

# Vaccins encéphalite japonaise

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**Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics**  
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## **Drugs**

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Santarus  
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# *Menu*

- Encéphalite japonaise
- Epidémiologie
  - Aspects généraux
  - Risque du voyageur
- Le (les) vaccins
- Conclusions: recommandations et algorithme



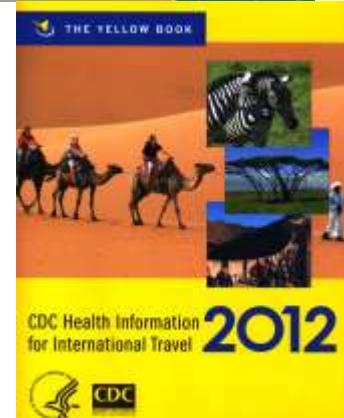
# Basics on Japanese encephalitis (JE)

- Mosquito-borne flavivirus
- Leading cause of viral neurological infection and disability in Asia<sup>1</sup>
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estimated among residents of 24  
endemic countries<sup>2</sup>
  - 1.8 per 100,000 overall
  - 5.4 per 100,000 in 0-14 y/o children
- Outcome
  - 1/3 fatal
  - 1/3 with sequelae
  - 1/3 full recovery

JE endemic areas 2010<sup>3</sup>



1. PATH. 2008. [http://www.path.org/projects/JE\\_in\\_depth.php](http://www.path.org/projects/JE_in_depth.php)
2. Campbell GL et al. Bull WHO 2011;89:766-744.
3. CDC. Health Information for International Travel, 2011, p.207



# Clinical features of Japanese encephalitis (JE)

Incubation period:	(4-) 15 days
Symptomatic:	<b>1 in 200-500 infections</b> (more with growing age)
Onset:	High fever, headache Less frequent: vomiting, diarrhea, myalgias
From 2nd day:	Nuchal rigidity Rapidly developing encephalitis - Confusion ... coma - muscle spasms - peak about 1 week after onset → recovery or death
Prognosis (WHO):	CFR 30% (0.3 to 60%, CDC) Among survivors: 30% with sequelae



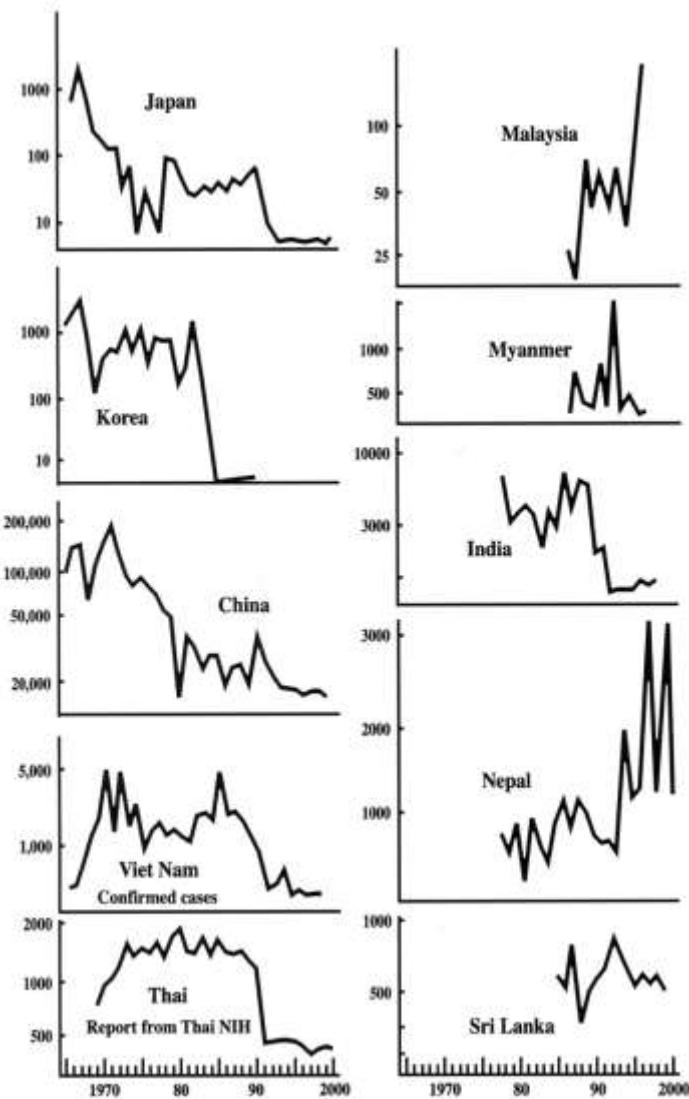
# Transmission of Japanese encephalitis (JE)

Vector:	mosquitoes (females) belonging to the groups - <i>Culex tritaeniorhynchus</i> - <i>Culex vishnui</i>
Breeding:	particularly <b>rice-fields</b>
Biting:	<b>crepuscular (twilight) periods</b>
Virus:	Flavivirus
Circulation:	ardeid birds (herons and egrets)
Amplifier:	<b>Pigs, birds</b>

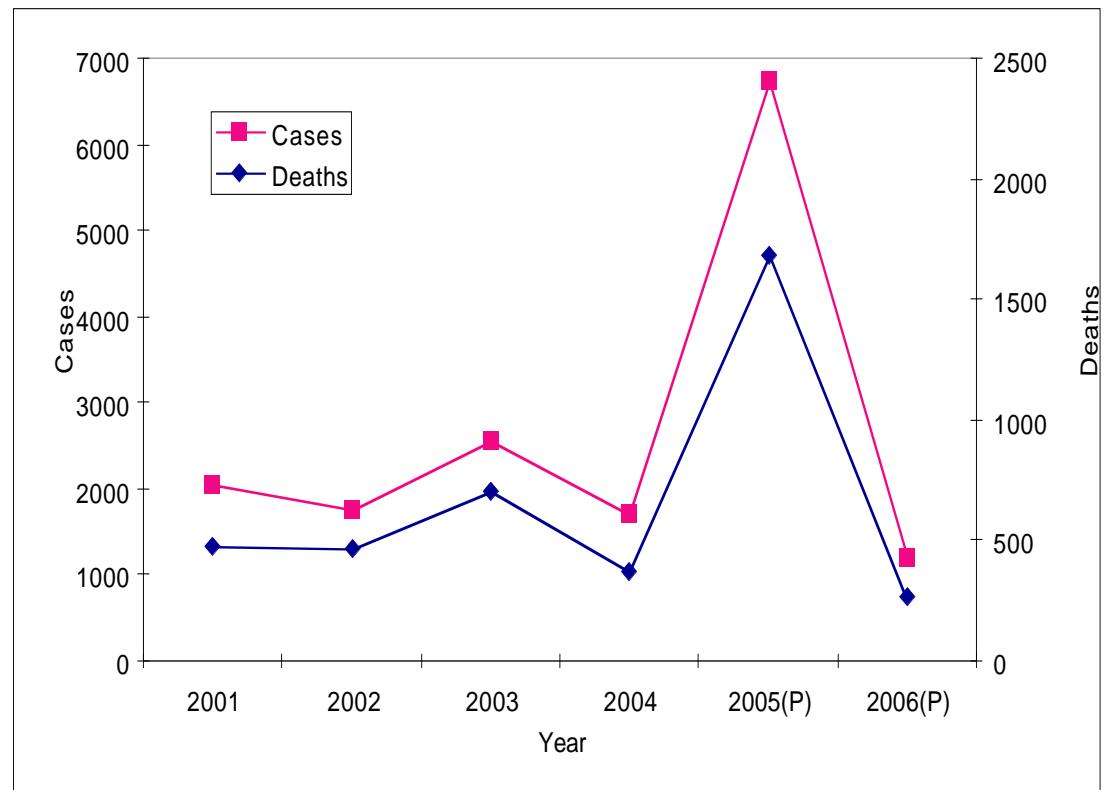


Culex mosquito laying eggs (CDC)

# Outbreaks of JE — often a surprise



India — recent years



Oya A & Kurane I. J Travel Med 2007;14:259-68  
[www.namp.gov.in/je.html](http://www.namp.gov.in/je.html)



# Current JE incidence trends – INCREASE

- Countries **without** public health programs
  - NO surveillance system
  - NO specific diagnostic tests
  - NO vaccination program

E.g.: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos
- Population growth
- Irrigation for rice production
- Pigs rearing in many family farms

Erlanger TE et al. Emerg Infect Dis 2009;15:1-7  
Oya A & Kurane I. J Travel Med 2007;14:259-68



# Current JE incidence trends – DECREASE

- Countries **WITH** public health programs
  - Surveillance system
  - Specific diagnostic tests
  - Vaccination program

E.g.: China, Japan, Nepal, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand
- **Intermittent irrigation** in rice fields
- **Collective pigsties** far from population centers
- **Use of pesticides**

Burchard GD et al. J Travel Med 2009;16:204-16

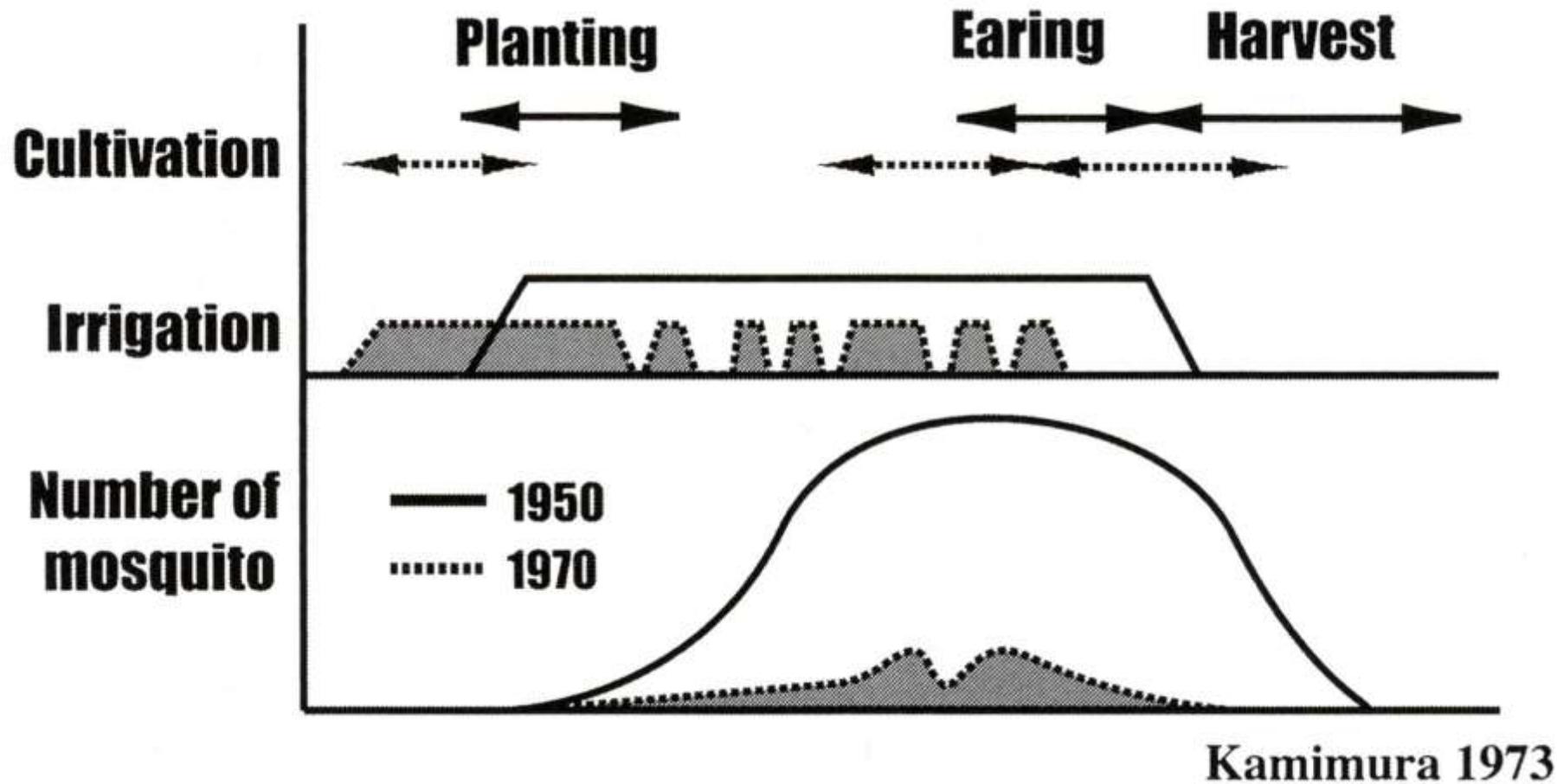
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WHO position paper. Wkly epidem Rec 2006;81:331-40





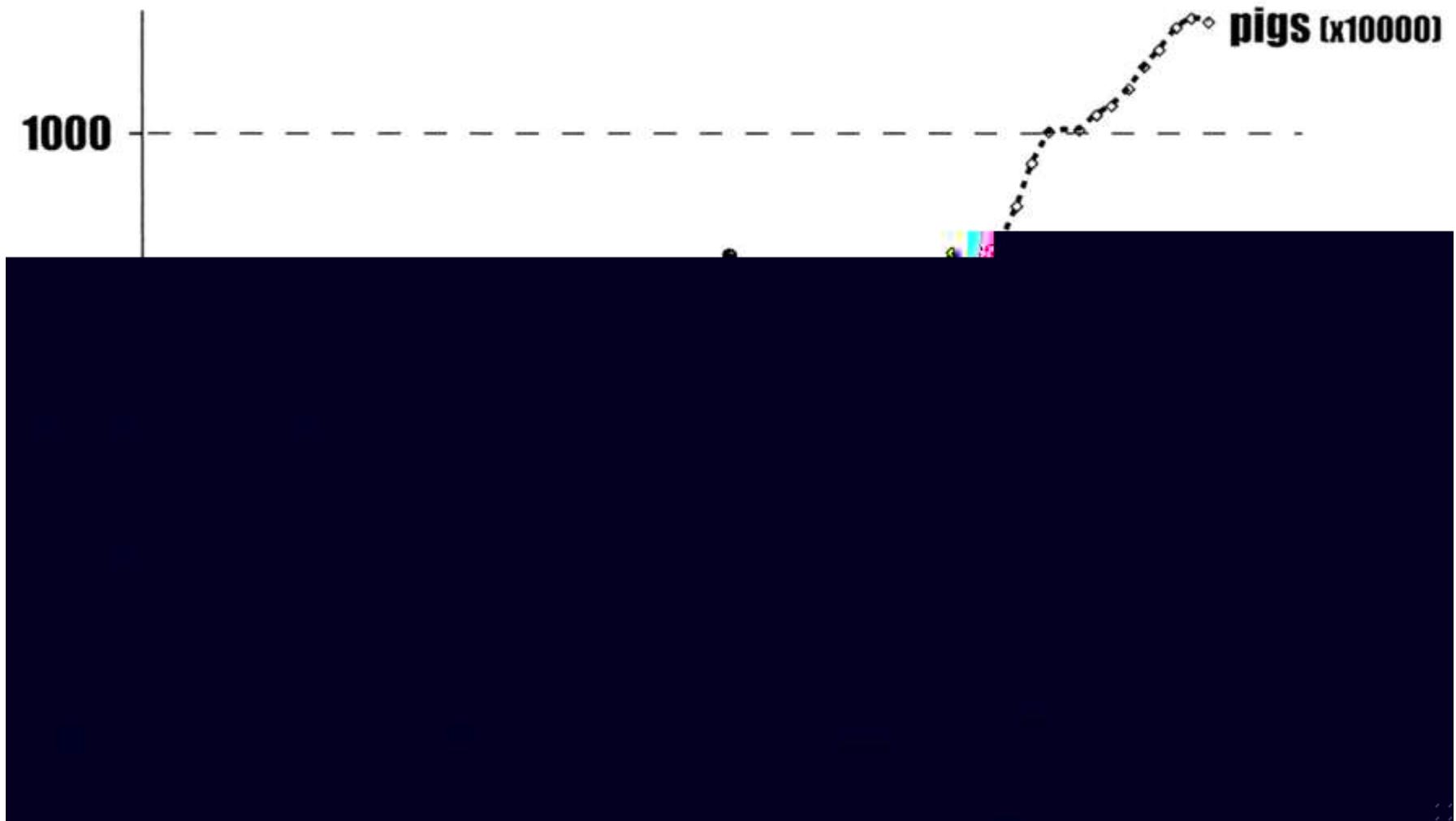
Changes of rice cultivation procedures and decrease in mosquito numbers between 1950 and 1970. Irrigation in the rice pads has been occasionally stopped during rice cultivation since 1970.

Oya A., Kurane I. J Travel Med 2007;259-68



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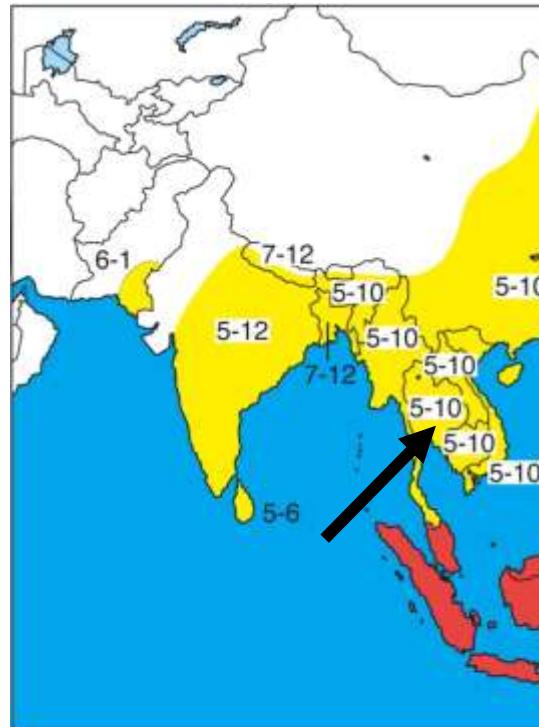
Converse relationship between the numbers of pigs and patients with Japanese encephalitis in Japan

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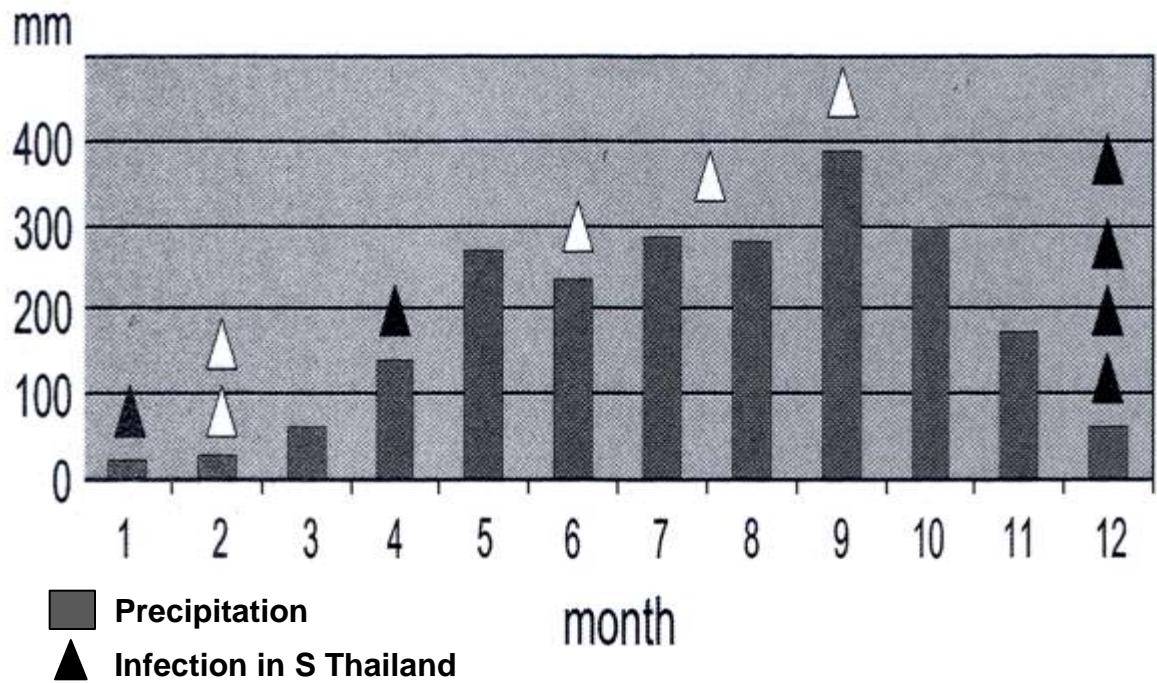


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# Is there reliable evidence on the season of transmission?



*Japanese Encephalitis in Travelers*



Buhl M.R. et al, J Travel Med 2009;16:217-19



# Risk of JE transmission

FOREIGN POPULATION	RATE
Finnish / Swedish travellers	<b>1 case / 300,000</b>
Travellers from any nationality	<b>1 case/million trips</b>
Travellers, rural areas (CDC 1993)	2-10 / 1000 / year
US soldiers, Thailand	4,3 / 1000 / year
COMPARISON	
Immunologically naïve locals	<0.1 >1/1000/y

Hills SL et al. Am J Trop Med Hyg 2010;82:930-6.

Buhl M & Lindquist L. J Travel Med 2009;16:217-9.

Shlim DR & Solomon T. Clin Infect Dis 2002;35:183-8.

WHO position paper. Wkly epidem Rec 2006;81:331-40.

Werlinrud AM et al. J Travel Med 2011; 18:411-13.



# Assessment of JE cases in travelers

- 1973 - 2008: total of 55 cases recorded
  - 18% case fatality rate
- BUT
  - France — 2 cas:  
1996, F 59 ans, touriste en Thaïlande (Bernard P, 1998)  
2000, M 22 ans, touriste en Indonésie (Monnet FP, 2003)
  - Median 1 month stay abroad
  - Some just **beach vacation** with excursion(s)
  - Thailand (n=19), Indonesia (8), China (7), etc.

Hills SL et al. Am J Trop Med Hyg 2010;82:930-6.



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# JE among travelers to Thailand



Patient		Stay	Type	Outcome	Reference
y/o	Resident of	Chronology			
21 F	England	9 wk THA/MAL/1992	Beach + 3d Trek	N/A	1
<b>25 M</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>2 wk Krabi/1997</b>	<b>Beach</b>	<b>N/A</b>	MSIS rapport
60 M	Finland	2 wk, S. Thailand	Beach + Nat. Park	Sequelae	N/A
22 F	U.S.A.	1 month Thailand	Student, Chiang Mai	N/A	2
30 F	Netherlands	N/A, Thailand	N/A	Slow recovery	3
<b>60 M</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>2 wk Phuket, Khao Lak</b>	<b>Beach, 2 excursions</b>	<b>Sequelae</b>	3
<b>91 M</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>3 mo. Phuket/2008</b>	<b>Room Kata Beach</b>	<b>Died</b>	Thitiphuree p.c.

1 Burdon JT. J Infect 1994;28:175-9

2 CDC. MMWR 2005;54:123-5

3 Lehtinen V. J Clin Virol 2008;43:93-5



# JE among visitors to Bali



Patient	Stay	Type	Outcome	Ref	
y/o	Resident of	Chronology			
<b>10 F</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>14d / 1988</b>	<b>Beach hotel*</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>60 F</b>	<b>Swedish</b>	<b>10d / 1994</b>	<b>Beach hotel*</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>51 M</b>	<b>Danish</b>	<b>12d / 1994</b>	<b>Beach hotel*</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>3</b>
80 M	Swedish	3 wk / .....	Bali (+ Java)	Sequelae	4

\* one / few single day excursions

1 Macdonald WBG et al. Med J Aust 1989;150:334-9

2 Wittesjö B et al. Lancet 1995;345:856

3 Buhl M et al. Scand J Infect Dis 1996;26:189

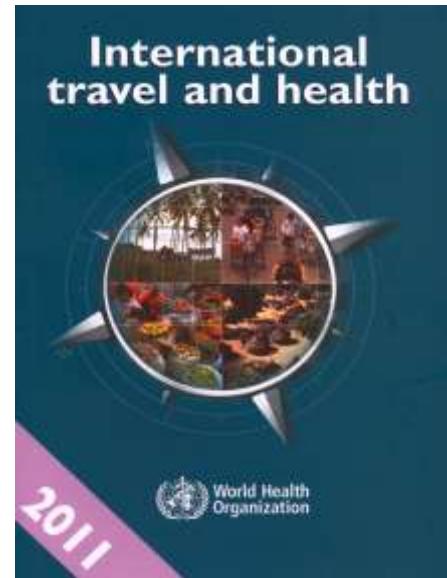
4 Ostlund MR et al. Scand J Infect Dis 2004;36:512-3



# Risque pour les voyageurs (OMS)

- b 6      6est très faible pour la plupart des voyageurs qui se rendent en Asie,
- surtout pour ceux qui effectuent un court séjour en milieu urbain,
  - mais il varie suivant la saison, la destination, la durée du voyage et les

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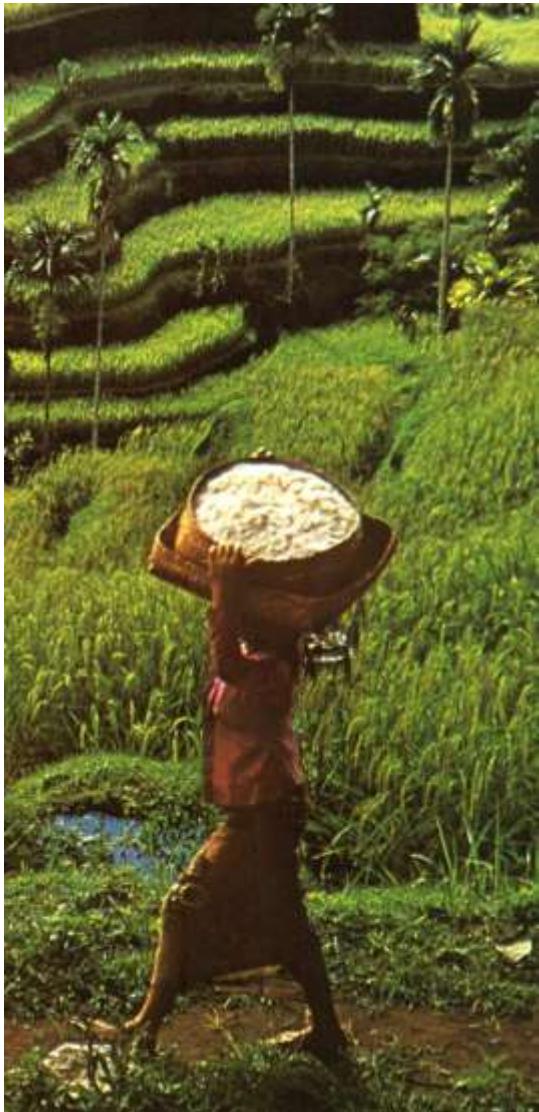


OMS: Voyages internationaux et santé 2011, p.103.



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# Lessons learned from recent reports



**JE transmission NOT limited to „rice fields“ — may also occur in:**

- Beach hotel tourists (Bali, Thailand, Vietnam)
- Tourists in cities (Angkor, Beijing, Hongkong)
- VFRs (and refugees)

Werlinrud AM et al. J Travel Med 2011; 18:411-13.

Jeurissen A, Strauven T. Acta Neurol Belg 2011;111:143-5.

CDC. MMWR 2010;60:276-8.

Hills SL et al. Am J Trop Med Hyg 2010;82:930-6.



Four Seasons



# Le(s) vaccins contre l'encéphalite japonaise

- Vaccin développé par Intercell (IC-51)
  - IXIARO® (Novartis Vaccins Europe, etc.)
  - JESPECT® (CSL Australie, etc.)
- JE-VAX (Biken: Nakayama, cerveau de souris) historique
- JE-VC (Biken: cellules Vero) Japon (Février 2009)
- JE (Green Cross Vaccine Corporation: ± JE-VAX) Corée du Sud
- JenceVac (Shanta Biotech / GCVC-Corée, cerveau de souris)
- Vaccin vivant atténué SA 14-14-2 Chine, etc. (1988)
- Chimerivax-JE (Sanofi-Pasteur en évaluation)



## Comparison of IXIARO and mouse-brain-derived vaccines

Characteristics	Mouse-brain-derived vaccines	IXIARO
Live/inactivated	Inactivated	Inactivated
Virus substrate	Mouse brain	Vero cells
Adjuvant	None	Aluminum hydroxide
Stabilizers	Porcine gelatin	None
Preservative	Thimerosal	None
Format	Lyophilized	Liquid, pre-filled syringe
Dosing schedule	3 doses (days 0, 7, 28)	2 doses (days 0, 28)

# IXIARO® — Composition

- Vaccin **inactivé**
- Contient 6 mcg de protéine purifiée de JEV
- Souche atténuee SA14-14-2
- Produit dans des cellules **Vero**
- W 6 6 hydroxide d aluminium (0.25mg)

## EXCIPIENTS

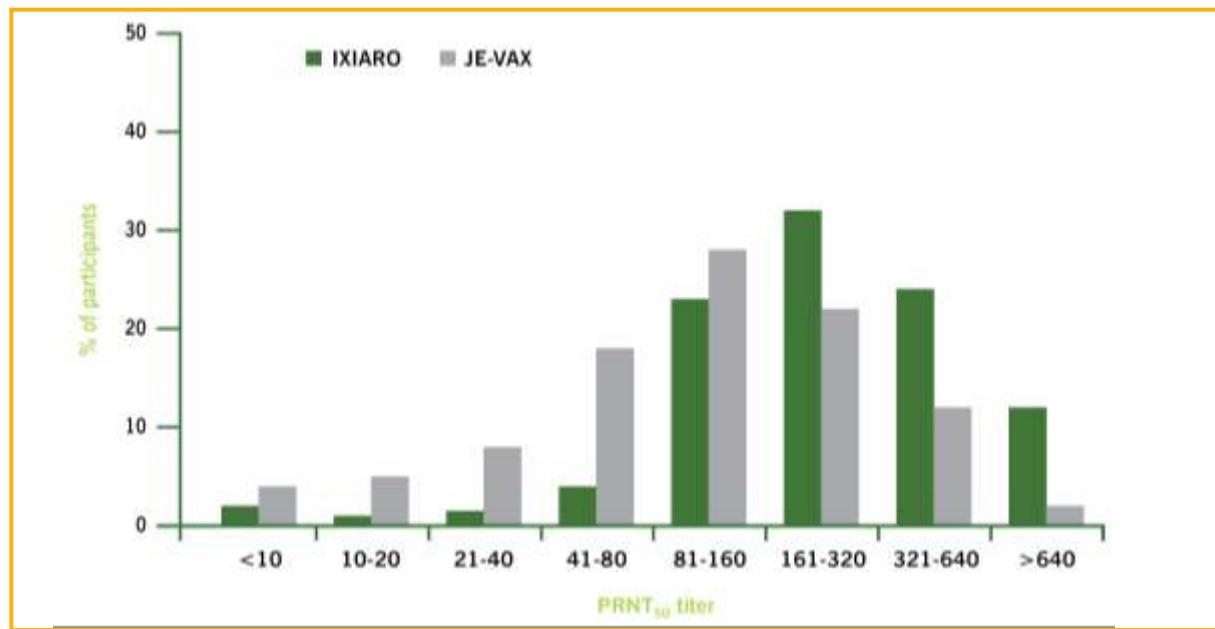
- Chlorure de sodium, phosphate monopotassique, phosphate disodique
- Traces de formaldéhyde et de sulfate de protamine suite au processus de fabrication



# Immunogenicity: IXIARO / JESPECT vs. JE-VAX

- IXIARO / JESPECT provided protective antibodies\* in **up to 98% of subjects**
- **Two doses** of IXIARO / JESPECT were non-inferior to **three doses** of JE-VAX
- Geometric Mean Titer (GMT): 244 for IXIARO / JESPECT and 102 for JE-VAX

**JEV neutralizing antibody levels at day 56**



\*A sero-protective threshold is defined as a PRNT titer of greater than 1:10.

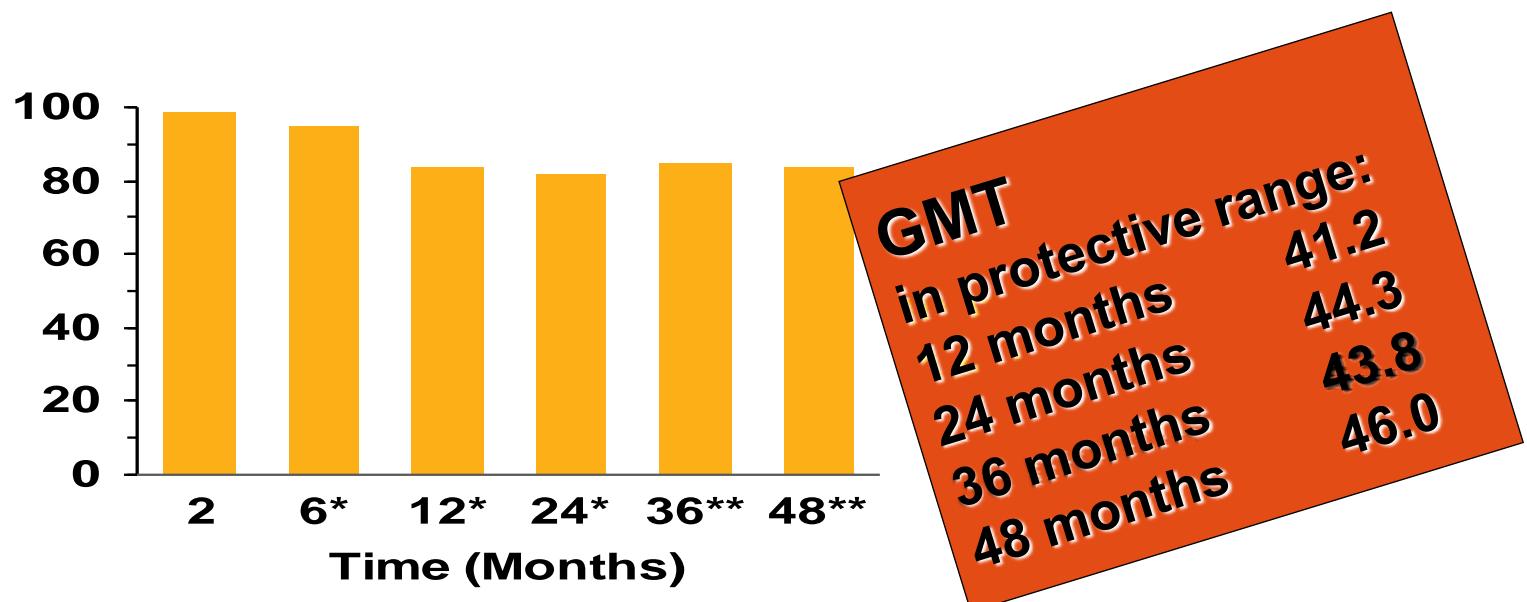
Tauber E et al. Lancet 2007; 370: 1847-1853.

Hombach J et al. Vaccine 2005; 23: 5205-5211.

# Proportion with persisting protective antibody levels

- 83% (151/181) of subjects who received IXIARO / JESPECT maintained protective antibody titers 12 months after vaccination §
- A study investigating the ideal booster interval is **ongoing (5<sup>th</sup> year)**

## Protective antibody levels up to 48 months after first vaccination



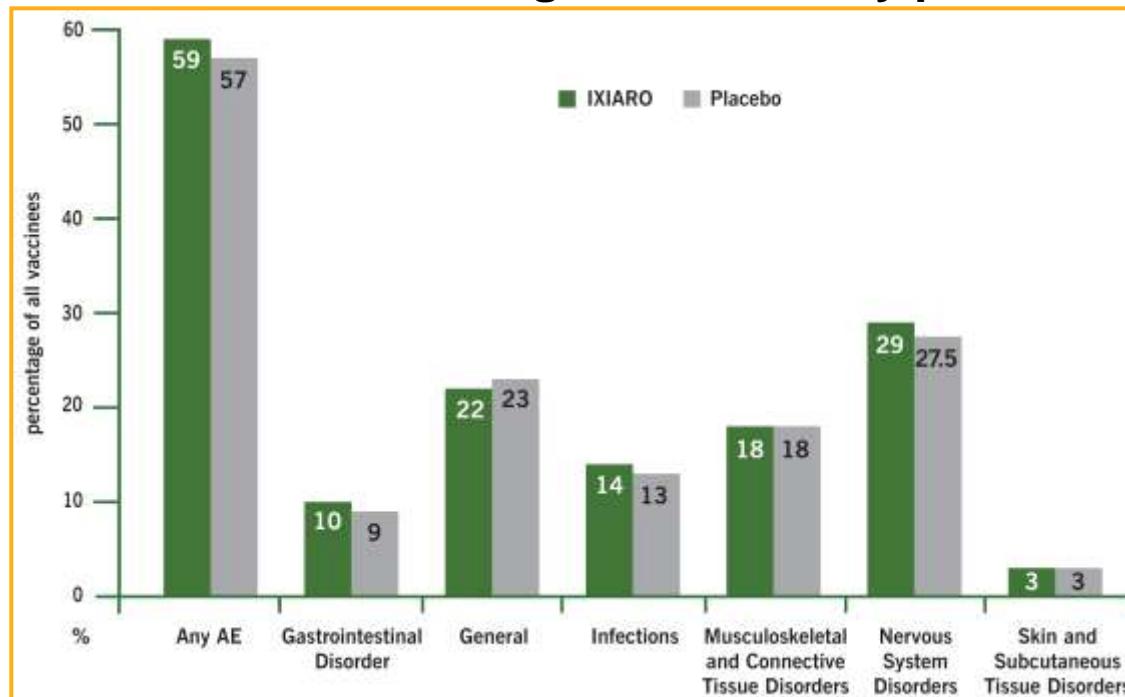
§ Sero-protective threshold is defined as a PRNT titer of greater than 1:10

\* n = 181; \*\* n = 152

# IXIARO / JESPECT: Tolerance profile

- SAEFI occurred in 0.5% (10/1993) of subjects receiving IXIARO and 0.9% (6/657) of subjects receiving placebo (vaccine without antigen)
- Headache noted in 3%; **no allergic reactions were observed**

Common AEs during the total study period



# Utilisation d'IXIARO

- **Série primaire: j0, j28 ± 4 (0.5 ml par dose)**
- **Injection IM** (ou SC en cas de risque de saignement)
- **Début de protection: 1 semaine après 2<sup>ème</sup> dose**  
**NOTE: 1 dose résulte en seroconversion limité**
- **Usage concomitant OK avec**  
**Havrix**  
**Twinrix**  
**Typhim Vi**



# Contre-indications

- Hypersensibilité

Au principe actif

W6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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- Maladie fébrile aiguë grave

- Age < 18 ans (Manque de données)

- (Grossesse: 6 6  ?

- (Allaitement: 6 6  ?



# Problèmes — incertitudes (1)



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Réétude en route

(n = 1900 agés 2 mois à 17 ans, Philippines)

CDC / USA:

- Enrol children in pediatric clinical trial (5 sites)
- Administer IXIARO off-label 0.5 ml; age 2 months - 2 y: 0.25 ml
- Refer children to travel clinic in Asia (Asian vaccines)

Suisse: procédures pragmatiques similaires

Kaltenbock A et al. Vaccine 2010;28:834-9.

[www.cdc.gov/nci/dod/dvbid/jencephalitis/children.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nci/dod/dvbid/jencephalitis/children.htm)

- Régistration pédiatrique: submission 2012 FDA/EMA



# Problèmes — incertitudes (2)

- Schéma accéléré: étude en route
- Booster (3<sup>ème</sup> dose) après IXIARO: 1 à 2 années (?)
- Et en suite?: étude en route
- Booster après JE-Vax: étude en route
- Batch JEV09L37A, utilisé en France: protection?  
(Délivré Juin 2010, périmé Août 2011)



# Global availability of IXIARO/JESPECT

- As per Novartis Vaccines, February 2012:
  - Europe: A, B, CH, CZ, D, DK, E, F, GB, H, IRE, I, NL, N, PL, P, S, SF
  - Asia: Hongkong, Israel, Macau, (Singapore),
  - Oceania: Australia, New Zealand
  - Americas: Canada, U.S.A.
- International Society of Travel Medicine
  - Global Travel Clinic Directory
  - Product Availability Listing
  - (Member benefit only, Q1/2013)

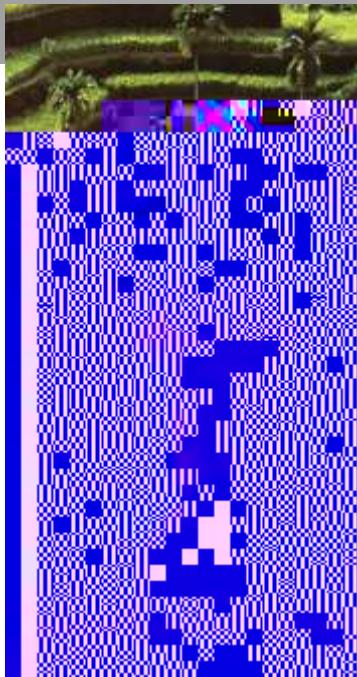


[www.istm.org](http://www.istm.org)



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# JE vaccine recommendations, travellers



## Traditional:

- i 6 6 6 6+4 weeks
- With RURAL overnight stays

*Example: Agronomics student preparing Ph. D. thesis,  
living close to rice fields*

**NEW (2010): no more minimal stay**

**Do we protect all at risk? →  
NO!**

**Consider:**

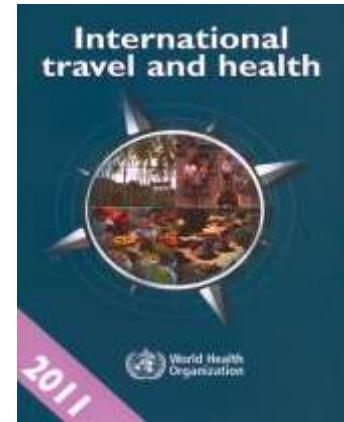
- Cumulative exposure
- Request for maximum protection

**WHO: International Travel and Health, Geneva 2010, pp 115-7.**

**CDC: 'Yellow book' 2010,  
[wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2010/chapter-2/japanese-encephalitis.aspx](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2010/chapter-2/japanese-encephalitis.aspx)**



# Recommandations pour les voyageurs (OMS)



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est recommandée aux voyageurs

- qui ont des activités de plein air  
(camping, randonnée, activités professionnelles, etc.)
- pendant la saison de transmission
- dans les pays ou zones à risque,  
notamment dans les endroits où les cultures sont irriguées par inondation.

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● Les moyens de prévention sont la protection contre les piqûres de moustiques > 6 6 6 6 D

OMS: Voyages internationaux et santé 2011, p.103.

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# Recommendations CMVI

## 1.2.1 Encéphalite japonaise

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à tous les voyageurs qui se rendent dans les régions où le virus circule (Avis du Haut Conseil de la santé publique, 2009; cf. carte 1). Seuls sont concernés :

- les adultes, expatriés ou devant **résider plus de 30 jours** dans ces régions ;
- les adultes se rendant dans ces régions,  
avec une activité extérieure importante,  
plus particulièrement dans les zones de rizières ou de marécages,  
pendant la période de transmission du virus, notamment pendant la saison des pluies,  
**quelle que soit la durée du séjour.**
- Les situations suivantes sont considérées comme à risque :  
**nuit passée à la belle étoile sans moustiquaire,**

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Avis du Haut Conseil de la santé publique. BEH 2011; No 18-19 (17 mai): p 208.



# JE immunization recommendations for travellers, 2011/2012

Country/region	World	USA	U.K.	AUS
Criteria: <i>Experts:</i>	WHO	CDC	NaTHNac	NH&MRC
Plan to <b>live</b> in endemic areas	+	+	+	
<b>Long term</b> residents (>3 months)		+	+	+
Visiting <b>rural</b> areas:  >30 nights >14 nights - <i>high risk</i> (also <14 nights)		(endemic) + PLUS + (*, **)		+ + (***) + (**) (+)
During <b>season</b> of transmission	+	+	+	(+)

\* Extensive outdoor, evening and nighttime exposure in rural areas

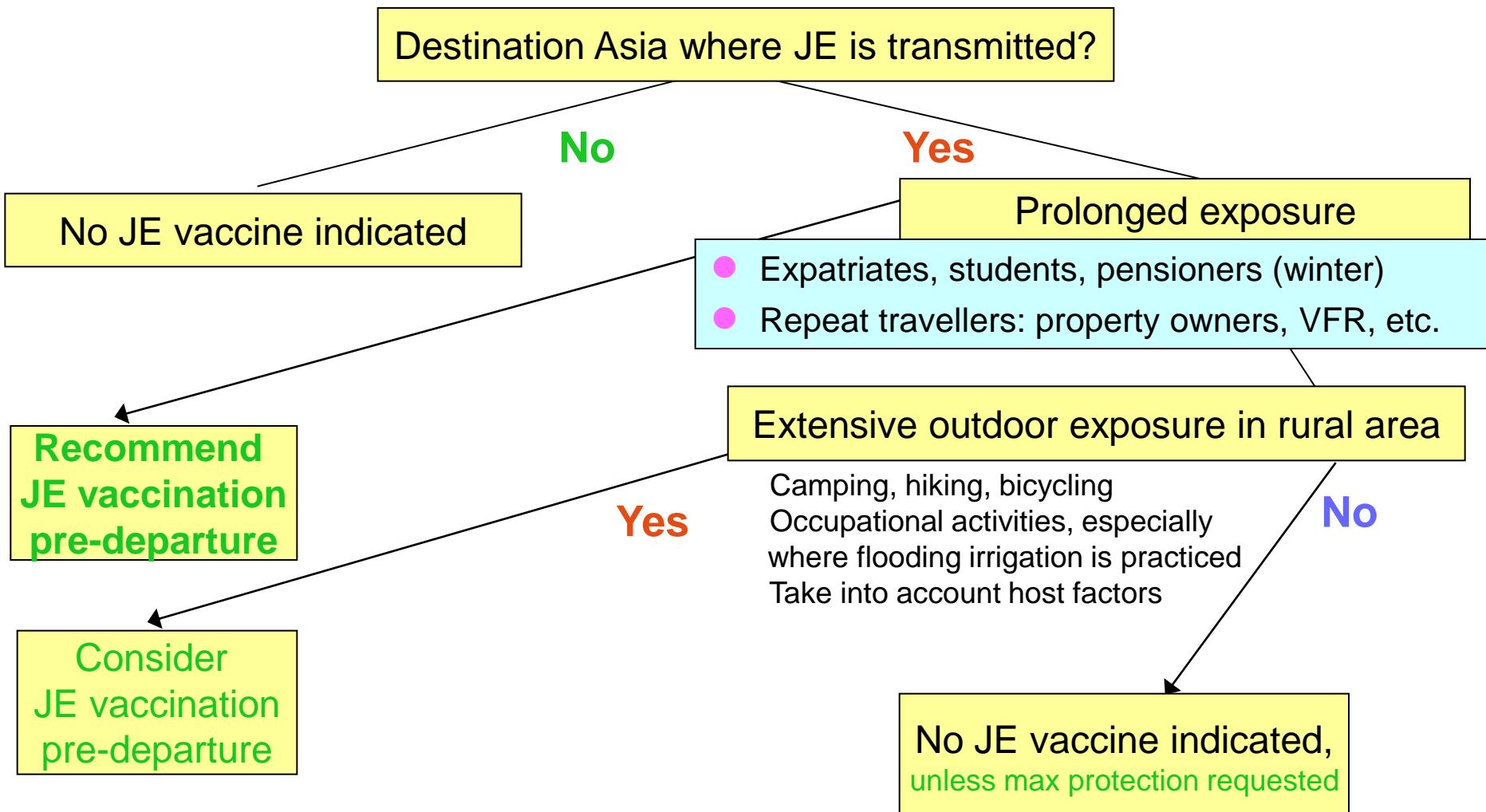
\*\* High individual risk (farming, camping, no bed nets)

\*\*\* Itinerary through rice fields and marshland; activities including fieldwork, camping, cycling

+ Immunization is recommended



# JE vaccination decision algorithm for travelers



# **Reserved for discussion**



# JE among visitors to Vietnam



Patient	Stay	Type	Outcome	Ref
y/o	Resident of	Chronology		
49 M	Italy	3 wk / 2006	Tourist/hotels	Few sequelae
9 M	U.S.A.	<4 wk / 2008	VFR	Sequelae
37 F	Sweden	8 wk, North	Tourist	? Sequelae
65 F	Sweden	<1 mo, South	Tourist	Recovered
56 M	Sweden	<1 mo, South	Tourist	Sequelae
41 M	Sweden	N/A, South	Tourist	Sequelae

1 Caramello P et al. J Travel Med 2007;14:346-8

2 The Olympian (Seattle) 28.3.2008

3 Widerström M. Smittskydd 2001;9:97

# JE among visitors to China



## THE NEW YORKER

### ZEI-DA-MAN

by Calvin Trillin

AMERICAN CHRONICLES about John Zeidman, a Duke University student who died of viral encephalitis contracted in China. He went to Peking in June of 1981 with a University of Massachusetts program at Peking Normal Univ. In September his parents got a call saying that he was critically ill. John had a strain of encephalitis called Japanese B, transmitted by mosquitoes and virtually unknown in the U.S. A vaccine was in existence, but was not available in the U.S.

Patient	Stay	Type	Outcome	Ref
y/o	Resident of	Chronology		
20 M	U.S.A.	3 mo / 1981	Student/Beijing	Died 1
35 F	U.K.	N/A 1982	Hongkong	Died 2
48 F	New Zealand	3 wk / 2004	Tourist	Sequelae 3
59 F	Germany	2 wk / 2006	Tourist + VFR	Sequelae 4
?? M	Finland	Long term	Beijing	Sequelae 5

1 -Da- -94

2 Rose Mr. J Infect 1983;6:261-5

3 Cutfield NJ. Int Med J 2005;35:497-8

4 Reppel M et al. Clin Neurol Neurosurg 2008;Dec16 (Epub only)

5 Siikamaki H. Suomen Laakarilehti 2002;40:3989-90



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# JE among travelers to various destinations

Patient	Stay	Type	Outcome	Ref
58 M	Norway	long, Philippines	Looking for Spouse	Died
65 M	Norway	3 y, Philippines	Looking for Spouse	Died
29 F	Netherlands	N/A, Indonesia	N/A	Slow recovery
32 F	Germany	Japan	Researcher	Recovered ?

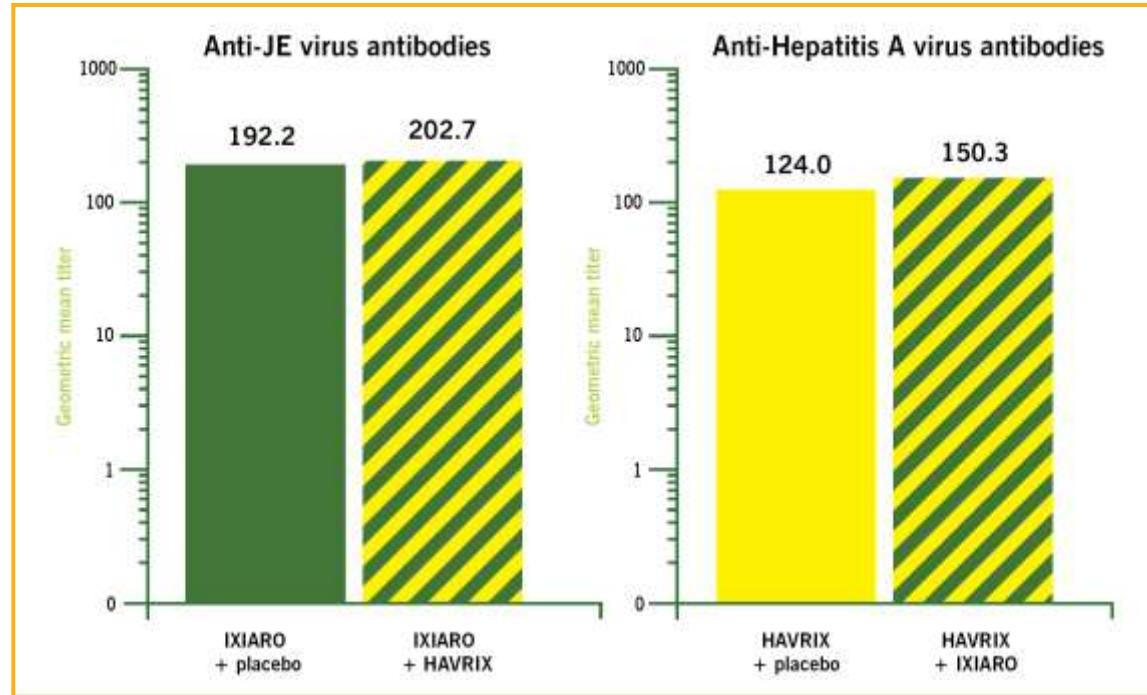
1 Delsing CE. Ned Tijdschr Geneesk 2005;149:2423-7



# Immunogenicity: coadministration of IXIARO + Havrix

- Combination of IXIARO and Havrix non-inferior to either vaccine alone

Geometric mean titers for anti-JE virus antibodies and anti-Hepatitis A Virus antibodies



Havrix given with the first IXIARO dose

Steffen R et al. Poster presentation at the XVIIth International Congress for Tropical Medicine and Malaria 2008; Poster 216.  
Lehner C et al. Abstracts of the 56th American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Annual Meeting 2007; Abstract 122.



## Basic characteristics of IXIARO (=JESPECT)

- contains 6 mcg of inactivated encephalomyocarditis virus from Vero cells
- adsorbed on aluminum hydroxide
- 0.5 ml per dose

A new vaccine