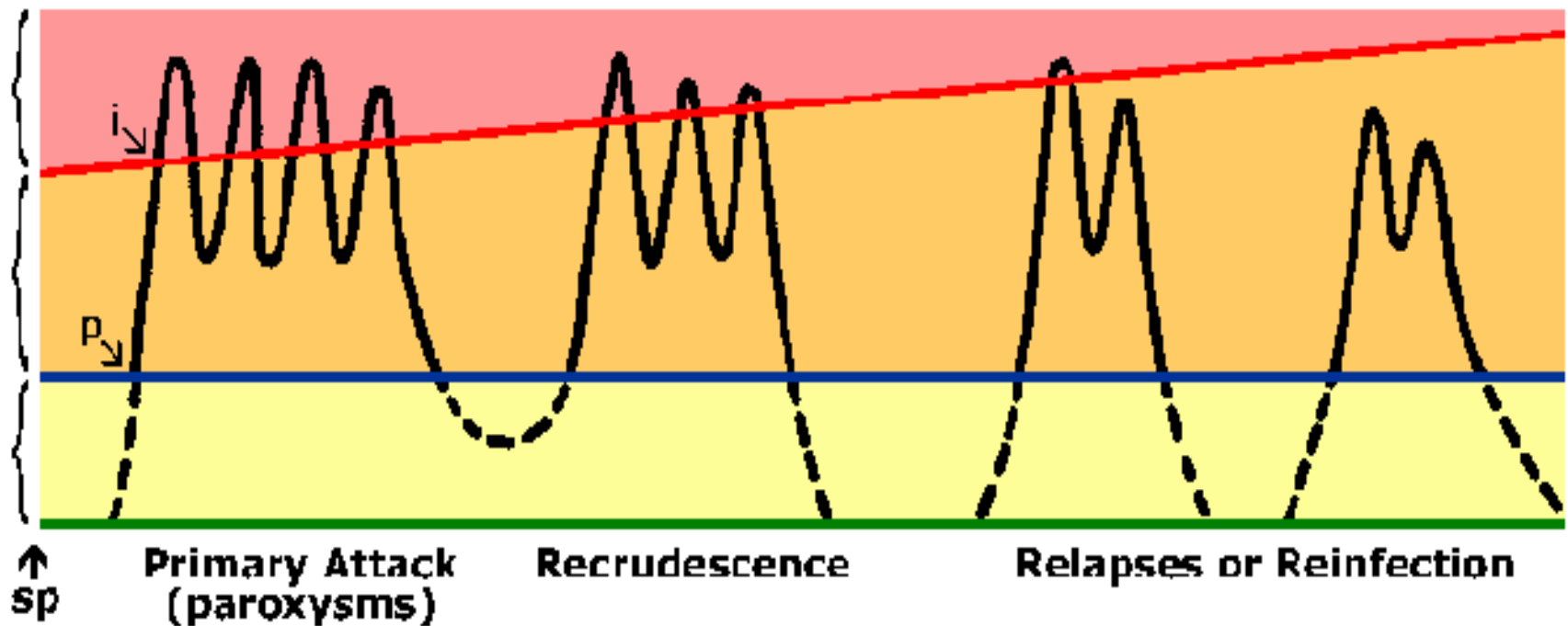
The MZ attaches to the RBC surface, then re-orientates to bring its apical prominence in contact with the host cell. The MZ secretes material from its apex to cause the formation of the membrane-lined PV into which the MZ propels itself. Once enclosed in the RBC, the MZ discharges dense granule proteins from its own surface.

(b) Ring stage

The parasite flattens into a biconcave disc and begins to feed on the RBC through a cytostome. The ring grows and exports various molecules to the RBC surface, causing adhesion to non-infected RBCs (rosetting) and to endothelial cells of the viscera and the placenta.

Adhesion to blood vessel walls
of viscera, brain and placenta





Recrudescence = recurrence of asexual parasitaemia after inadequate or ineffective treatment

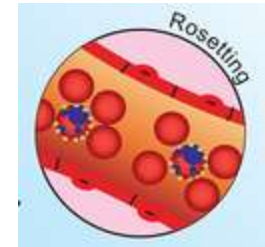
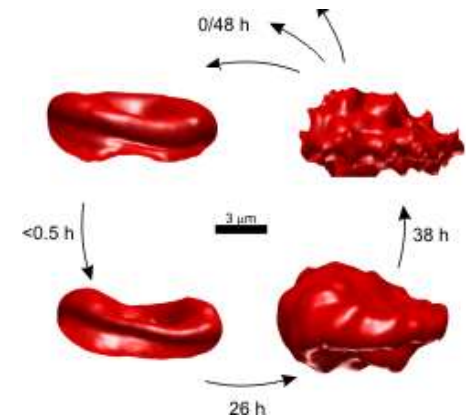
Relapse = recurrence of asexual parasitaemia in vivax / ovale deriving from persisting liver stages

Recurrence = recurrence of asexual parasitaemia following treatment, caused by a recrudescence, a relapse (vivax / ovale) or a new infection

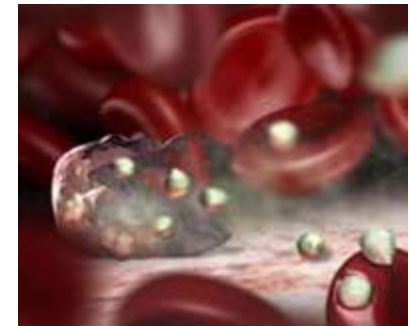
Pathogenesis

➤ **Plasmodium** → structural, biochemical, mechanical modifications of **RBC**:

- ✓ Alter the membrane transport system
- ✓ Decrease deformability
- ✓ Increase susceptibility to sludging & destruction
- ✓ Increase cytoadherence
- ✓ Shorten of the lifespan



- Rupture of infected RBC → release of:
- ✓ cellular debris
 - ✓ parasite material and metabolites,
 - ✓ hemozoin pigment = free heme, consists of Fe atom → toxic to cells



Pathogenesis

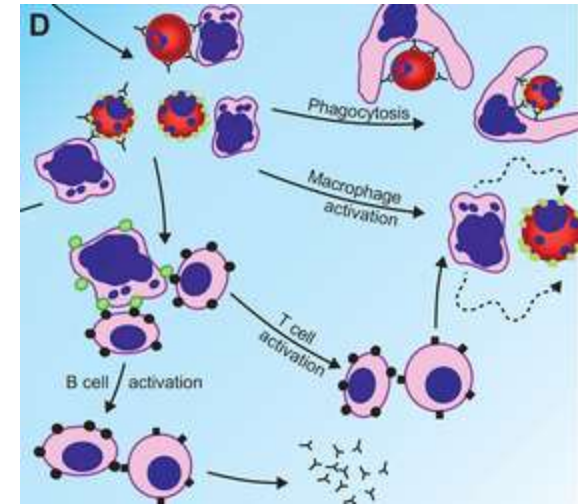
➤ Plasmodium

→ activate macrophages & endothelial cells



→ secrete cytokines & inflammatory mediators:

- TNF, IF- γ , IL-1, IL-6, IL-8, macrophage colony-stimulating factor, lymphotoxin, superoxide & NO



Cytokines of the proinflammatory cascade (TNF, IL, IFN- γ , NO) act as double-edged swords in the pathogenesis of malaria

The outcome of malaria is determined by the balance between the pro- and anti-inflammatory cytokines

Cytokines:

1. Inhibit the growth of malarial parasites in lower concentrations

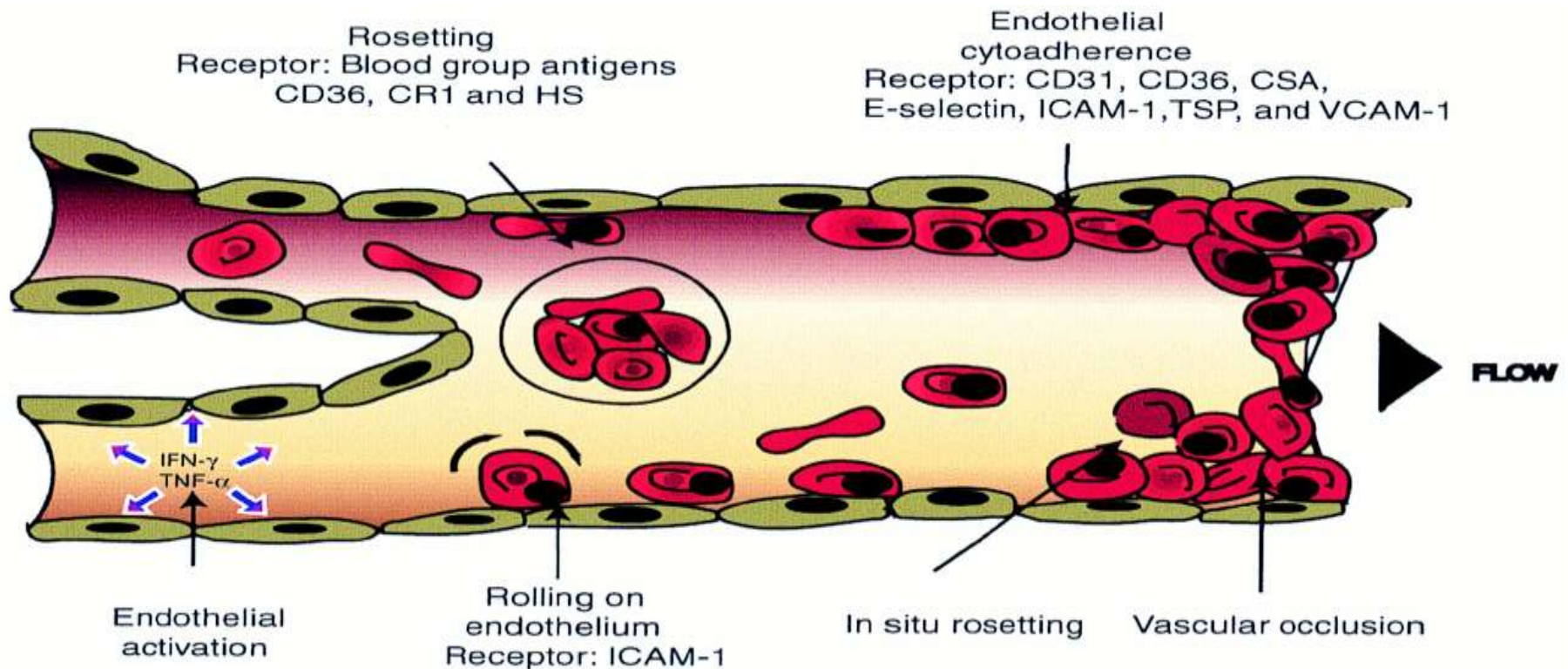
Cytokines:

2. excessive cytokines (failure to down-regulate) lead to:

- decreased mitochondrial oxygen use & **enhanced lactate production**;
- **↑ cytoadherence** → microvascular obstruction & more hypoxia;
- disturb auto-regulation of local blood flow → lead to **poor circulation** → tissue hypoxia;
- **poor RBC deformability** and multifactorial anemia;
- **reduced gluconeogenesis** and hypoglycemia;
- **myocardial depression** and cardiac insufficiency;
- **loss of endothelial integrity** & vascular damage in the lungs & brain;
- **upregulation of vascular and intercellular adhesion molecules** (ICAMs), particularly in the brain and placenta leading to cerebral malaria and placental dysfunction;
- activation of leukocytes and platelets, promoting **procoagulant activity**.

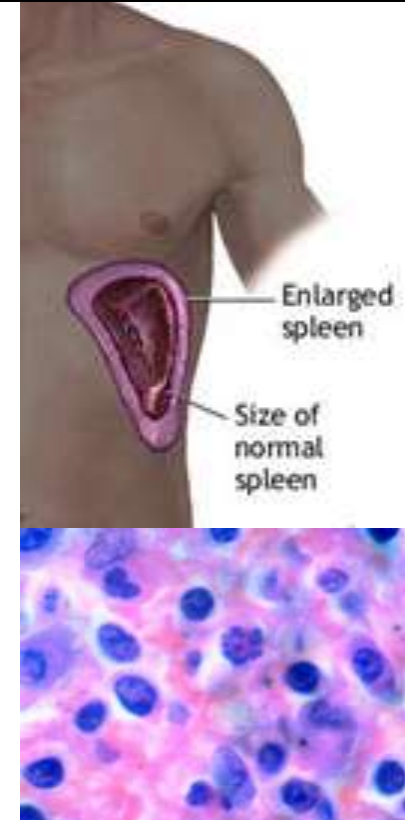
Endothelia changes in malaria

- ↑ adhesiveness for leucocytes & RBC,
- ↑ permeability,
- ↓ electrical resistance,
- ↑ apoptosis



Splenic changes in malaria

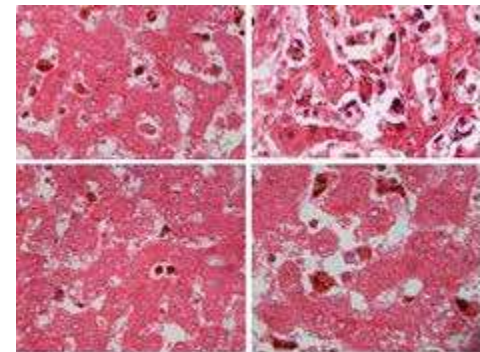
- Spleen enlarged, soft & diffusely pigmented
- Increased phagocytic activity of macrophages → engulf parasite, RBC
- Microscopically: congestion, reticuloendothelial hyperplasia
- Haemorrhages & infarcts are present
- Chronic malaria → fibrotic, foci of mineralization (Gandy-Gamna bodies), brittle, thick capsule



Malarial Spleen
showing Schizont
(H & E x 1000)

Liver changes in malaria

- Enlarged, gray appearance (hemozoin staining)
- Kupffer cells are enlarged & contain malarial pigment
- Pigment paranchymal cells
- Sinusoids & other vessels congestion, focal areas of fatty changes



Malaria in liver
Malarial pigment in macrophages
of sinus hepaticus

Brain

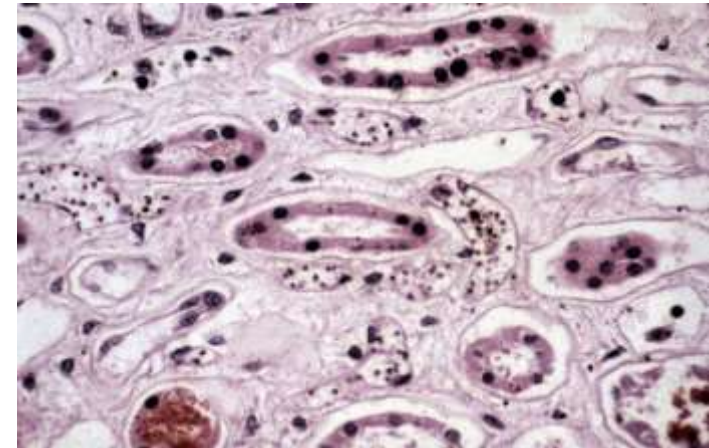
- Cerebral oedema / congestion
- Petechiae in white matter
- Features of raised intracranial pressure
- Capillaries and venular congestion filled with parasitized RBC
- Blockage of blood vessels by parasitized RBC



P. falciparum-infected red cells marginating within a vein in cerebral malaria (from Kumar V, 7th edition, 2005)

Kidney

- Slightly enlarged
- Malarial pigments in the glomeruli
- Cortico-medullary capillaries show parasitized RBC & Hb in tubules
- Acute tubular necrosis & acute renal failure
- Quartan malarial nephropathy can occur in *P. malariae* infestation
- Blackwater fever



renal tubule shows necrosis with widening of interstitial space (interstitial edema) and the capillaries are dilated and congested with pale -stained red blood cells which contain dark brown pigments

Lungs

- Congested & oedematous
- Fibrin may be deposited in alveoli resulting in shock lung or ARDS

Heart

- May be dilated & flabby
- Pericardial / endocardial petechiae & congested capillaries containing parasitized RBC
- Focal hypoxic lesions
- Focal interstitial infiltrates of the myocardium

GIT

- Oedematous, congested, focal / diffuse haemorrhage
- Small vessels of the intestinal mucosa contain parasitized RBC
- Massive sequestration & parasitisation of the GIT is sometime associated with vasomotor collapse resulting in the clinical syndrome of algid malaria

P.falciparum



→ ↑ **adhesiveness** to capillary + postcapillary venular endothelium

→ **RBC rosetting**

→ ↑ **sequestration** in heart, lung, brain, liver, kidney, intestines, adipose & subcutaneous tissues, placenta → microaerophilic venous environment



- ✓ better suited for plasmodium maturation
- ✓ escape clearance of infected RBC by the spleen
- ✓ hide plasmodium from the immune system.



more efficient RBC invasion



Confer degrees of protection from severe falciparum:

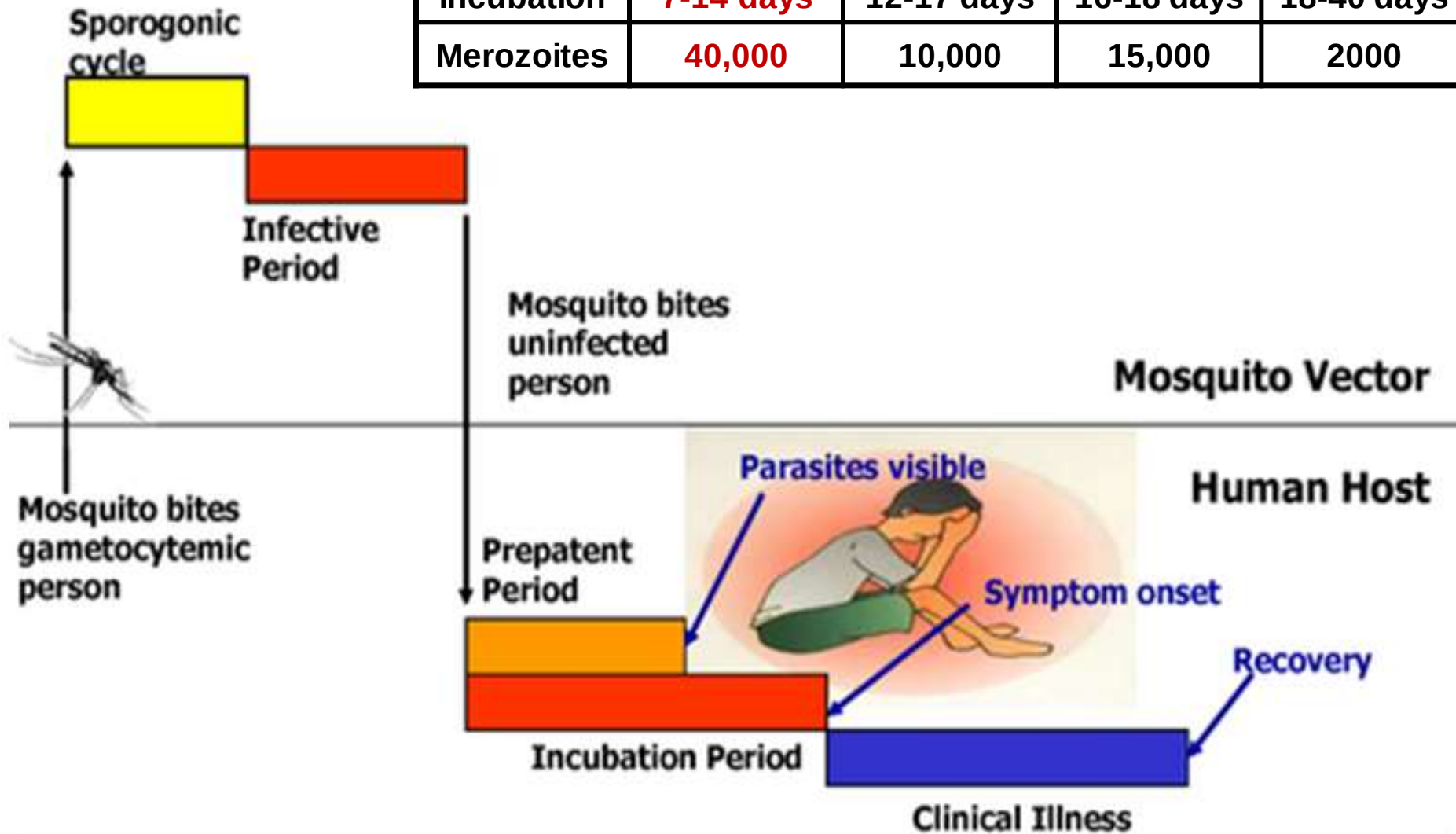
• **α -thalassemia**

→ risk reduced 70% homozygous HbC

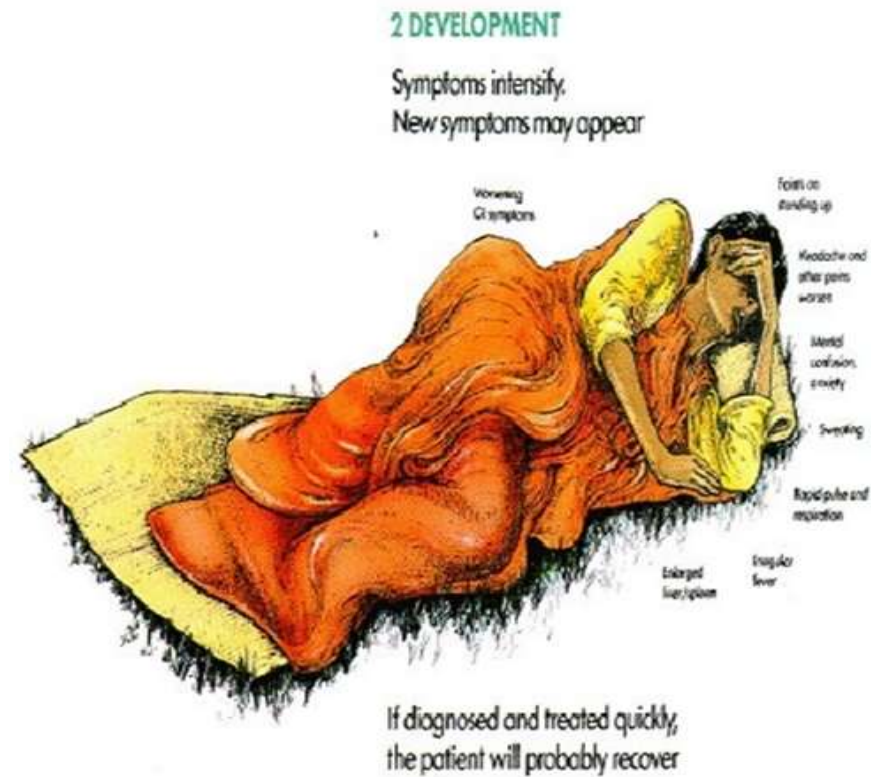
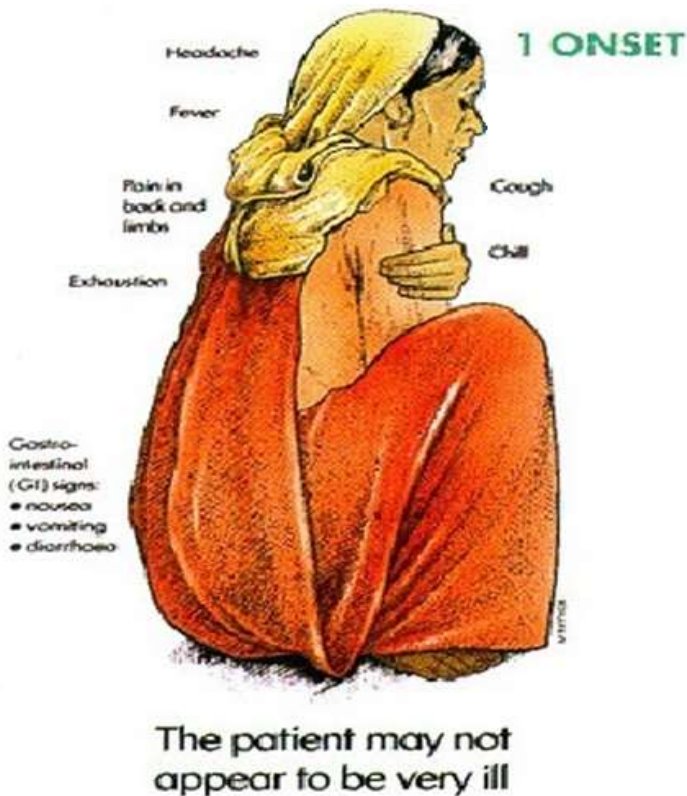
→ risk reduced 90% by heterozygous HbS (sickle-cell trait)

In **Duffy** blood group neg. (No FyFy antigen) → resistance to vivax

	<i>falciparum</i>	<i>vivax</i>	<i>ovale</i>	<i>malariae</i>
Prepatent	6-9 days	8-12 days	10-14 days	15-18 days
Incubation	7-14 days	12-17 days	16-18 days	18-40 days
Merozoites	40,000	10,000	15,000	2000



Prepatent period = time between sporozoite inoculation & appearance of parasites in blood
 Sometimes the incubation periods can be prolonged for several months in *vivax*, *ovale*, *malariae*



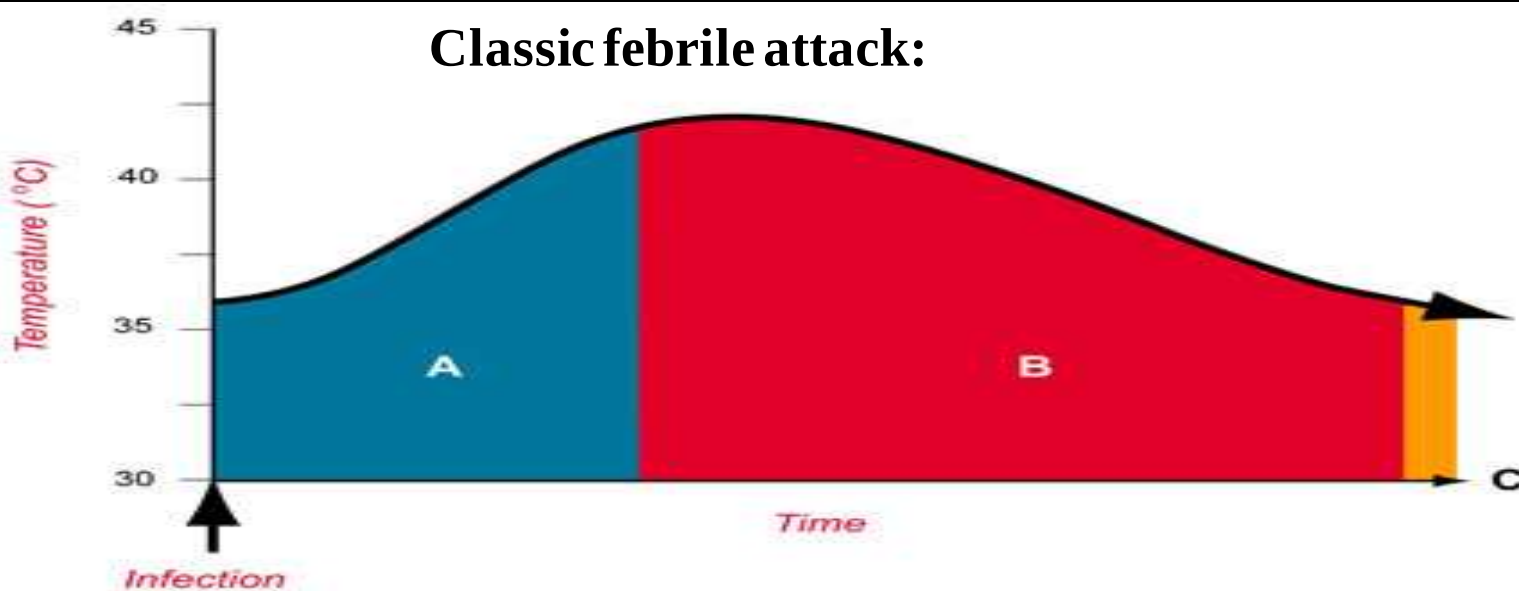
Few days before first classic febrile attack:

- non-specific prodromal 'flu-like' symptoms
- Fever, chills, headache, back & joint pain
- GI (nausea, vomiting, etc)

- Symptoms intensify
- Irregular high fever
- Anxiety, delirium
- Sweating, >Ps, severe exhaustion
- Worsening GI symptoms
- Enlarged spleen & liver

Spleen 1 week = soft, prone to traumatic rupture
after many bouts = fibrotic, firm

Classic febrile attack:



A. Prodromal or cold stage

Chills for 15 min to 1 hour

Headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscular pains.

Caused due to rupture from the host RBC

B. Hot stage

Lasts for 2-6 hours,

Fever 40°C, aching, shivering, dry burning skin, > headache

Starts invading newer RBC

C. Sweating stage

Lasts 2-4 hours,

profuse sweating, declining $t^{\circ}\text{C}$

Exhausted & weak ➤ sleep

M. paroxysm usually last 4-8 hours, ~up to 12 hours, except fm → may 36 hours

**regular paroxysms separated by asymptomatic intervals =
only typical clinical feature of malaria**



The cold stage



The hot stage



The sweating stage

- After → pts fall asleep; awakening → feels well
- Patients may also exhibit:
 - splenomegaly (by the end of 1 week of disease)
 - hepatomegaly (slight jaundice)
 - hemolytic anemia

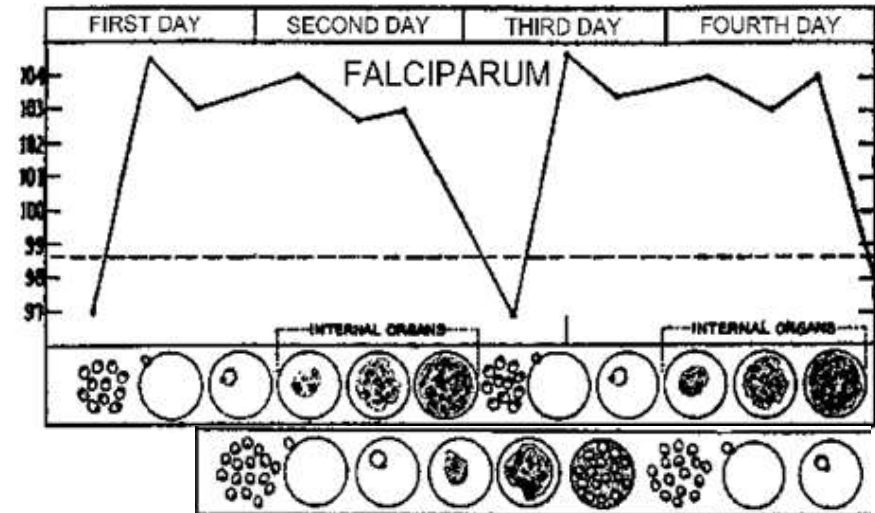
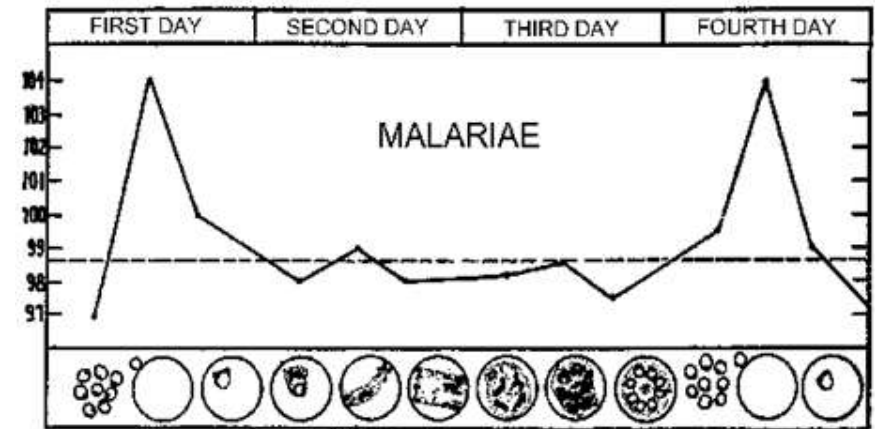
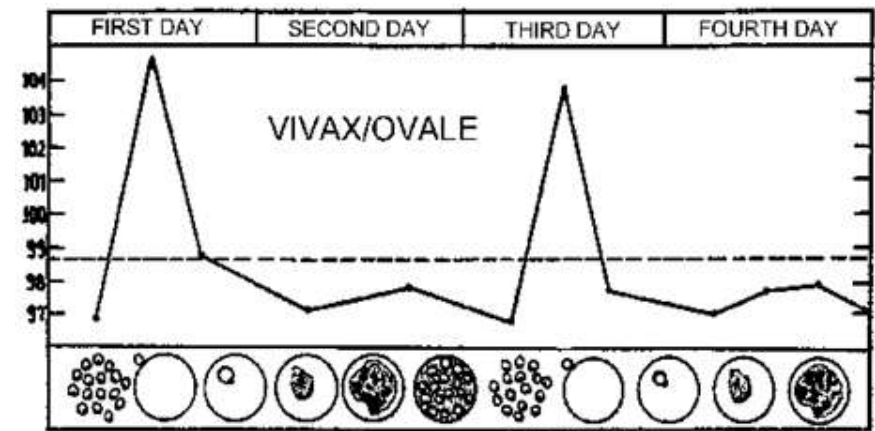
Periodicity = clue in diagnosis

Parasites usually undergo
a synchronous schizogony →

Simultaneous rupture RBC
→ intermittent fever paroxysms

P. falciparum may not exhibit
distinct paroxysms !

In non-*falciparum* infections, fever
disappears after a few paroxysms,
even in the absence of treatment;
relapses or recrudescence may occur
a few weeks or months later.



Disease Severity and Duration				
	vivax	ovale	malariae	falciparum
Initial Paraoxysm Severity	moderate to severe	mild	moderate to severe	severe
Average Parasitemia (mm ³)	20,000	9,000	6,000	50,000-500,000
Maximum Parasitemia (mm ³)	50,000	30,000	20,000	2,500,000
Symptom Duration (untreated)	3-8+ weeks	2-3 weeks	3-24 weeks	2-3 weeks
Maximum Infection Duration (untreated)	5-8 years	12-20 months	20-50+ years	6-17 months
Anemia	++	+	++	++++
Complications			renal	cerebral

Indicators of severe malaria and poor prognosis

Manifestation	Features
1. <u>Cerebral malaria</u> :	Glasgow <11; Coma persist for >30 min after generalized convulsion 
2. <u>Severe anemia</u>	Ht <15% or Hb < 50 g/l & parasite count >10000/μl 
3. <u>Renal failure</u>	Urine output <400 ml/24 hours in adults (<12 ml/kg/24 hours in children) & serum creatinine >265 μmol/l (> 3.0 mg/dl)
4. <u>Metabolic/ Lactic acidosis</u>	<u>Metabolic acidosis</u> → arterial blood pH <7.35, plasma bicarbonate <22 mmol/L. <u>Hyperlactatemia</u> → plasma lactate 2-5 mmol/L. <u>Lactic acidosis</u> → pH <7.25 & plasma lactate >5 mmol/L.

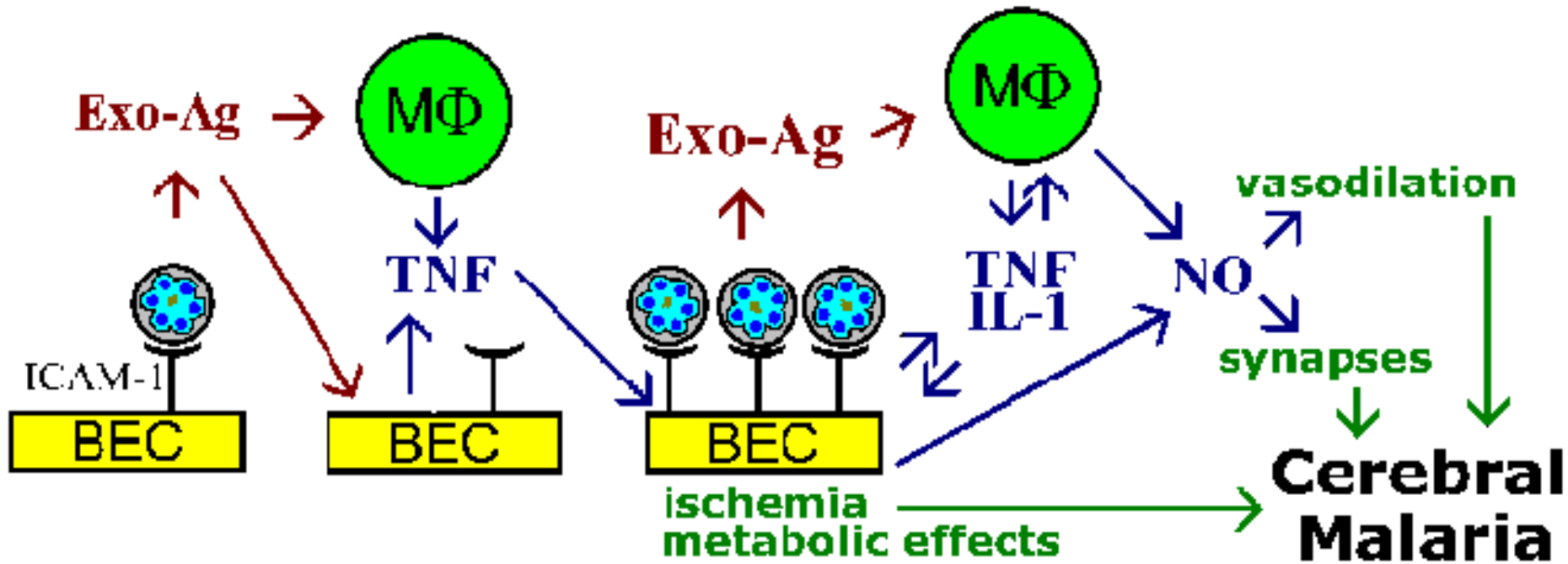
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Manifestation	Features
5. <u>Pulmonary edema or ARDS</u>	Breathlessness, bilateral crackles, etc. pulmonary oedema. Basis: Rx, hypoxemia, positive end-expiratory pressure 
6. <u>Hypoglycemia</u>	Blood glucose <2.2 mmol/l (<40 mg/dl).
7. <u>Hypotension and shock</u> (algid malaria)	Systolic blood pressure <50 mmHg in children 1-5 y.o.; <70mm Hg pts ≥5 yo; core-skin temperature difference >10°C
8. <u>Abnormal bleeding and/or DIC</u>	Spontaneous bleeding from the gums, nose, GI tract, retinal haemorrhages and/or lab. evidence of DIC 
9. Repeated generalised convulsions	≥3 generalized seizures within 24 hours
10. <u>Haemoglobinuria</u>	Macroscopic black, brown or red urine; not associated with effects of oxidant drugs or enzyme defects (like G6PD)



Indicators of severe malaria and poor prognosis

11. Impaired consciousness	not falling into the definition of cerebral malaria. These patients are generally arousable
12. Prostration	Extreme weakness, needs support
13. <u>Hyperparasitemia</u>	5% parasitized RBC or >250 000 parasites/ μ l (in nonimmune)
14. <u>Hyperpyrexia</u>	Core body temperature above 40°C
15. <u>Jaundice</u>	Serum bilirubin >43 mmol/l (>2.5 mg/dl).
16. <u>Fluid / electrolyte disturbances</u>	Dehydration, postural hypotension, clinical hypovolemia
17. Vomiting of drugs	Pts with persistent vomiting → parenteral therapy.
18. <u>Complicating or associated infections</u>	Aspiration bronchopneumonia, septicemia, urinary tract infection etc.
19. Other indicators of poor prognosis	WBC >12,000/cumm; high CSF lactate (>6 mmol/l); low CSF glucose; AlAt >3xN; low antithrombin III levels; peripheral schizontemia; papilloedema/retinal oedema
20. <u>Malarial Retinopathy</u>	Frequent in children, less adults



- Cytoadherence inf. RBC to brain endothelial cells (BEC) ⇨
- release of exo-antigens ⇨ stimulate the BEC and macrophages (MΦ) ⇨
- secrete cytokines, TNF ⇨ an increased expression endothelial cell receptors ⇨
- increase cytoadherence ⇨ vascular blockage, hypoxia, localized metabolic effects (eg., hypoglycemia, lactic acidosis).
- TNF-α stimulate nitric oxide (NO).
- Nitric oxide ⇨ interfere with neurotransmission ⇨ affect neuronal function ⇨ vasodilation ⇨ intracranial hypertension.

Signs of cerebral malaria	Adults	Children
Oncet	Part of multi-organ disease	Suddenly
Cough	Uncommon	In early stage
Seizures	Less common	Frequent
Brain swelling, intracranial hypertension	Less common	Frequent
Brainstem signs (abnormalities in posture, pupil size and reaction, ocular movements or abnormal respiratory patterns)	Less common	Frequent
Retinal changes (hemorrhages, peripheral & macular whitening, vessel discoloration)	Less common	Frequent
Anemia	Less common	Frequent
Hypoglycemia	Pregnant, quinine	Common
Jaundice	Frequent	Less common
Acute renal failure, hemoglobinuria	Frequent	Less common
Pulmonary edema, ARDS	Frequent	Less common
Development of unconsciousness	Insidious	Rapid
Metabolic acidosis	+	+
Coma recovery time	Slow, 2-4 days	Rapid , 1-2 d
Persistent neurological deficits	<3%	10%

Neurological signs in cerebral malaria coma:

- Cerebral malaria often starts with:
 - generalized convulsions followed by
 - persistent unconsciousness (for at least 30 minutes)
- Mild neck stiffness may be seen
- Absent → signs of meningeal irritation & signs of raised intracranial tension but the patient may be opisthotonic (decorticate rigidity). Pupils are normal.
- Papilloedema is rare and should suggest other possibilities.
- Transient abnormalities of eye movements, especially dysconjugate gaze
- Fixed jaw closure and tooth grinding (bruxism) are common.
- Pout reflex may be elicitable, but other primitive reflexes → usually absent.
- Corneal reflexes are preserved except in case of deep coma.
- Deep jerks and plantar reflexes are variable.
- Abdominal and cremasteric reflexes are not elicitable.

Pts also have anemia, jaundice, hepatosplenomegaly.

- CSF: pressure N - ↑, clear, WBC <10/μl; protein ↑, lactic acid ↑



Opisthotonos in an unrousably comatose child with cerebral malaria. The cerebrospinal fluid cell count was normal

Acute renal failure in severe malaria

- Occur in <1%, but mortality 45%
- Diagnosed when sr.crea.>3mg/dl in adults (>1.5 mg/dl in children); urine output <400ml/24 hrs
- Is common in adults, rare in children
- Vulnerable group of pts:
 - Pregnant
 - High parasitemia
 - Very high jaundice
 - Prolonged dehydration
 - NSAID therapy
- 2 subsets of presentations:
 - a. ARF as a component of multiorgan failure → poor prognosis, associated with anemia, jaundice, hypoglycemia, acidosis or coma
 - b. Present as a sole complication – appears as a later stage when other complications subsided/treated → prognosis good

ARF treatment

Fluid challenge:

20ml/kg of NaCl over one hr. Monitor for fluid overload after each 200ml by chest auscultation. Urine output should be 20 ml/hour

If no urine after fluid therapy → Diuretic challenge:

IV loop diuretic – Furosemide in incremental dose 40-100-200-400mg at ½ hour interval

If no improvement → Dopamine challenge:

Inj dopamine slow IV infusion at 2.5 – 5mcg/kg/min

75% of oliguric & 5% of anuric responds with increased urine output

If ineffective → further fluid is restricted

Caution: complication of dopamine – gangrene, ototoxicity

<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/70069428/ACUTE-RENAL-FAILURE-IN-SEVERE-MALARIA-gangrene>

Factors that make pregnant women more vulnerable to malaria:

- ✓ Relapses, recrudescence & severe malaria is more common
- ✓ Premature labour, low birth weight, > mortality, congenital malaria
- ✓ Severe anaemia, hypoglycemia, acute pulmonary edema

WHY?

1. Parasites are preferentially sequestered in the placenta
2. Acquired immunity against malaria decline during pregnancy.
3. During the II half of pregnancy, there is a transient immuno-suppression due to:
 - high levels of adrenal steroids
 - chorionic gonadotrophin
 - alpha-fetoprotein
 - depression of the role of lymphocytes.

First 6 months in infants is usually free of inf. due to:

- Transplacentally acquired immunity
- High conc of foetal Hb
- PABA in breast milk

Complications

- *Vivax, ovale & malariae* malaria
- Chronic malariae malaria

→ **Relatively benign.**
Nephrotic syndrome.

Parasite produces increased amount of **antigens**. — — —

Immune system produces increased amount of **antibodies**. Y Y Y

Antigens attach to antibodies producing **immune-complex** in blood. Y Y Y

Immune-complexes are deposited on the glomerular walls activating the complement → **Tissue damage.**

Y C1, 4, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 → MAC



Child has nephrotic syndrome

Tropical splenomegaly syndrome (HIMSS)

- Large spleen > 1000g
- Moderate anaemia
- High IgM level
- Liver sinusoidal lymphocytosis
- Chronic low-grade malarial infection





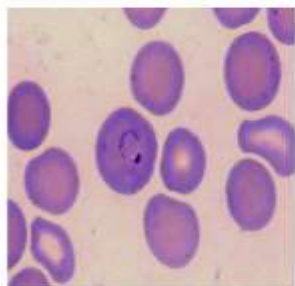
Black pigmentation of the bone marrow in the spine,
due to accumulation of malaria pigment (repeated malaria).

WHO is recommend:

- parasitological confirmation → before treatment is started
- treatment on the basis of clinical suspicion → when parasitological diagnosis is not accessible.

Diagnosis

1- Thin and thick blood films to demonstrate the parasite.

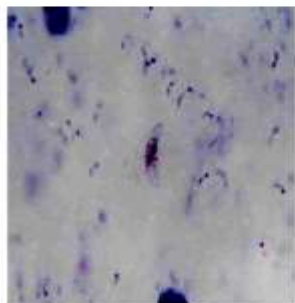


Thin blood film

One drop of blood
spread on a slide



Finger prick

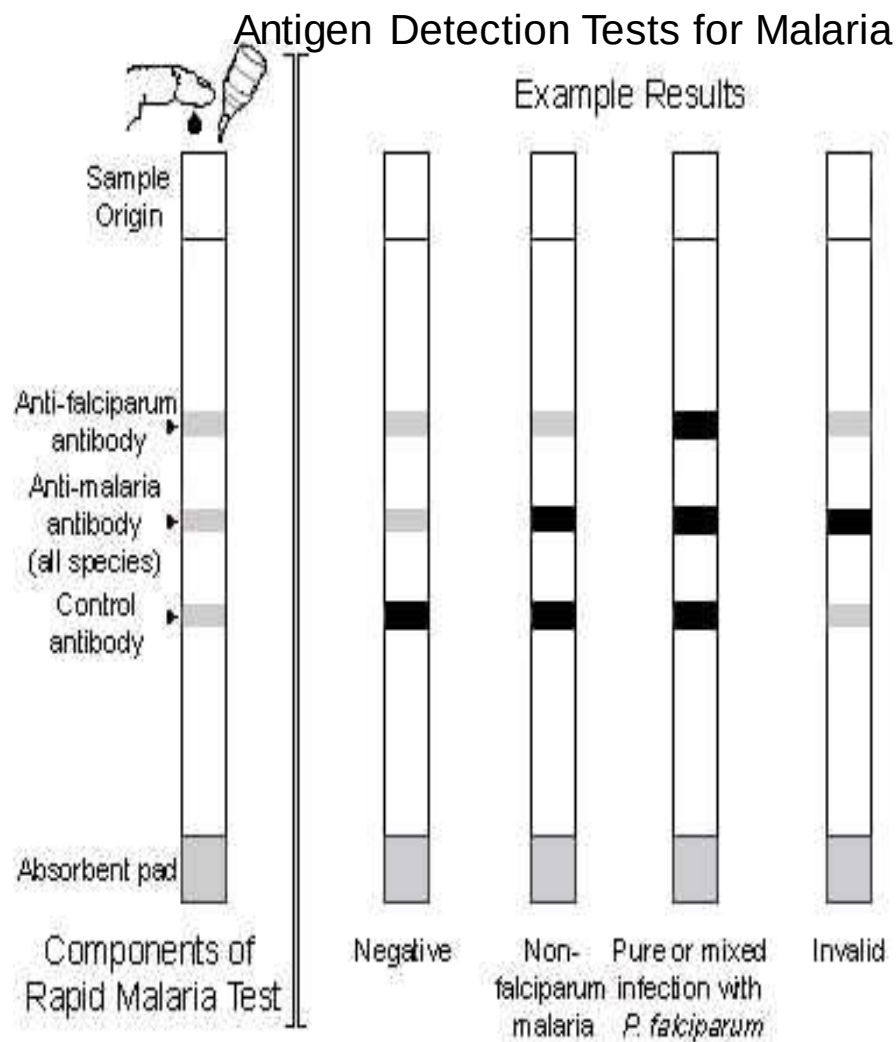


Giemsa stained
blood films

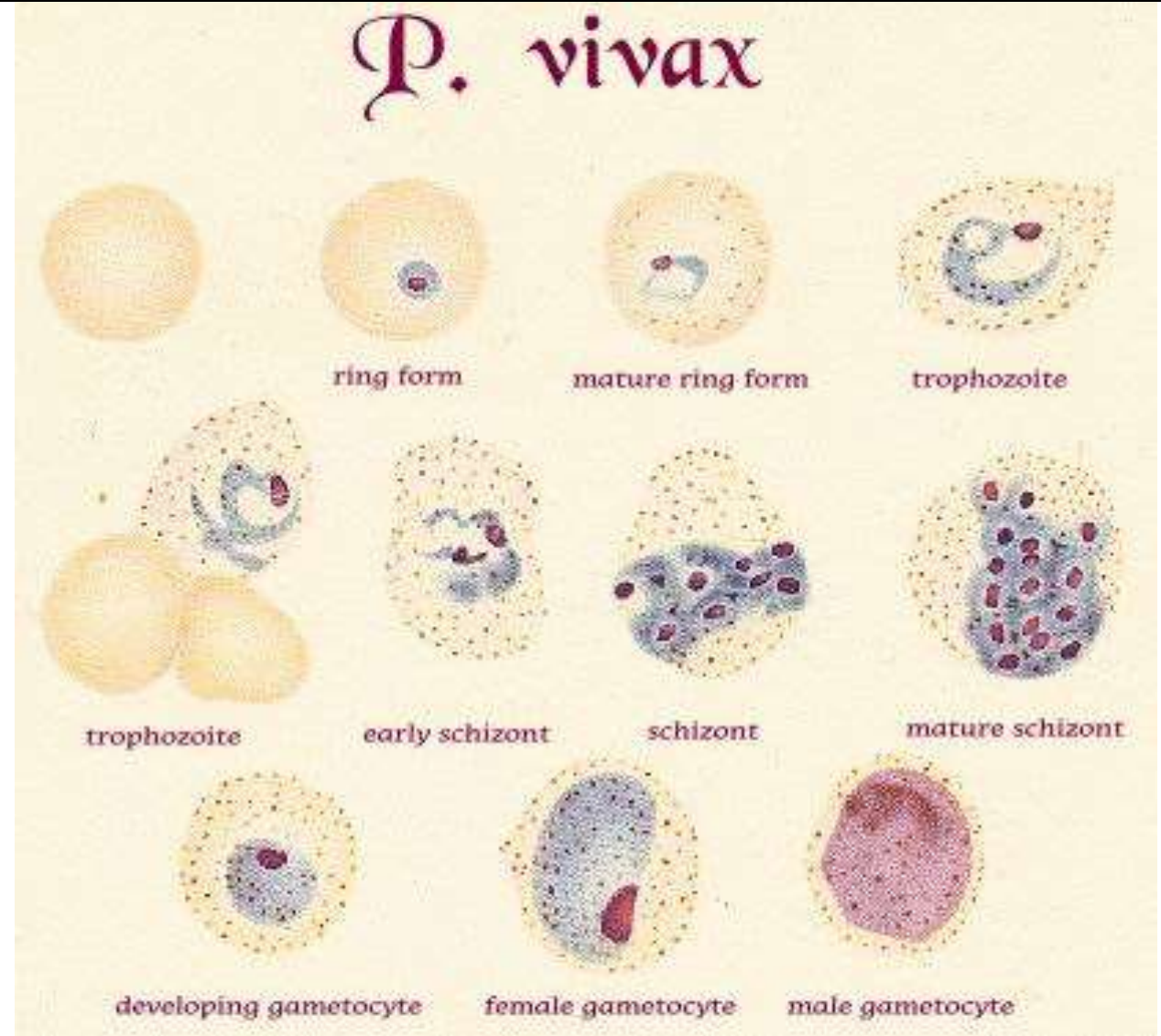
Thick blood film



4 drops of blood
spread in a small
circle on a slide



Vivax
enlarged erythrocyte
Schüffner's dots
'ameboid' trophozoite
prefer reticulocytes



Ovale

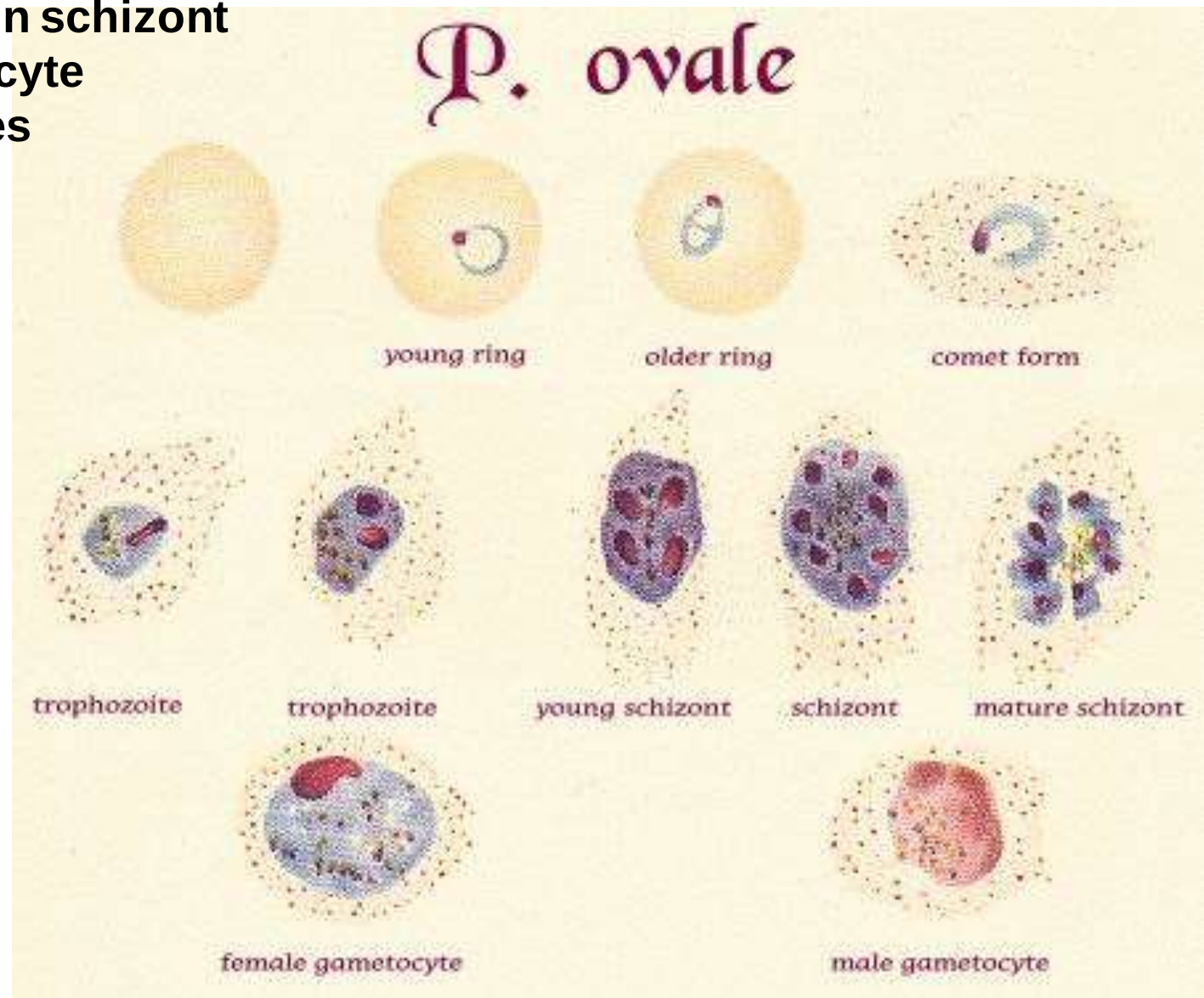
similar to *P. vivax*

compact trophozoite

fewer merozoites in schizont

elongated erythrocyte

prefer reticulocytes



Malariae

compact parasite

merozoites in rosette

prefers senescent erythrocytes

P. malariae



ring form



early band form



band form



early schizont



mature schizont



female gametocyte



male gametocyte

Falciparum

numerous rings

smaller rings

no trophozoites or schizonts

crescent-shaped gametocytes

all erythrocytes

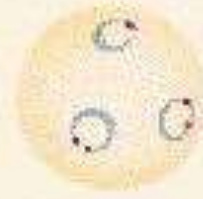
P. falciparum



marginal form



ring form



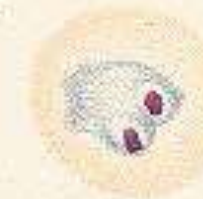
double dotted rings



ring form



young trophozoite



trophozoite



early schizont



schizont



mature schizont



female gametocyte



male gametocyte



Plasmodium knowlesi

- a [primate malaria](#) parasite
- commonly found in South East Asian countries particularly in [Borneo](#), [Cambodia](#), [Malaysia](#), [Myanmar](#), [Philippines](#), [Singapore](#), [Thailand](#)
- absent in [Africa](#)
- malaria in long-tailed macaques, also infect humans
- asexual erythrocytic cycle of about 24 hours
- fever is quotidian
- a potentially very severe disease if it remains untreated
- microscopically indistinguishable from *Plasmodium malariae*, but early trophozoites are identical to those of *Plasmodium falciparum*
- Incubation 10-12 days
- responds treatment with [chloroquine](#) and [primaquine](#)
- severe cases treatment - as for severe falciparum malaria.

Drug Class	Examples
Fast-acting blood schizontocide	chloroquine (+ other 4-aminoquinolines), quinine, quinidine, mefloquine, halofantrine, antifolates (pyrimethamine, proguanil, sulfadoxine, dapsone), artemisinin derivatives (quinhaosu)
Slow-acting blood schizontocide	doxycycline (+ other tetracycline antibiotics)
Blood + mild tissue schizontocide	proguanil, pyrimethamine, tetracyclines
Tissue schizontocide	primaquine
Gametocidal	primaquine, artemisinin derivatives, 4-aminoquinolines
Combinations	Fansidar (pyrimethamine + sulfadoxine), Maloprim (pyrimethamine + dapsone), Malarone (atovaquone + proguanil)

Factors Contributing to Development and Spread of Drug Resistance	
Factor	Comments
self-treatment	Individuals may only take the drug until symptoms clear or will take lower doses to save money.
poor compliance	Individuals may not complete the full course of treatment because of drug side effects.
mass administration	The widespread use of a drug in an area of intense transmission increases drug pressure by exposing a larger parasite population to the drug.
long drug half-life	Drugs that are slowly eliminated will lead to a longer exposure of the parasite to subtherapeutic drug concentrations.
transmission intensity	High levels of transmission may allow re-infection while drugs are at sub-therapeutic levels.

Transmission of *Plasmodium falciparum* and the effects of antimalarials

ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS AND THEIR EFFECTS*

Chloroquine
Amodiaquine
Sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine
Artemisinin-derivatives

when sensitive



when resistant



Artemisinin-derivatives



Primaquine



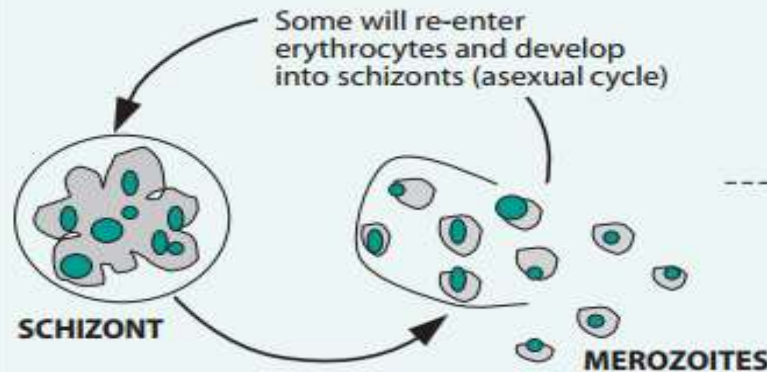
Sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine



Chloroquine



PARASITE DEVELOPMENT



in
human blood



Treatment of the asexual blood infection will abolish the source of the gametocytes.

However, young gametocytes already present will continue to mature and become infective weeks later.

Artemisinin derivatives and, to a far lesser extent, chloroquine will act against young gametocytes, and thereby reduce the number of mature infective gametocytes.

Primaquine is the only drug known to act on mature gametocytes (which are present in the circulation at the time the patient presents for treatment).

The parasite undergoes fertilization and further development in the midgut, and the salivary glands of the mosquito.

Aims of antimalaria treatment

Aims	Causation	Drugs class	Drugs
Alleviate sympt.	Blood forms	Fast-acting blood schizontocide Slow-acting blood schizontocide	chloroquine (+other 4-aminoquinolines) quinine, quinidine, mefloquine, halofantrine, antifolates (pyrimethamine, proguanil, sulfadoxine, dapsone), artemisinin & its derivatives (artesunate, artemether, dihydroartemisinin) doxycycline (+ other tetracycline antibiotics)
	Blood + tissue	Blood + mild tissue schizontocide	proguanil, pyrimethamine, tetracyclines
Prevent relapses	Hypnozoites	Tissue schizontocide	primaquine
Prevent spread	Gametocytes	Gametocidal	primaquine, artemisinin derivatives, 4-aminoquinolines (limited?)

Never use mefloquine after quinine (may increase myocardial toxicity)

WHO 2010: treatment for uncomplicated P.Falciparum

- combination of ≥ 2 or more antimalarials with different mechanisms of action
- artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT) are recommended
- ACT must be given ≥ 3 days
- Recommended ACT:
 - artemether + lumefantrine,
 - artesunate + amodiaquine,
 - artesunate + mefloquine,
 - artesunate + sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine,
 - dihydroartemisinin + piperaquine.
- Second-line antimalarial treatment:
 - artesunate + tetracycline, doxycycline or clindamycin 7 days;
 - quinine + tetracycline or doxycycline or clindamycin
- 7 days.

WHO 2010: Treatment of falciparum in pregnancy

I trimester:

- quinine + clindamycin // artesunate + clindamycin 7 days;
- ACT is indicated only if the other are not available

II & III trimesters:

- ACT or artesunate + clindamycin // quinine + clindamycin 7 days

WHO 2010: Treatment of severe *Falciparum* malaria

➤ Artesunate 2.4 mg/kg IV / IM: time = 0 → 12 h → 24 h → 1/day.

Alternative:

- artemether 3.2 mg/kg IM on admission → 1.6 mg/kg/day or or
- quinine 20 mg salt/kg IV infusion / IM on admission → 10 mg/kg x 8 h;

Give parenteral antimalarials for ≥ 24 h , and, thereafter:

- artemether plus lumefantrine,
- artesunate plus amodiaquine,
- dihydroartemisinin plus piperaquine,
- artesunate plus sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine,
- artesunate plus clindamycin or doxycycline,
- quinine plus clindamycin or doxycycline

WHO 2010: Treatment of uncomplicated vivax malaria

- chloroquine 25 mg base/kg divided over 3 days +
+ primaquine 0.25 mg base/kg with food /day for 14 days (oceania, south-east asia → primaquine 0.5 mg/kg)
- ACT + primaquine ← chloroquine-resistant vivax malaria.

Mild-moderate G6pd → primaquine 0.75mg base/kg/week: 8weeks.
severe G6pd deficiency = primaquine contraindicated

Artesunate plus sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine is not effective against *P. vivax* in many places.

Chemoprophylaxis



Primary chemoprophylaxis regimens involve:

- a) taking a medicine before travel ➤
- b) during travel ➤
- c) a period of time after leaving the malaria endemic area



Presumptive antirelapse therapy (terminal prophylaxis).



Atovaquone/Proguanil (Malarone): *≠P*;

- a) 1-2d b) 1/day c) 7d + Primaquine last 1we + 1we



Chloroquine (Aralen) & Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil):

1-2we ➤ 1/we ➤ 4we + Primaquine last 2we



Doxycycline: *≠P*; 1-2d ➤ 1/day ➤ 4we + Primaquine last 2we



Mefloquine: *≠depression*; 2we ➤ 1/we ➤ 4we + Primaq. 2we



Primaquine: *≠G6PD-deficiency*; 1-2d ➤ 1/day ➤ 7d; obviates the need for presumptive antirelapse therapy.

Treatment of malaria in pregnancy

Chloroquine → can be used safely in all trimesters of pregnancy.

Artemisinin → can be considered if the situation demands.

Quinine → can be used in pregnancy, but watchful about hypoglycemia.

Mefloquine → contraindicated in the first trimester of pregnancy

Pyrimethamine/ sulphadoxine → contraindicated in the first and last trimesters.

Halofantrine, tetracycline, doxycycline → absolutely contraindicated

Primaquine → contraindicated in pregnancy

Therefore pregnant with *P. vivax* → chloroquine 500 mg weekly as suppressive chemoprophylaxis against relapse of malaria.

In the I with uncomplicated falciparum → quinine + clindamycin for 7 days and quinine monotherapy if clindamycin is not available.

Artesunate + clindamycin for 7 days → if this treatment fails.

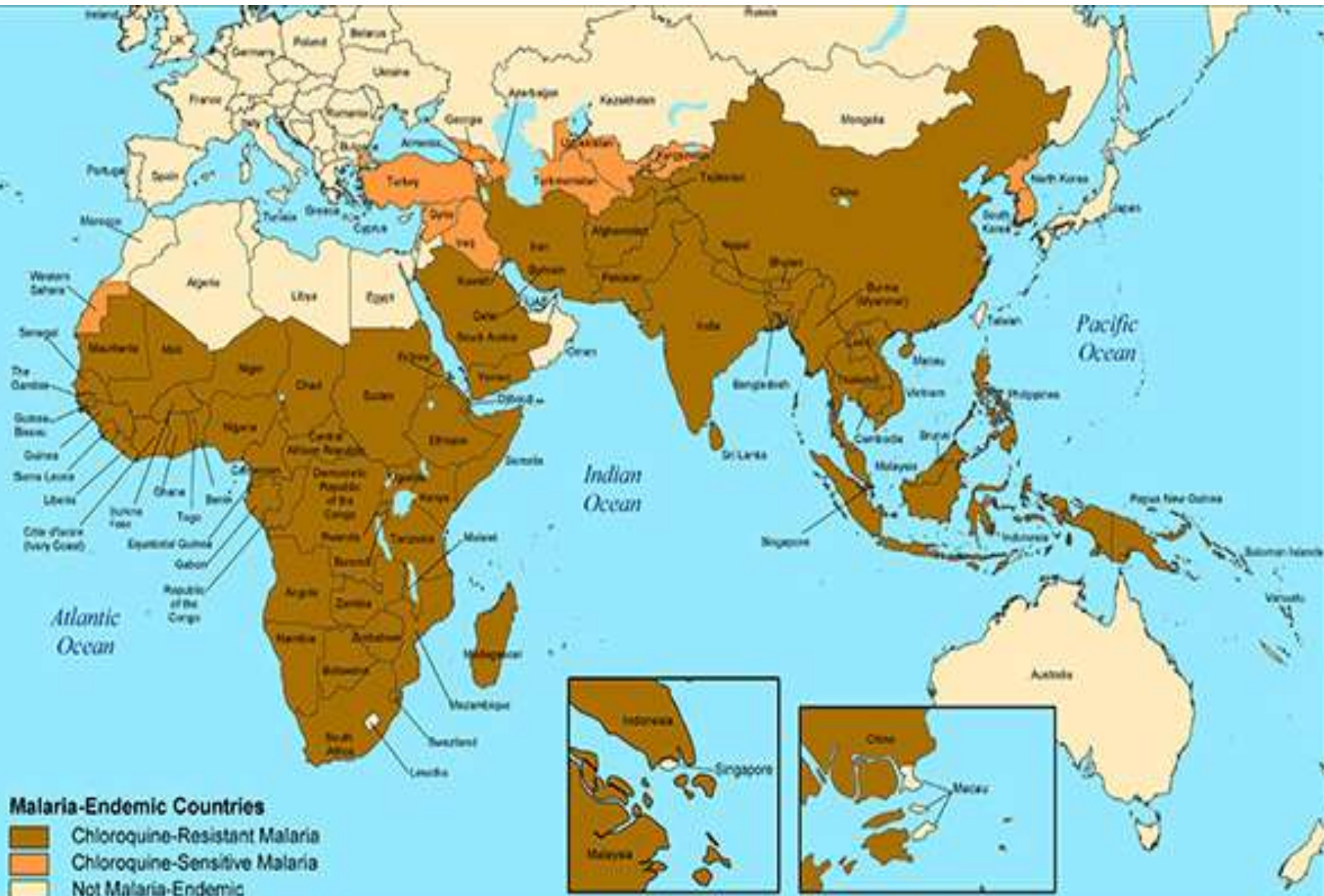
Treatment of malaria

- **Atovaquone/proguanil** 2 adult tablets bid for 3 days
- **Quinine sulfate** 650 mg q 8 h for 3 or 7 days + *one of the following*:
 - Doxycycline 100 mg bid for 7 days,
 - Tetracycline 250 mg qid for 7 days,
 - Clindamycin 7 mg/kg tid for 7 days
- **Mefloquine** 750 mg, then 500 mg 12 h later
- **Artemether/lumefantrine** 6 doses (1 dose = 4 tablets) over 3 days (at 0, 8, 24, 36, 48, and 60 h)
- **Artesunate** 4 mg/kg once/day for 3 days

Parenteral drugs (all plasmodium)

- **Quinidine gluconate**
10 mg/kg loading dose (up to 600 mg) in normal saline over 1 h, then continuous infusion of 0.02 mg/kg/min until oral drugs can be started
- **Quinine dihydrochloride**
20 mg/kg loading dose in 5% dextrose over 4 h, then 10 mg/kg over 2–4 h q 8 h (up to 1800 mg/day) until oral drugs can be started
- **Artesunate plus another drug**
2.4 mg/kg IV at 0, 12, 24, and 48 h

CDC. Malaria Risk Information and Prophylaxis, by Country



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High antigenic variability

Sporozoites
Ab
Skin → Liver

T cell epitopes are polymorphic
B cell epitopes more or less conserved
Poorly immunogenic; only in circulation for a few minutes



Blood vessel
Lymphatic vessel
Lymph node
Liver
Spleen
RBC
Merozoites

Abs block invasion of liver cells and opsonize for phagocytosis

Antigen
CD4
MHC-II
CD8
MHC-I
T cell priming or reactivation
B_{memory}

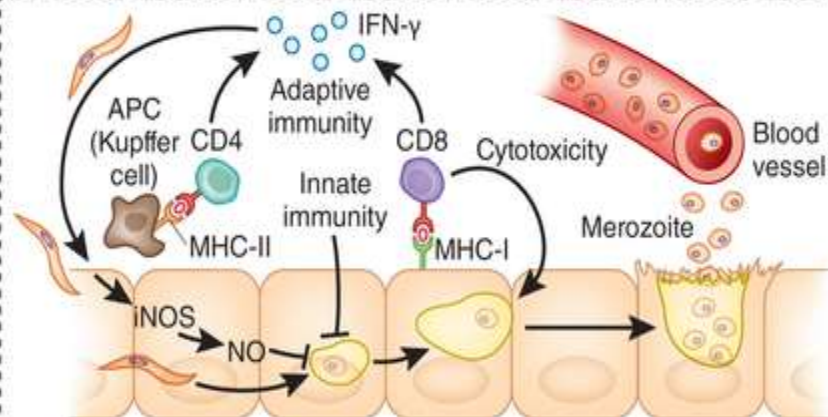
Induction of T cell responses

Moderate antigenic variability

Blocking of fertilization
Innate immunity
Gut
Salivary gland
Gamete → Zygote (ookinete) → Oocyst → Sporozoite

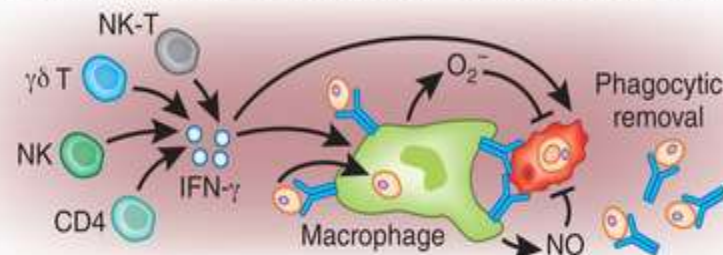
Less polymorphic antigens but genetic recombination generates new sporozoite genotypes

Extreme antigenic variability

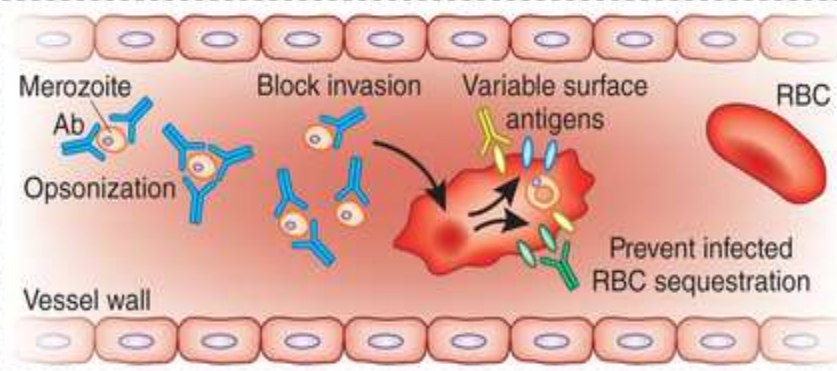


Intracellular replication in the hepatocyte protects against immune recognition

Extreme antigenic variability



Extreme antigenic variability



Sporozoites, injected into the skin by the biting mosquito, drain to the lymph nodes, where they prime T and B cells, or the liver, where they invade hepatocytes. Antibodies (Ab) trap sporozoites in the skin or prevent their invasion of liver cells. IFN- γ -producing CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells inhibit parasite development into merozoites inside the hepatocyte. However, this immune response is frequently insufficient, and merozoites emerging from the liver invade red blood cells, replicate, burst out of the infected erythrocyte and invade new erythrocytes. Merozoite-specific antibodies agglutinate and opsonize the parasite and can inhibit the invasion of red blood cells through receptor blockade. Antibodies to variant surface proteins also opsonize and agglutinate infected red blood cells (RBCs) and prevent their sequestration (cytoadherence) in small blood vessels. IFN- γ -producing lymphocytes activate macrophages and enhance the phagocytosis of opsonized merozoites and iRBCs. Complement-fixing antibodies to gametocyte and gamete antigens lyse parasites inside the mosquito gut or prevent the fertilization and development of the zygote. Sporozoite, liver-stage and gametocyte and gamete antigens are somewhat polymorphic, whereas merozoite antigens and variant surface antigens are highly polymorphic. APC, antigen-presenting cell.

Clinical case

- A 30 year-old woman, HIV-positive, delivers by planned cesarean section an apparently normal female baby.
- The mother is a native of the Congo who came to France 2 years ago and has not traveled outside France since then.
- The only abnormality found in the baby at delivery is an anemia (12.3 g/dL hemoglobin).
- At 6 weeks post-delivery, the infant is brought in for a fever of one-day duration.
- She is found to have a temperature of 38.5°C and both hepatomegaly (3 cm) and splenomegaly (3 cm).
- Serologic tests for HBs and HCV are negative, and PCR, DNA and RNA for HIV are negative.
- More routine laboratory exams show: hemoglobin 6.4 g/dL, platelets 122,000/ μ L, LDH 1080 IU/ML.
- What is your diagnosis?
 - No malaria
 - *Plasmodium falciparum*
 - *Plasmodium vivax*
 - *Plasmodium ovale*
 - *Plasmodium malariae*

Clinical case

- An 18-year-old Australian soldier, had been previously well and was taking daily 100 mg doxycycline prophylaxis.**
- He had a three-day history of fever, rigors, nausea and diarrhoea before presenting to a field hospital.**
- In hospital he was intubated. He was febrile to 39.6°C, hypotensive, BP 80/50 mmHg, oliguric, low oxygen saturation .**
- Thick and thin films demonstrated young rings trophozoites with two small chromatin dots, also trophozoites in dysmorphic, granulated, enlarged erythrocytes.**
- Hyperparasitaemia was evident with a measured parasite load of 60% RBCs infected.**
- IV quinine and artesunate was started.**
- On the 4-day of his illness a petechial rash was noted. Chest X-ray = consistent with pulm. oedema.**
- He was acidotic, hyponatraemic, anaemic, profoundly thrombocytopaenic, mildly coagulopathic and jaundiced.**
- His urea was 25mmol/l and creatinine was 403 µmol/l.**
- A thick film showed that 1% of RBCs are infected.**
- Intravenous quinine 600 mg tds was continued for another 48 hours.**
- On the 5-day of his illness the parasite count had fallen to 400/µl.**
- The thick film was negative after four days of quinine and three doses of artesunate.**

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- Inotropes were ceased by day 3 of hospitalization.**
- The acute lung injury was slow to resolve.**
- IV ATB and quinine were ceased on day 6.**
- Intermittent haemodialysis was commenced on day 7, extubated on day 10,**
- Six weeks later he no longer required haemodialysis.**

Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria

Drug	Usage	Adult Dose	Pediatric Dose	Comments
Atovaquone/ proguanil (Malarone)	Prophylaxis in all areas	Adult tablets contain 250 mg atovaquone and 100 mg proguanil hydrochlorid e. 1 adult tablet orally, daily	Pediatric tab contain 62.5 mg atovaquone and 25 mg proguanil: 5–8 kg: 1/2 pediatric tablet daily; >8–10 kg: 3/4 daily; >10–20 kg: 1 daily; >20–30 kg: 2 daily; >30–40 kg: 3 daily; >40 kg: 1 adult tablet daily	Begin 1–2 days before travel to malarious areas. Take daily at the same time while in the malarious area and for 7 days after leaving such areas. Contraindicated in severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance <30 mL/min). Take with food or a milky drink. Not recommended for prophylaxis for children <5 kg, pregnant women, and women breastfeeding infants weighing <5 kg.
Chloroquine phosphate (Aralen and generic)	Prophylaxis only in areas with chloroquine - sensitive malaria	300 mg base (500 mg salt) orally, once/week	5 mg/kg base (8.3 mg/ kg salt) orally, once/week, up to maximum adult dose of 300 mg base	Begin 1–2 weeks before travel to malarious areas. Take weekly while in area and for 4 weeks after leaving such areas. May exacerbate psoriasis.

Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria

Drug	Usage	Adult Dose	Pediatric Dose	Comments
Doxycycline (many brand names and generic)	Prophylaxis in all areas	100 mg orally, daily	≥8 years of age: 2 mg/ kg up to adult dose of 100 mg/day	Begin 1–2 days before travel to malarious areas. Daily while in area and for 4 weeks after leaving such areas. Contraindicated in children <8 years of age and pregnant women.
Hydroxychloroquine sulfate (Plaquenil)	only in areas with chloroquine- sensitive malaria	310 mg base (400 mg salt) orally, once/week	5 mg/kg base (6.5 mg/ kg salt) orally, once/week, up to maximum adult dose of 310 mg base	Begin 1–2 weeks before travel to malarious areas. Take weekly while in area and for 4 weeks after leaving such areas.
Mefloquine	Prophylaxis in areas with mefloquine- sensitive malaria	228 mg base (250 mg salt) orally, once/week	≤9 kg: 4.6 mg/kg base (5 mg/kg salt) orally, once/week; >9–19 kg: 1/4 tablet once/week; >19–30 kg: 1/2 tablet once/week; >31–45 kg: 3/4 tablet once/week; ≥45 kg: 1 tablet once/ week	Begin at least 2 weeks before travel to malarious areas. Take weekly while in area and for 4 weeks after leaving such areas. Contraindicated in allergic to related compounds (e.g., quinine, quinidine) and in persons with active depression, anxiety, psychosis, schizophrenia. Not recommended for persons with cardiac conduction abnormalities.

Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria

Primaquine	Prophylaxis for short-duration travel to areas with principally <i>P.vivax</i>	30 mg base (52.6 mg salt) orally, daily	0.5 mg/kg base (0.8 mg/kg salt) up to adult dose orally, daily	Begin 1–2 days before travel to malarious areas. Take daily while in area and for 7 days after leaving such areas. Contraindicated in G6PD deficiency. Contraindicated during pregnancy and lactation unless the infant being breastfed has a documented normal G6PD level.
Primaquine	Used for presumptive antirelapse therapy (terminal prophylaxis) to decrease the risk for relapses of <i>P. vivax</i> and <i>P. ovale</i>	30 mg base (52.6 mg salt) orally, once/day for 14 days after departure from the malarious area.	0.5 mg/kg base (0.8 mg/kg salt) up to adult dose orally, once/day for 14 days after departure from the malarious area	Indicated for persons who have had prolonged exposure to <i>P. vivax</i> and <i>P. ovale</i> or both. Contraindicated in persons with G6PD¹ deficiency. Contraindicated during pregnancy and lactation unless the infant being breastfed has a documented normal G6PD level.

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- **Recumbent** [rɪ'kʌmbənt] лежащий; лежащий; откинувшийся (на что-л.)
semirecumbent = полулежащий, находящийся на полупостельном режиме
- **Lassitude** ['læsɪt(j)u:d] усталость, утомление; апатия **Синонимы:**
weariness, tiredness