

# Emerging Diseases

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**Mass treatment  
Spanish Flu  
2018-9**





# Emerging Disease Part 1

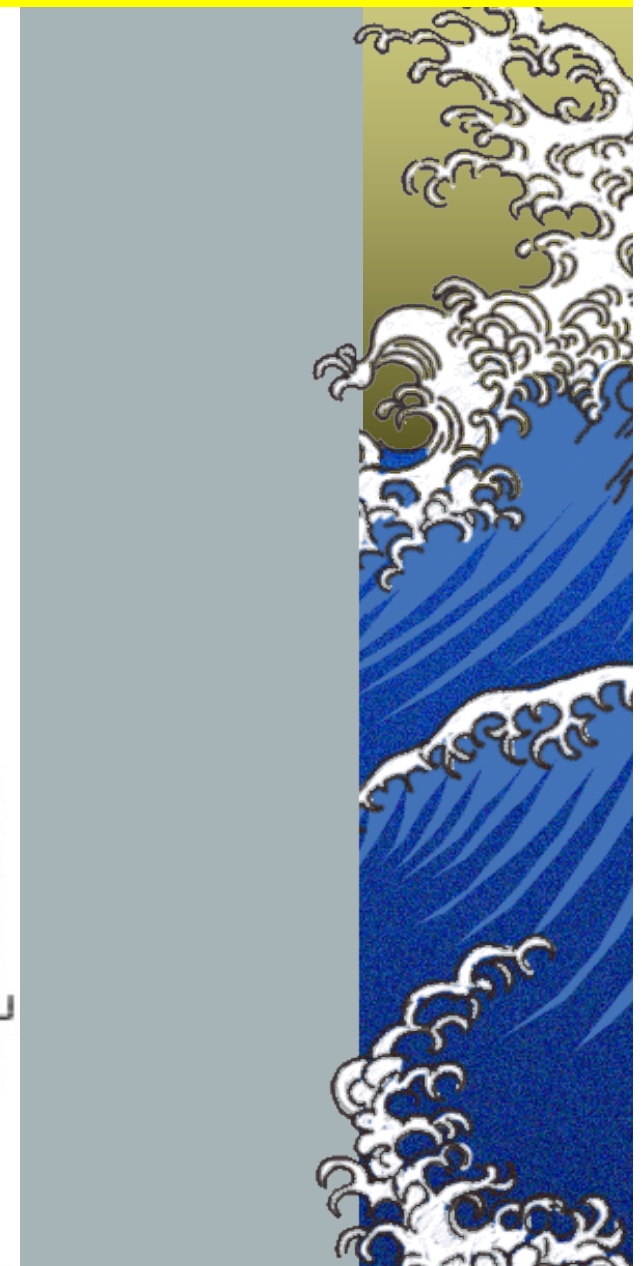
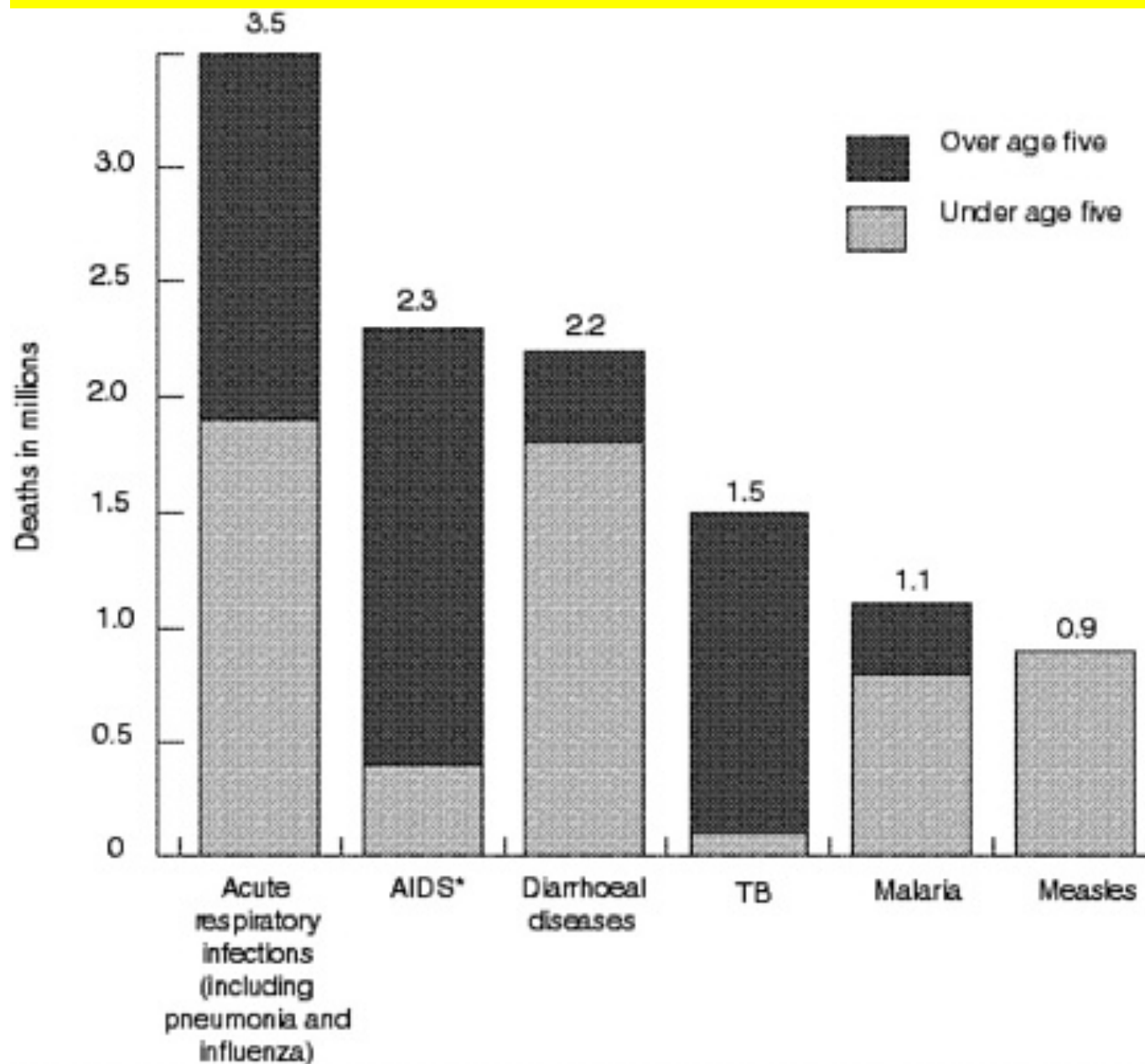
## Previous Epidemics

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# Non-emerging diseases: How Trivial !



# *Emerging diseases*



*Dramatic public health measures  
Often not rational , at times even  
but very irrational dictated by  
fear and felt political needs*



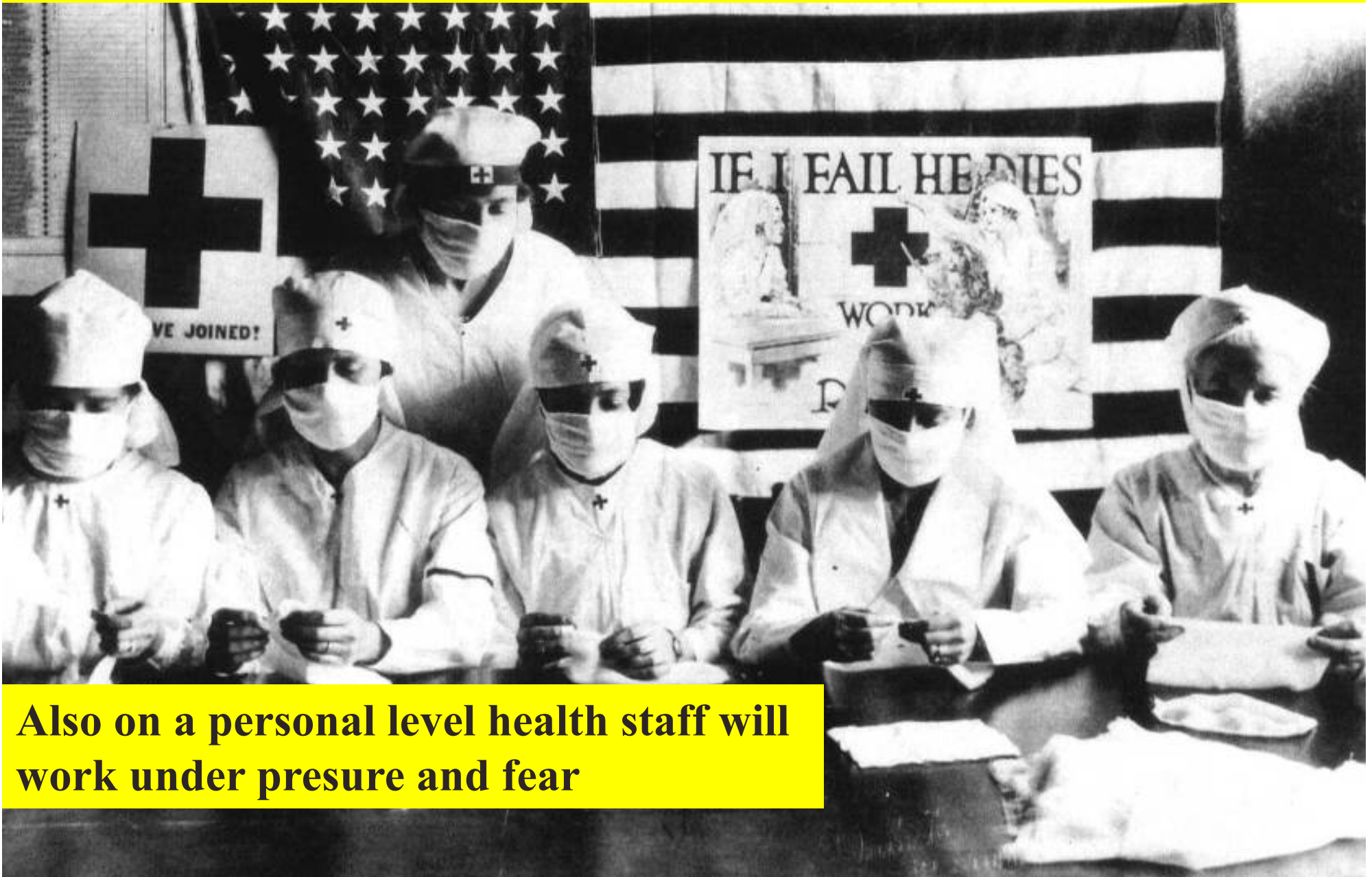


# *Emerging infectious diseases*



**På SSI siden 2009  
The Danish stand-by  
Task force- so far never  
engaged in significant  
action**

# *Dramatic emerging diseases*



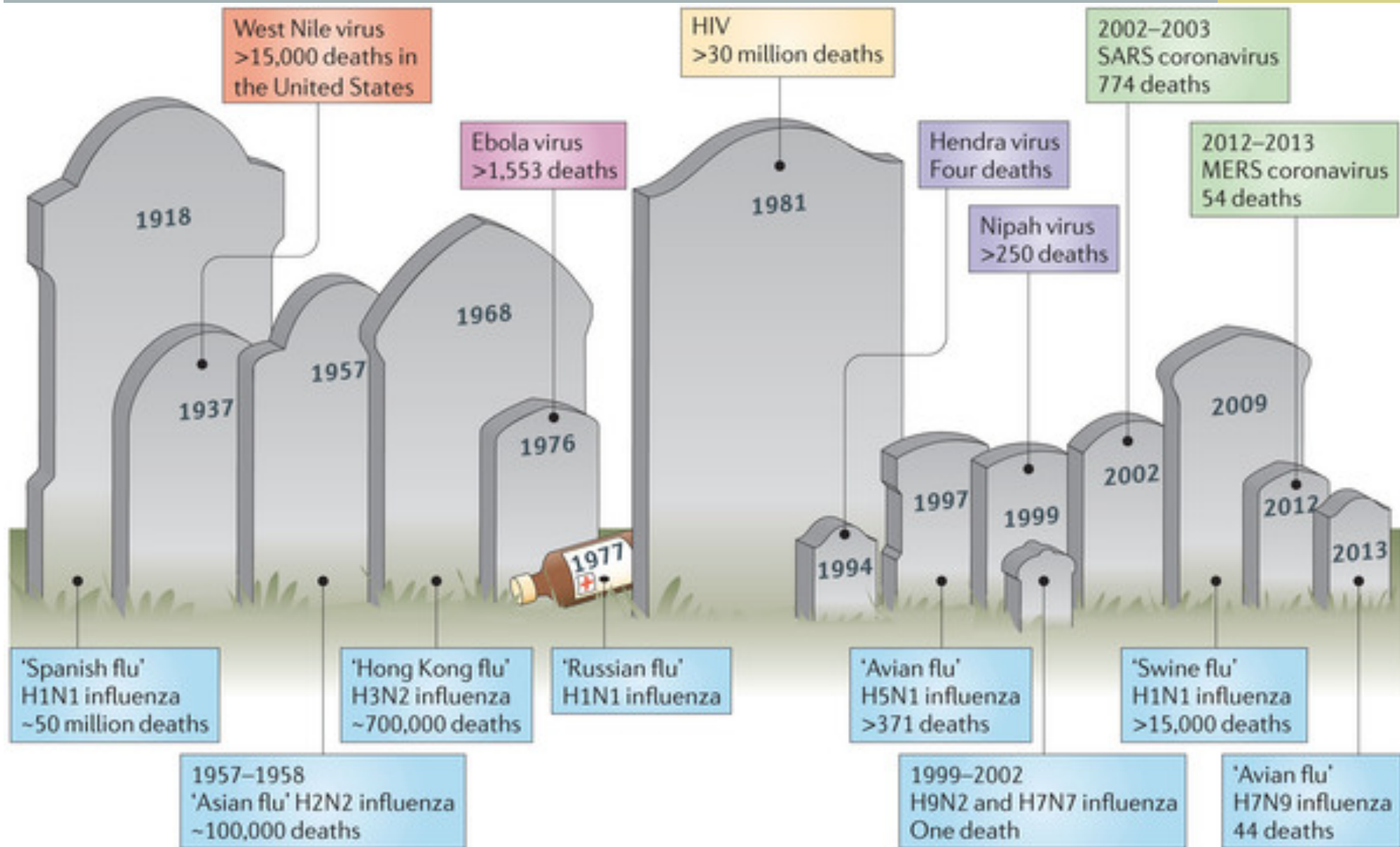
**Also on a personal level health staff will work under pressure and fear**



Year identified	Agent	Disease
1973	Rotavirus	Infantile diarrhoea
1975	Parvovirus B19	Aplastic crisis in chronic haemolytic anaemia
1976	Cryptosporidium parvum	Acute and chronic diarrhoea
1977	Ebola Virus	Ebola haemorrhagic fever
1977	Legionella Pneumophila	Legionnaires' disease
1977	Hantaan Virus	Haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HRFS)
1980	HTLV-1	T-cell lymphoma-leukaemia
1982	E Coli O157:H7	HUS
1982	Borrelia burgdoferi	Lyme disease
1982	HTLV-2	Hairy cell leukaemia
1983	HIV	AIDS
1983	H Pylori	Peptic ulcer disease
1986	BSE Agent ?	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle (Mad cow disease)
1988	HHV-6	Exanthem subitum
1988	Hepatitis E Virus	Enterically transmitted non-A. non-B hepatitis
1989	Hepatitis C Virus	Parenterally transmitted non-A. non-B liver hepatitis
1992	Vibrio cholerae O139	New strain associated with epidemic cholera
1992	Bartonella henselae	Cat scratch diseases
1995	HHV-8	Associated with Kaposi's sarcoma in AIDS patients
1996	Prion	CJD
1997	Influenza A virus (H5N1)	Avian flu (Bird flu)
2003	Corona Virus	SARS
2009	H1N1	Pandemic A (H1N1) 2009 Influenza

**Some recent "emerging" diseases of the past-few with a significant public health impact**







# Emerging Diseases

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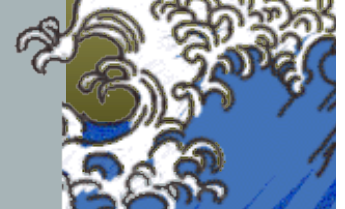
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*Very recommendable home page*

- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Toxic spider bite - UK: false widow
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Zika & chikungunya viruses: comparative transmission
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Ciguatera poisoning - India: (KA) contaminated fish, 1st report
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Hospital supply contamination - Japan (02): IV bags
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Human coronavirus; neurologic disease
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Burkholderia cepacia - USA (03): long-term care, IV saline flushes, recall
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Legionellosis - Italy: (PR) fatal, RFI
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Crimean-Congo hem. fever - Pakistan (23): (SD) new case, fatal
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Diphtheria - Venezuela (02): (BO) resurgence, fatal, indigenous children
- ▲ 05 Oct 2016 Candida auris - Americas: emerg, drug-resist, nosocom pathogen, PAHO/WHO, alert





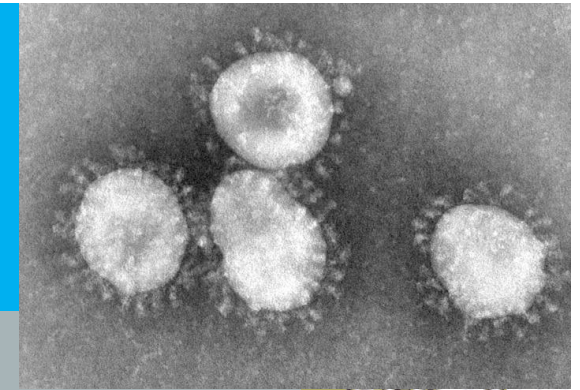
**Emerging Threats**  
The emerging diseases since 2001  
perceived in the atmosphere of fear  
and terror





# Respiratory

## 4 groups of Coronavirus



### 1. *Respiratory tract viruses*

▲ *E.g. HuCoV-229E ("Common Cold") + a number of animal viruses*

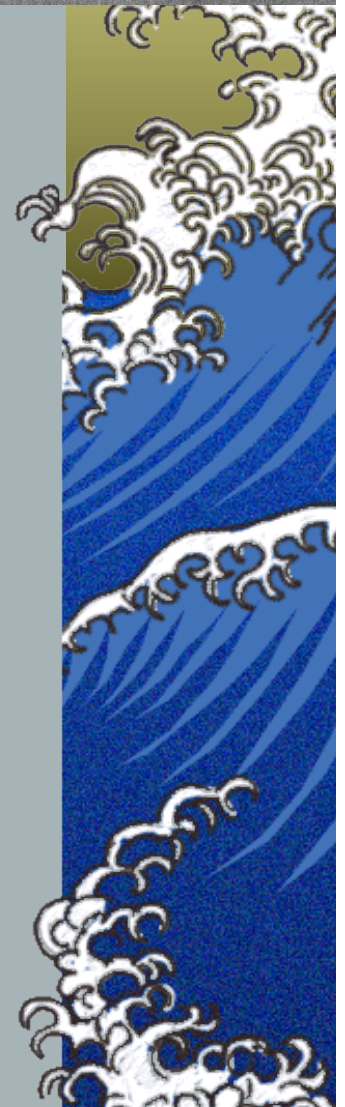
▲ *Gastroenteritic virus in pigs*

### 2. *HuCoV-OC43 ("Common Cold") + more animal viruses*

▲ *Mouse hepatitis virus*

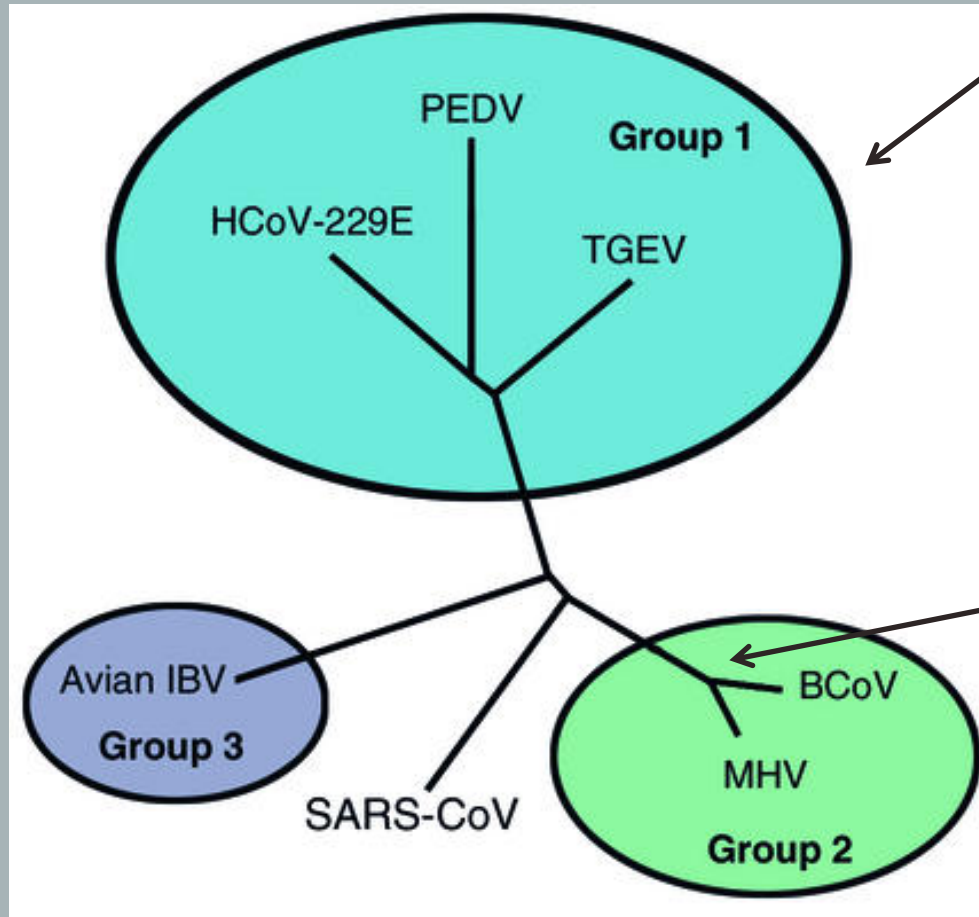
### 3. *Avian viruses, Bovine Corona virus,*

### 4. *SARS-CoV distantly related to all 3 groups*



# Coronavirus

20% of all  
"common cold"



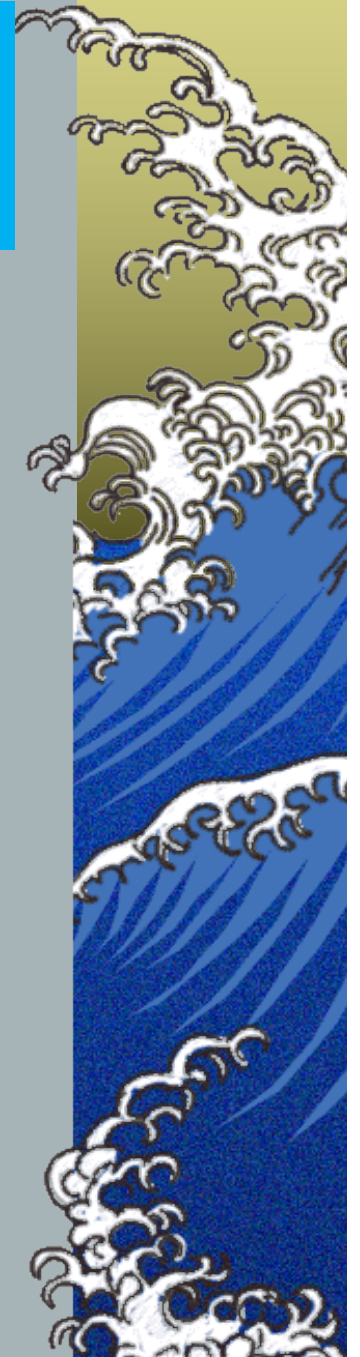
**MERS  
corona  
virus**





# SARS 2002-2003

- ▶ *Ongoing "silent" epidemic in Guangdong province since Nov. 2002*
- ▶ *Several cases stayed briefly on the same floor of a hotel in Hong Kong in February 2003*
- ▶ *From there dissemination of cases to China, Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan, Canada etc.*



**Table 1.** Clinical Features of the Canadian Patients with SARS at Presentation.

Variable	Value
	no./no. with results (%)
<b>Symptoms</b>	
Fever	10/10 (100)*
Nonproductive cough	10/10 (100)
Dyspnea	8/10 (80)
Malaise	7/10 (70)
Diarrhea	5/10 (50)
Chest pain	3/10 (30)
Headache	3/10 (30)
Sore throat	3/10 (30)
Myalgias	2/10 (20)
Vomiting	1/10 (10)
<b>Investigations</b>	
Infiltrate on chest radiography	9/9 (100) ←
Oxygen saturation on room air <95%	7/9 (78) ←
Leukopenia (cell count <4×10 <sup>9</sup> /liter)	2/9 (22)
Lymphopenia (cell count <1.5×10 <sup>9</sup> /liter)	8/9 (89) ←
Thrombocytopenia (cell count <130×10 <sup>9</sup> /liter)	3/9 (33)
Lactate dehydrogenase (above upper limit of normal)	4/5 (80)
Aspartate aminotransferase (>1.5× upper limit of normal)	7/9 (78)
Alanine aminotransferase (>1.5× upper limit of normal)	5/9 (56)
Creatine kinase (above upper limit of normal)	5/9 (56)

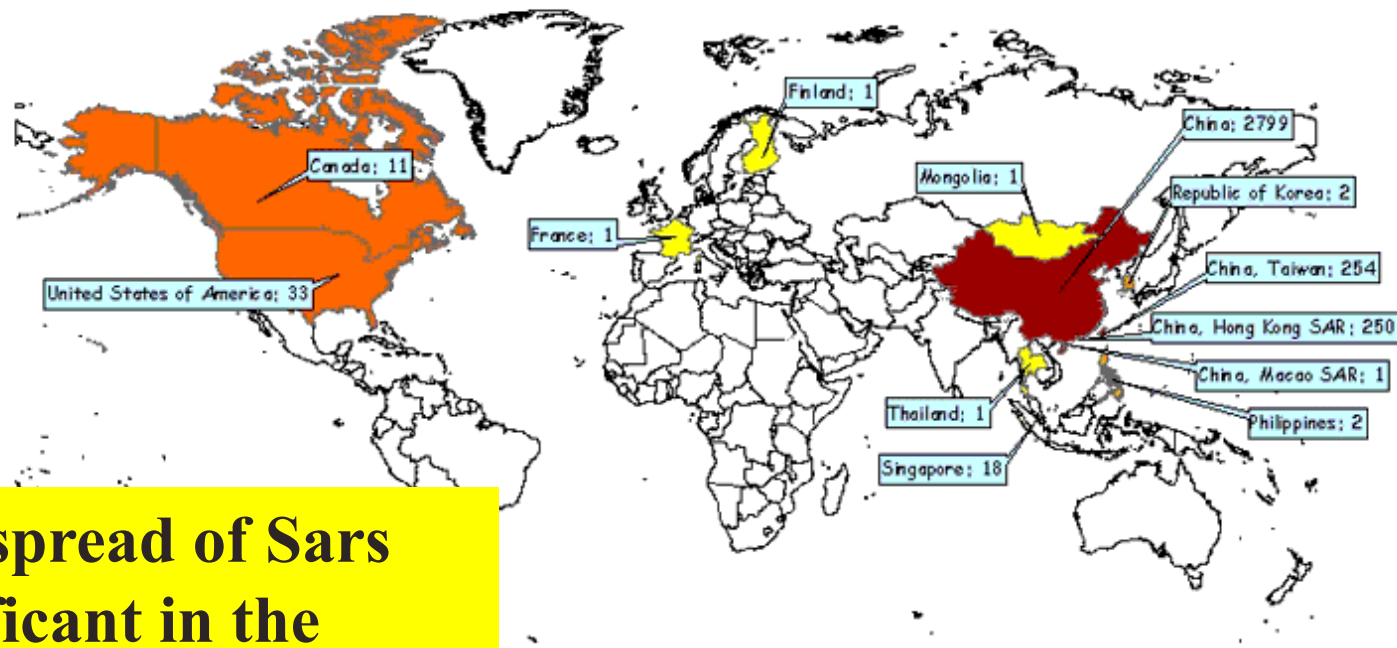
**SARS**  
Symptoms and infectiousness culminated in the 2nd. Week of disease

**Incubation period 3-10 days**



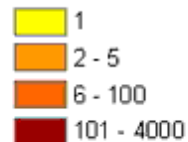


## SARS : Number of Current Probable Cases as of 19 May 2003, 16:00 GMT+2



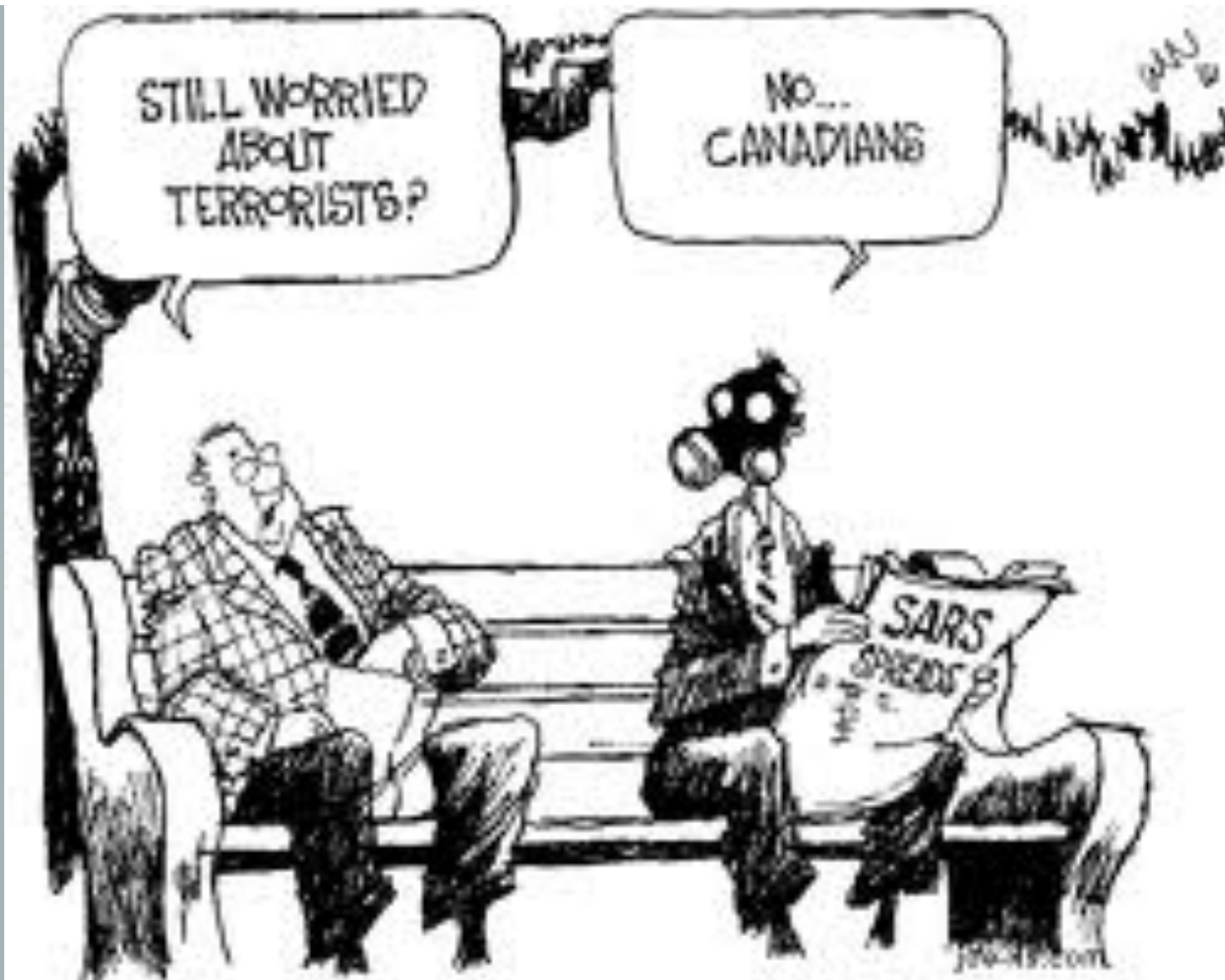
**Only the spread of Sars was significant in the Western world**

### Number of current probable cases



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Map Production: Public Health Mapping Team  
Communicable Diseases (CDS)  
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**”Super spreaders”**

Basic reproductive rate = 2-3



# SARS



As of September 26, 2003, 8098 cases of SARS and 774 deaths due to SARS (10 percent mortality) in more than 25 countries had been reported to the World Health Organization (WHO).<sup>1,2</sup>

**SARS was a really dangerous disease, also for health staff but with a relatively low infectious potential and a limited Ro**



# Risk of new strains of Influenza

## ▶ *Antigenic drift*

- ▶ *The reason for re-design every year of flu vaccines*

## ▶ *Antigenic shifts*

- ▶ *New pandemic flu virus with no or little previous cohort immunity*
- ▶ *E.g. H1N1 pdm09*

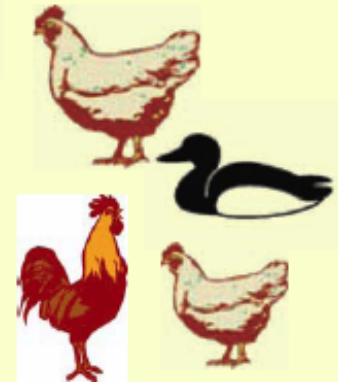
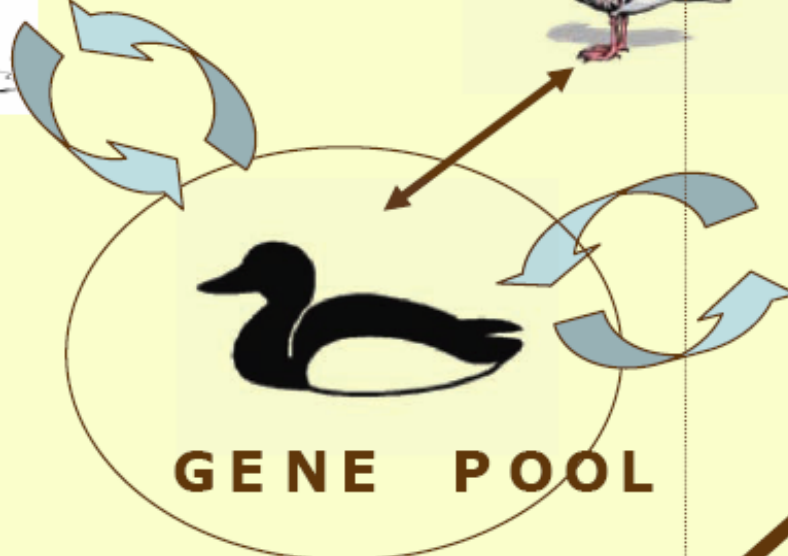




# RESERVOIRS

# SPILOVER

# DEAD-END hosts

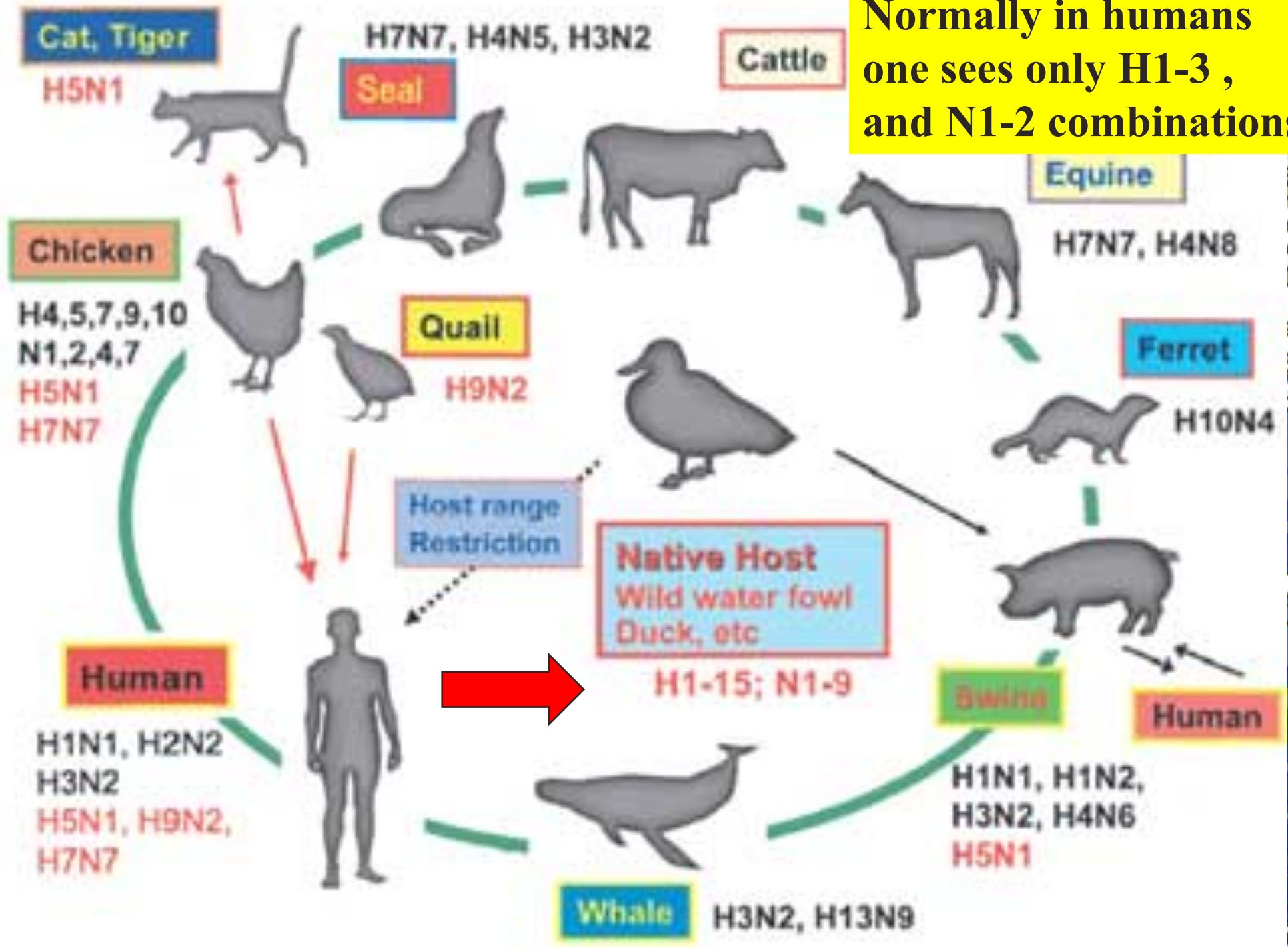


**Ecological :proc**  
interplay among reservoir,  
spillover, aberrant hosts

International Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza



Normally in humans one sees only H1-3, and N1-2 combinations

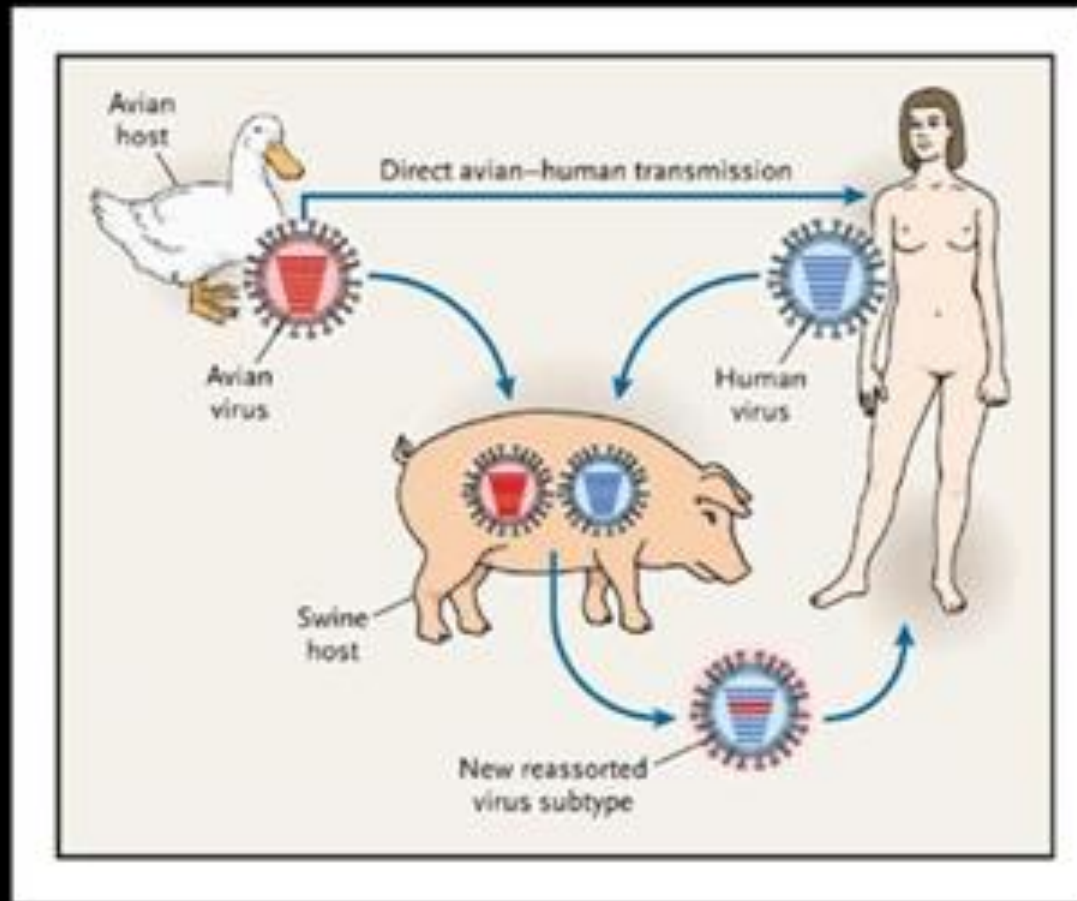




# The risk of new highly pathogenic Influenza types

The pig as a possible source of new flu virus re-combinations as it is susceptible to more H+N combinations from birds than humans

Generation of New Influenza A Virus Subtypes with Pandemic Potential

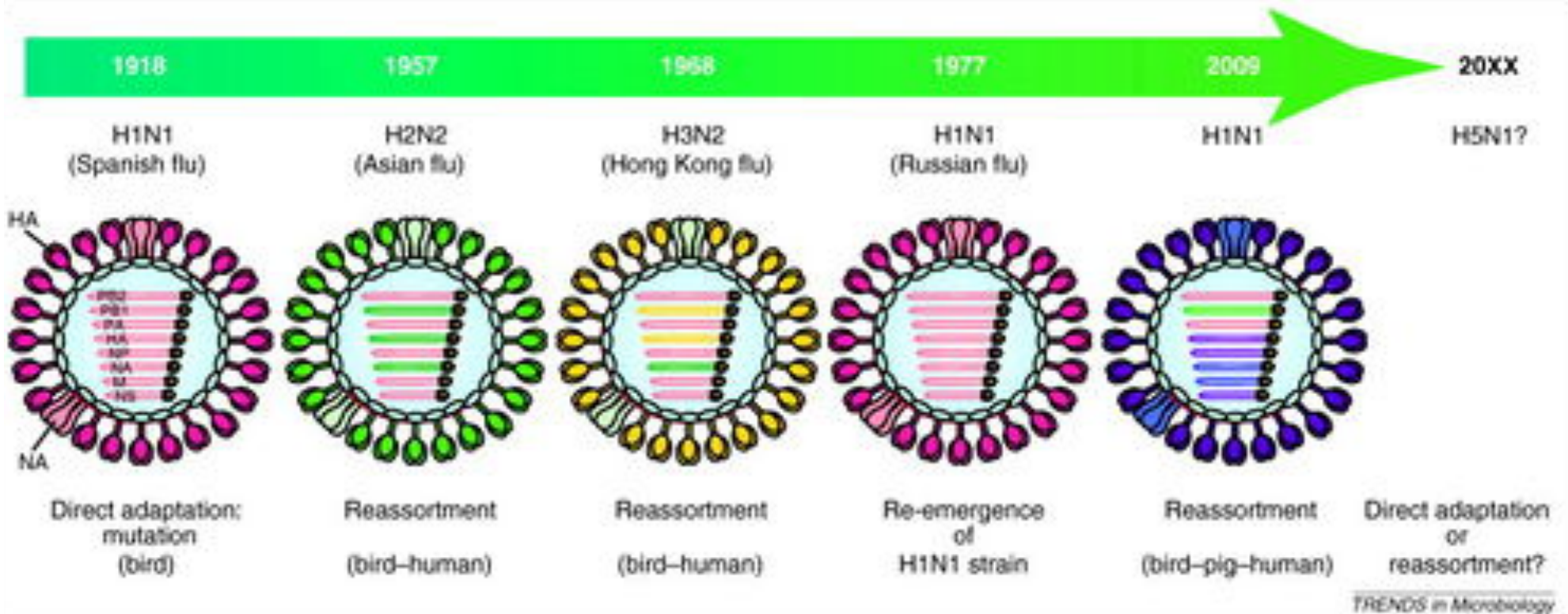


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# The flu pandemics of the 20th. And 21st. century

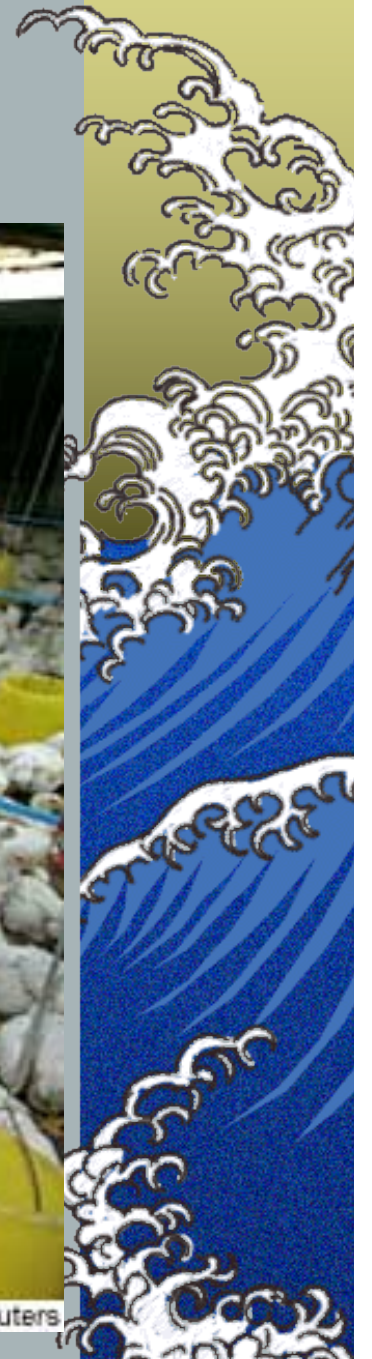




# Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak 2003



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# Avian Influenza H5N1 Outbreak 2003-

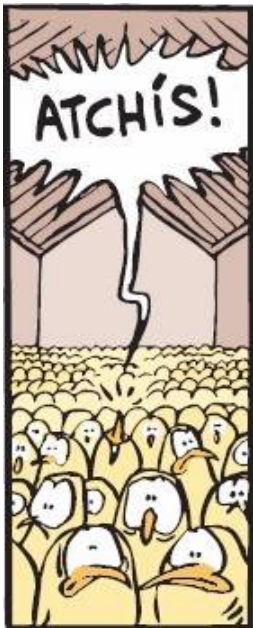




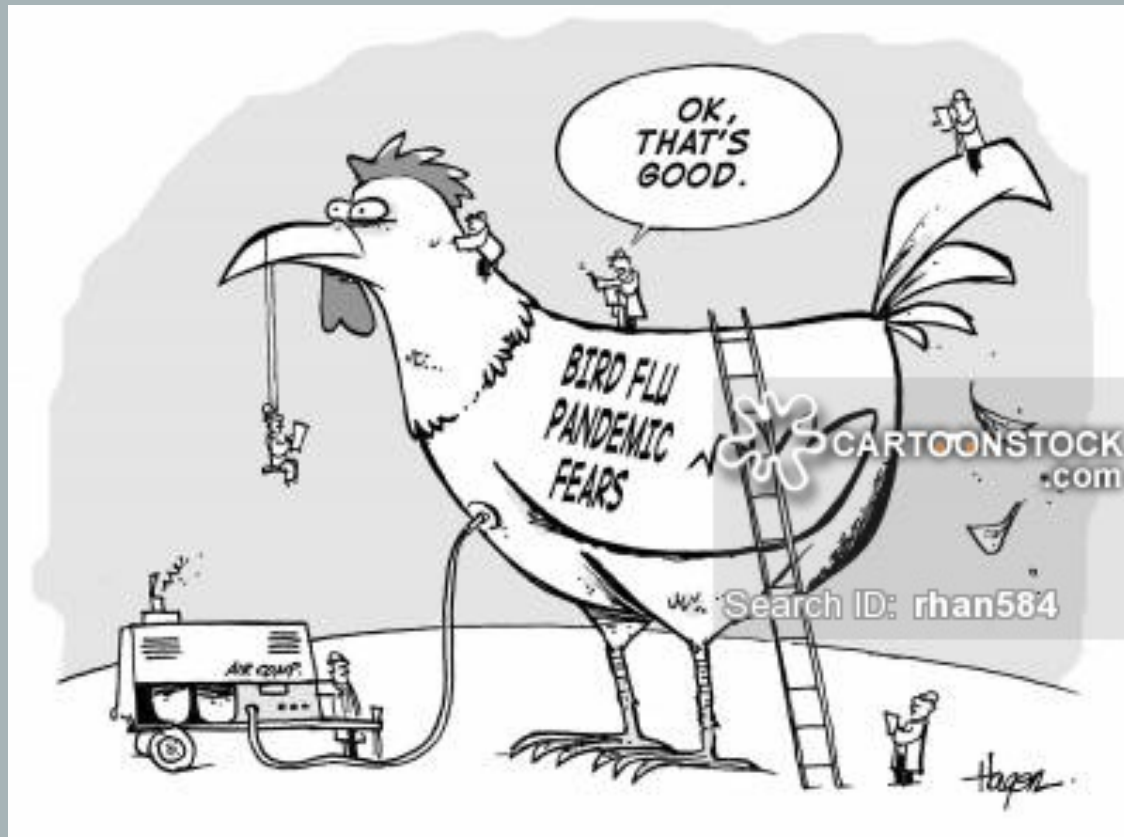
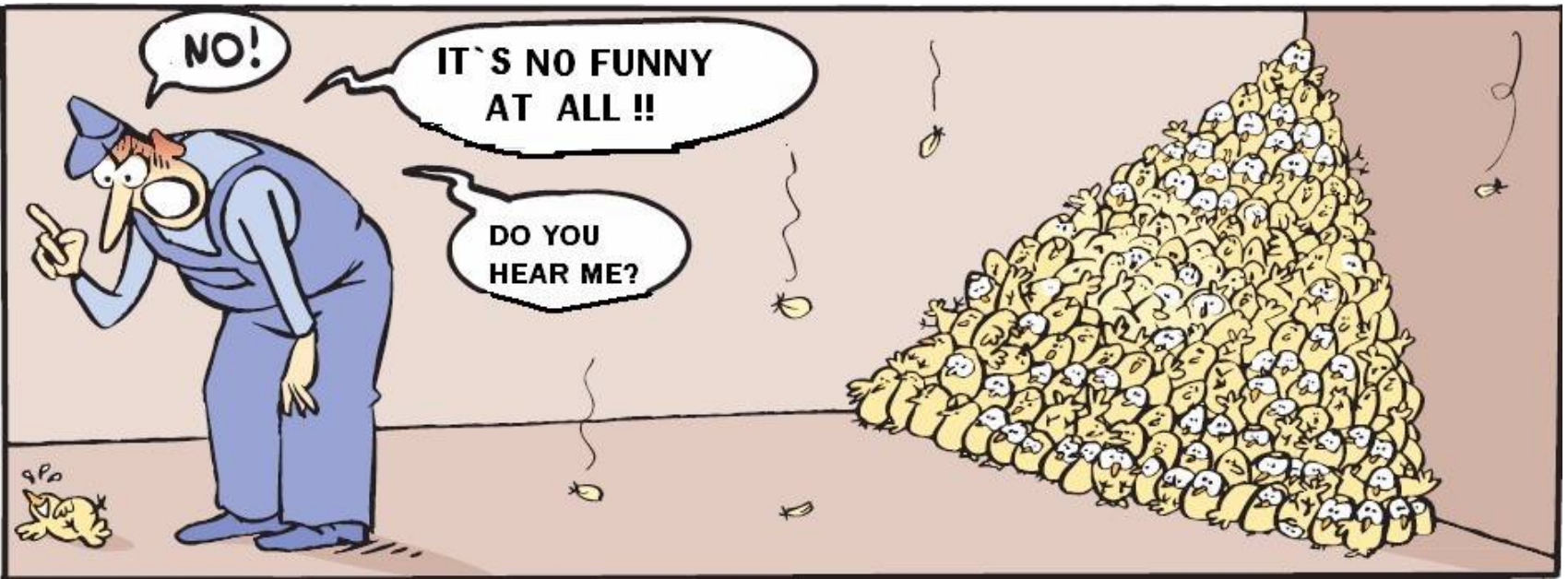
# Avian Influenza H5N1 culling of flocks of farm birds



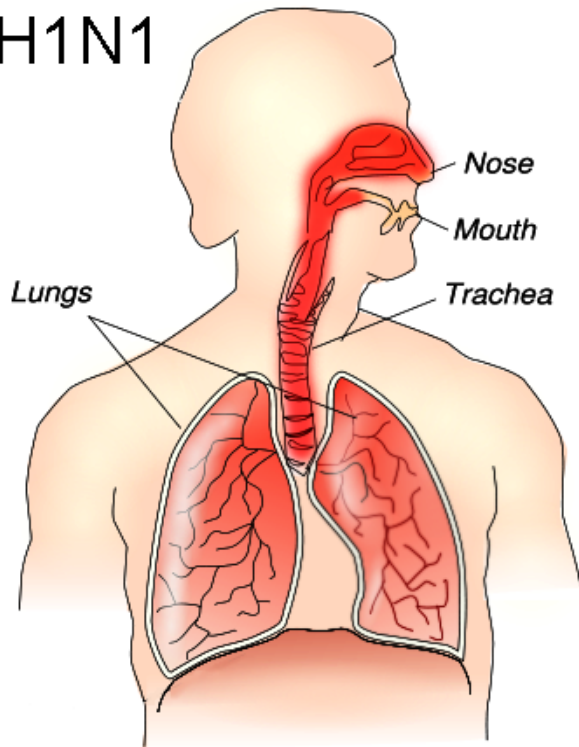




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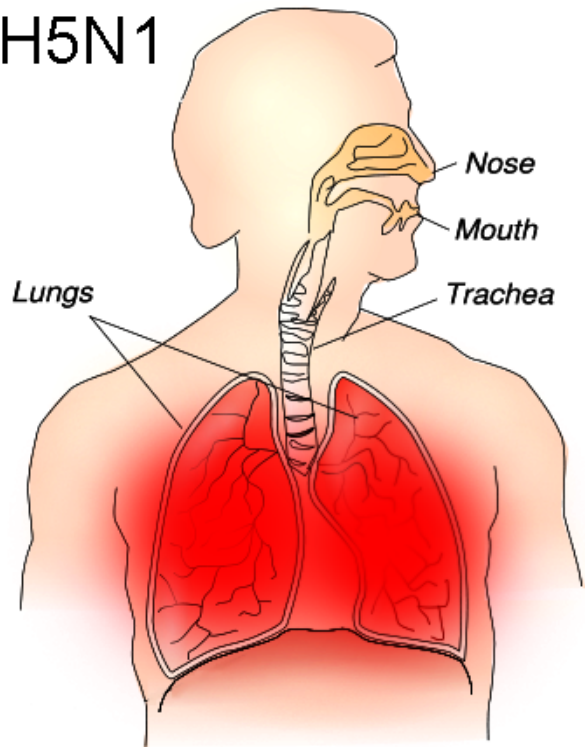


H1N1



Easily spread  
Rarely fatal

H5N1



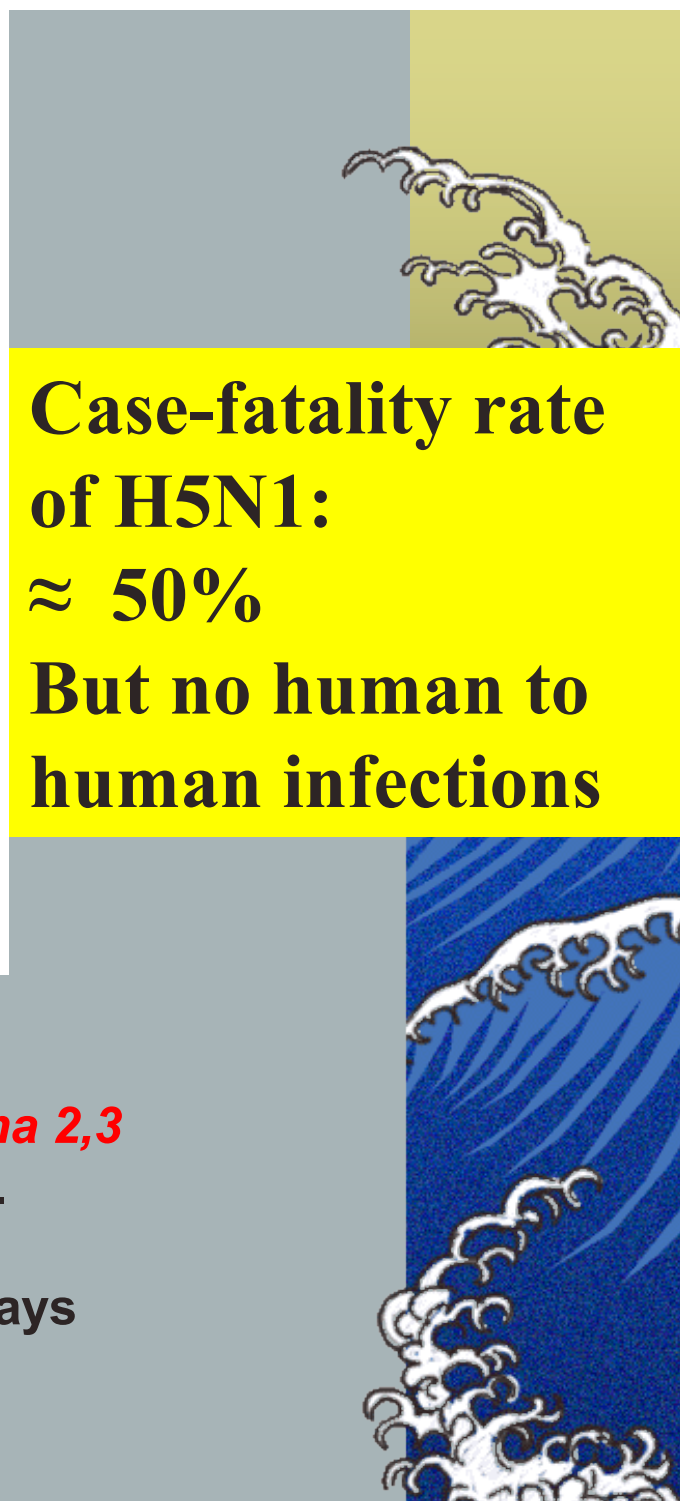
Spreads slowly  
Often fatal

**Case-fatality rate  
of H5N1:  
≈ 50%**

**But no human to  
human infections**

Haemagglutinin **alpha 2,6**  
mucosal receptors  
.  
Human *upper* airways

Haemagglutinin **alpha 2,3**  
mucosal receptors.  
Bird intestine  
Human *Lower* airways





# The end is near.

Duck And  
Cover!

Red  
Alert!

Bird Flu!  
Bird Flu!

Saddam  
Has  
WMD!

Social  
Security Is  
Going Broke!

George Bush  
Stars As Himself:  
An Obnoxious,  
Slippery Little,  
Lying, Chickenhawk,  
Neocon, Bastard  
From Hell!

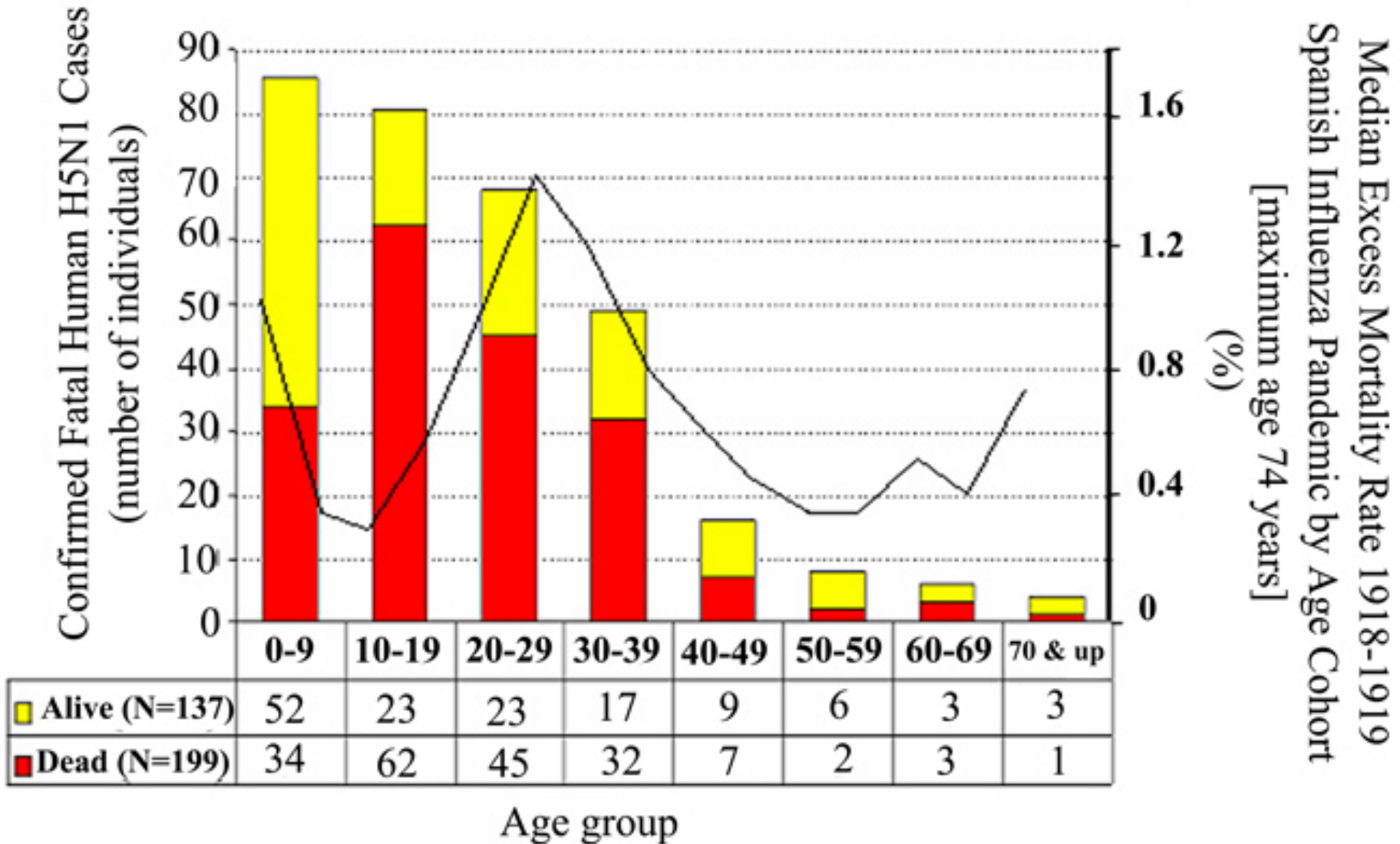
Walt Disney  
P R E S E N T S

# chicken little





# Spanish Flu, Bird flu H5N1



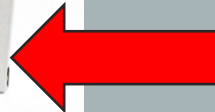
# The "political economy" of pandemics

- ▶ *In the preparation for a new flu pandemic which some felt would present case fatality rates of up to 50% - as seen in the H5N1-all countries prepared "national Pandemic action Plans"*
- ▶ *Although know as a drug with low capacity to limit flu, and no proven effect on mortality Oseltamivir (**Tamiflu**®)- in the absence of available vaccines should the pandemic come suddenly became identified by among others WHO as a useful weapon.*

# The "political economy" of pandemics

- ▶ *Donald Rumfeld , before becoming US secretary of defence was CEO of Orphan drugs, that developed Tamiflu. The patency was sold to ROCHE (years before its "pandemic" use.*
- ▶ *La Roche managed to become an important pressure group and Tamiflu were bought in huge quantities by a number of countries.*
- ▶ *In Denmark a limited lot of 1,5 tons was bought-never used ,and now expired and probably destroyed*



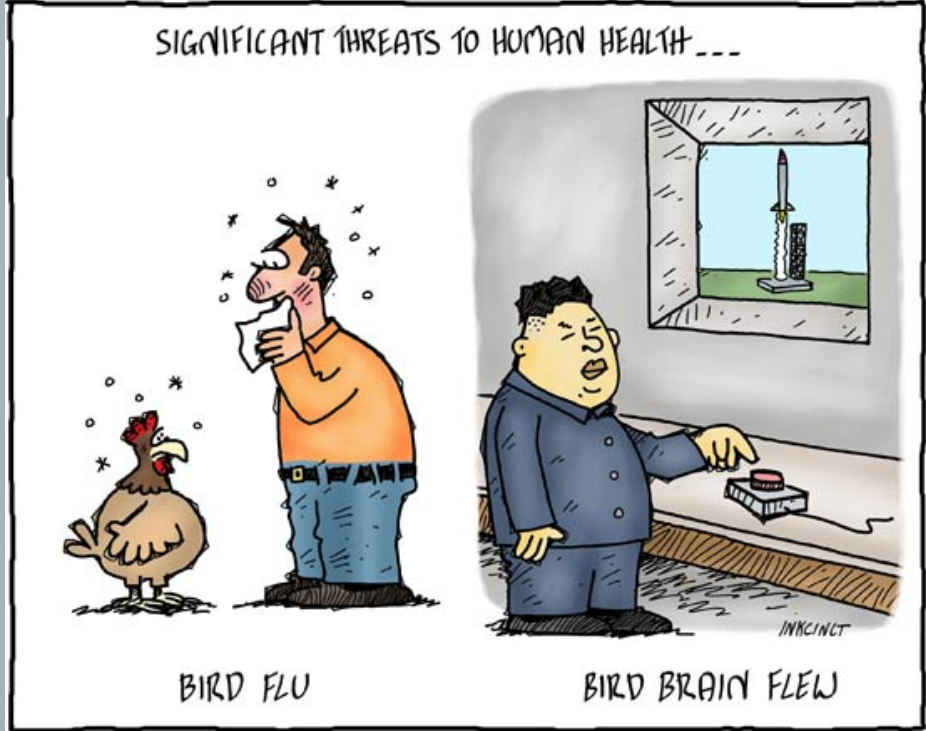
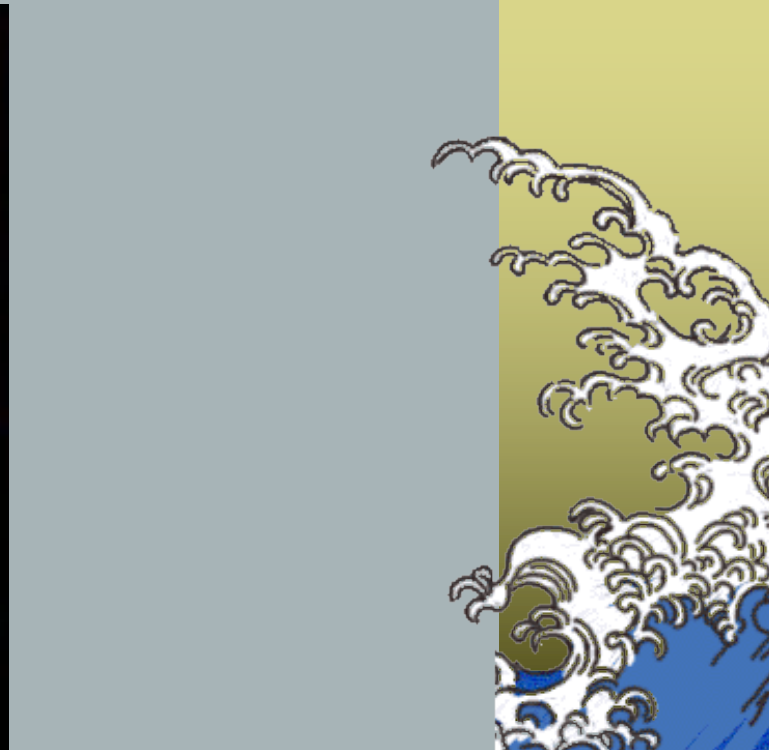


# Avian Influenza H5N1



## Cumulative number of confirmed human cases for avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO, 2003-2016

Country	2003-2009*		2010-2014**		2015		2016		Total	
	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths	cases	deaths
Azerbaijan	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5
Bangladesh	1	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	8	1
Cambodia	9	7	47	30	0	0	0	0	56	37
Canada	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
China	38	25	9	5	6	1	0	0	53	31
Djibouti	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Egypt	90	27	120	50	136	39	8	1	354	117
Indonesia	182	134	35	31	2	2	0	0	199	167
Iraq	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Myanmar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nigeria	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pakistan	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Thailand	25	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	17
Turkey	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4
Viet Nam	112	57	15	7	0	0	0	0	127	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>450</b>

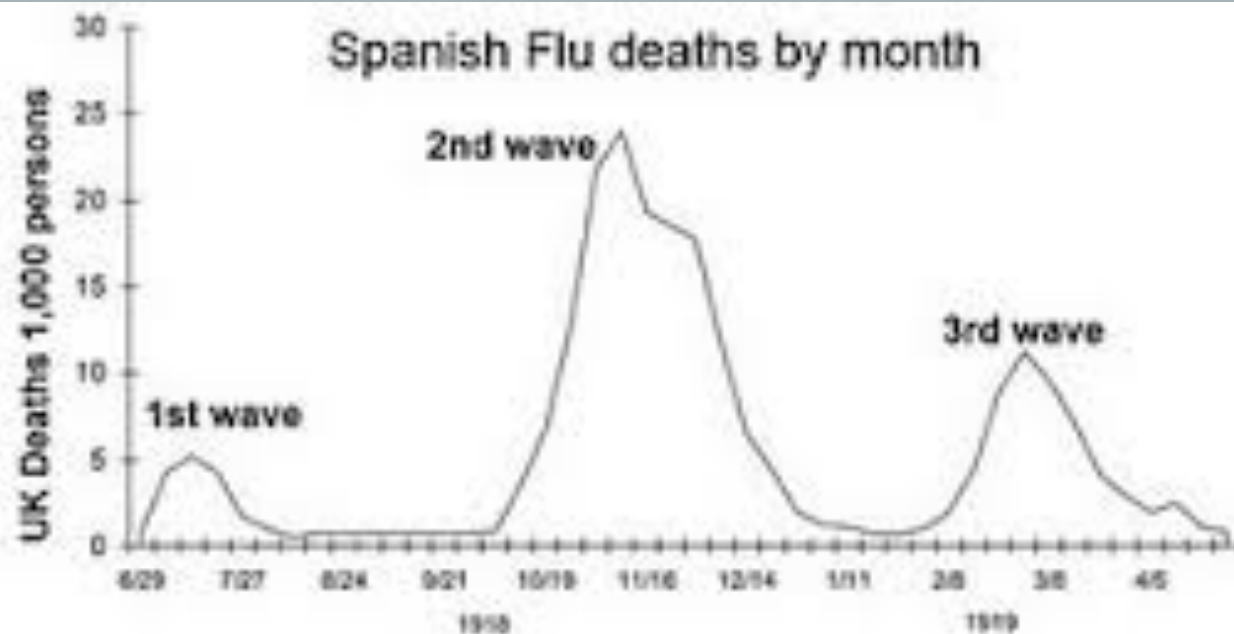


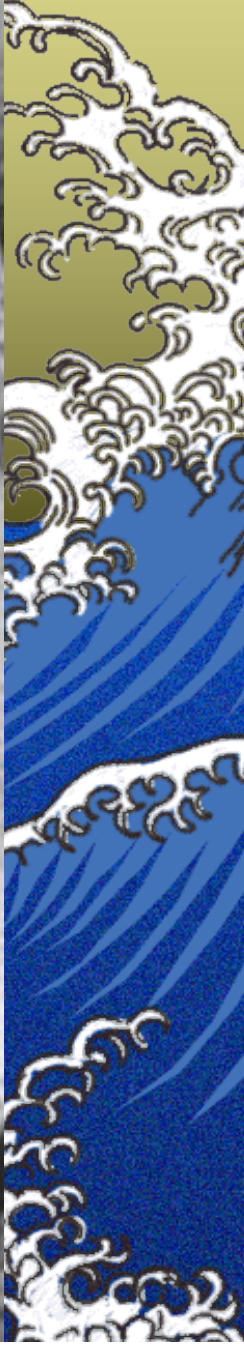


# 1918 Spanish flu:



**The mother of all flu epidemics**









## HOW I'D GIVE CAMILLA A MAKEOVER BY JOAN COLLINS



With two UK cases and seven more showing symptoms, health chief insists we ARE prepared

# SWINE FLU: NOW THE BATTLE TO CONTAIN IT

**BRITAIN cannot hope to escape a global pandemic of swine flu, the chief medical officer admitted last night.**

The Lord Donaldson said it was inevitable there would be cases here. Health authorities would be racing against time to treat them and their contacts in a bid to slow the spread of the virus.

**By Daniel Martin**  
Health Reporter

...treated positive for the 2009 H1N1 virus. They had to admit returning last Tuesday from Mexico, where the outbreak of the H1N1 strain began. Scores of their friends and family are also showing symptoms of the virus and at least 11 other people in the UK are being treated. But British health secretary Nicola Sturgeon warned that the danger to the public was low and said the confirmed victims were recovering well.

European officials warned tourists and businesses against travelling to Mexico or the US, where there have been 49 cases.

It was noted the flu had reached at least 10 countries.

Private health firms reported a surge in demand for antiviral drugs such as Tamiflu, which Sturgeon suggested a year to roll out the UK.

Many in offices and holiday companies felt uneasy when they in drug firms.



Carla Bruni at a royal lunch in Madrid yesterday

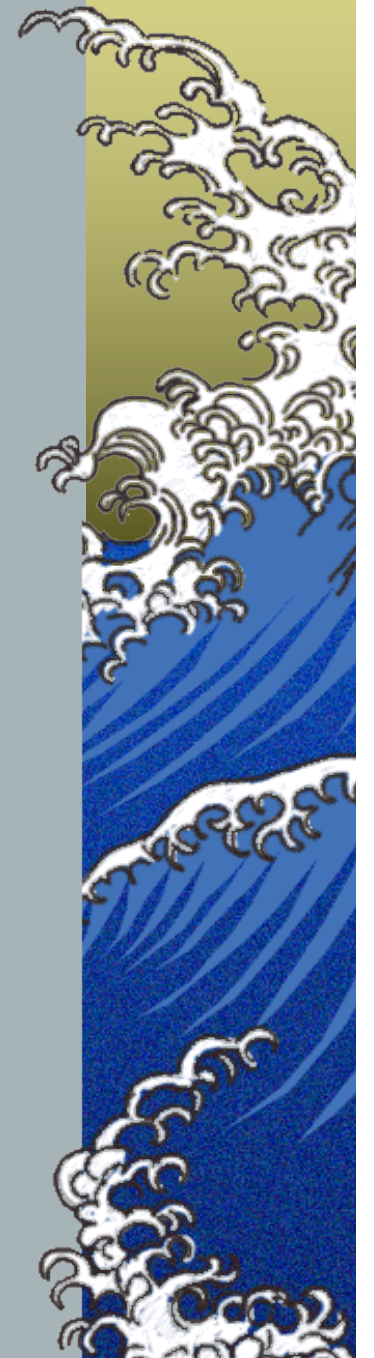
## The day Carla met her match

## April 2009

The first cases of the new "swine" H1N1Pan09 were Reported from Mexican Hospitals.

Tremendous reporting/selection bias and the case fatality rates proved to be among the most moderate seen ever registered – Even less than in the usual annual endemic flu episodes

# p H1N1v Swine flu





# H1N1v

## Severe Cases

- ▶ *Groups of greatest risk for severe development of flu:*
  - ▶ *children younger than 2 years of age*
  - ▶ *people with chronic lung (& heart) disease, including asthma.*
  - ▶ *pregnant women, especially during the third trimester of pregnancy,*
  - ▶ *Very obese persons*
  - ▶ *But not people > 65 years of age*







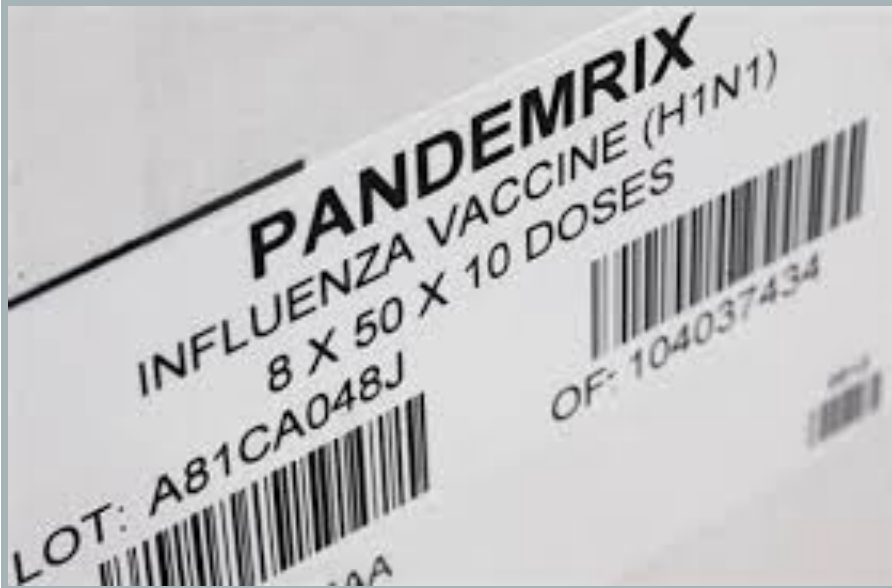
**When a pandemic vaccine was developed around september 2009 it was launched after a minimal safety procedure and never through a proper phase 3 trial**



Subsequently a number of severe adverse reactions (e.g. narcolepsia was seen among children: Below some news paper head lines

*Brain-Damaged Victims Of Swine Flu Vaccine Win \$63 Million Lawsuit*

*GSK has paid out \$9.1 billion since 2003*



**New Flu Shots Could Make  
The Flu The Least Of Your  
Problems**





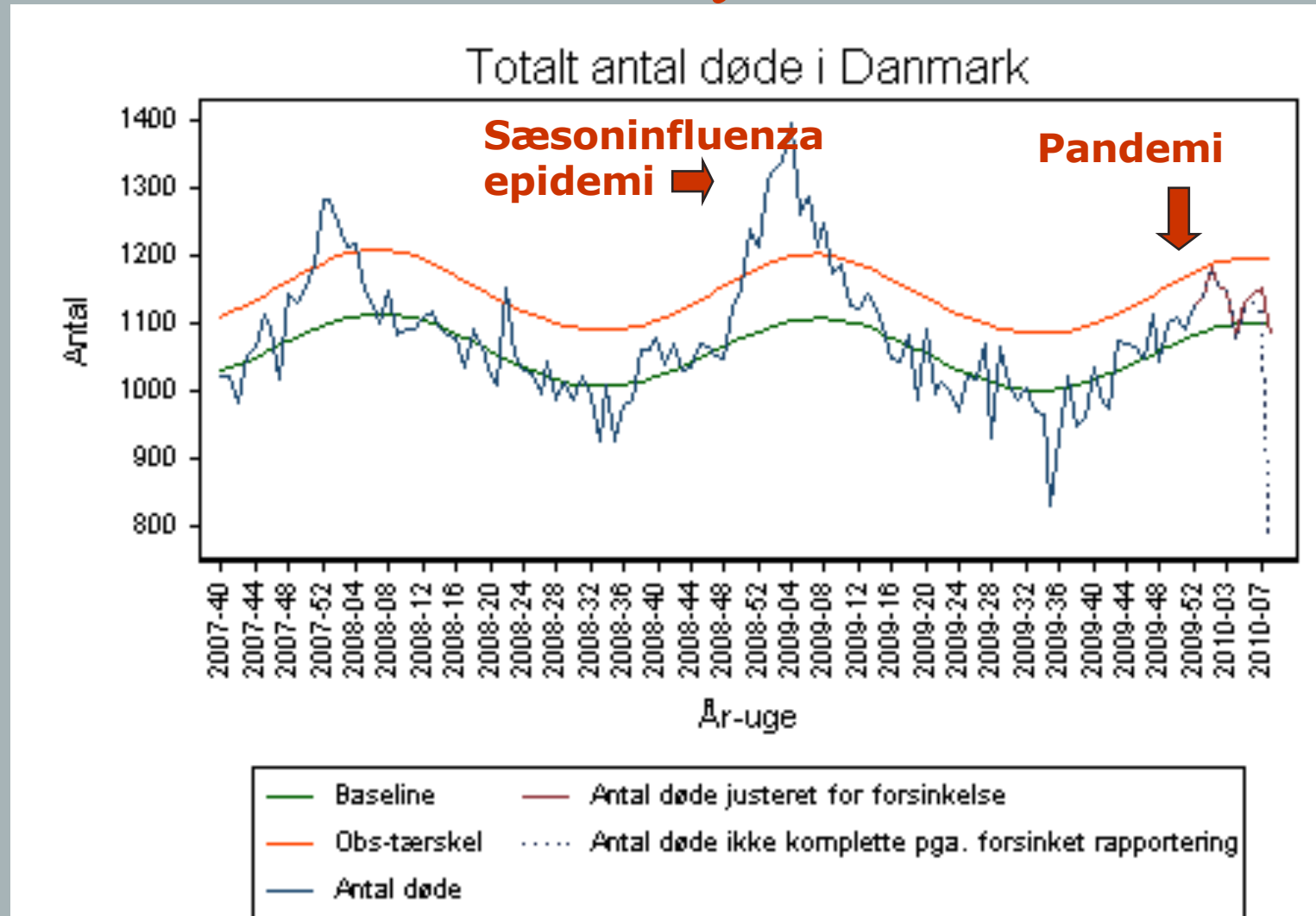
# Hvor mange blev syge?

## Aldersfordeling og andel af befolkningen

Estimeret fra: Sentinel data, %-positiv, ca. 7 tilfælde i pr ILS i praksis

<i>Aldersgruppe</i>	<i>Antal syge</i>	<i>Andel</i>
<i>0–4 år</i>	<i>24.648</i>	<i>7,6%</i>
<i>5–14 år</i>	<i>103.830</i>	<i>15,4%</i>
<i>15–64 år</i>	<i>140.169</i>	<i>3,9%</i>
<i>65 +</i>	<i>4.996</i>	<i>0,6%</i>
<i>I alt</i>	<i>273.613</i>	<i>4,9%</i>

# H1N1pdm09 : no effect on general mortality!



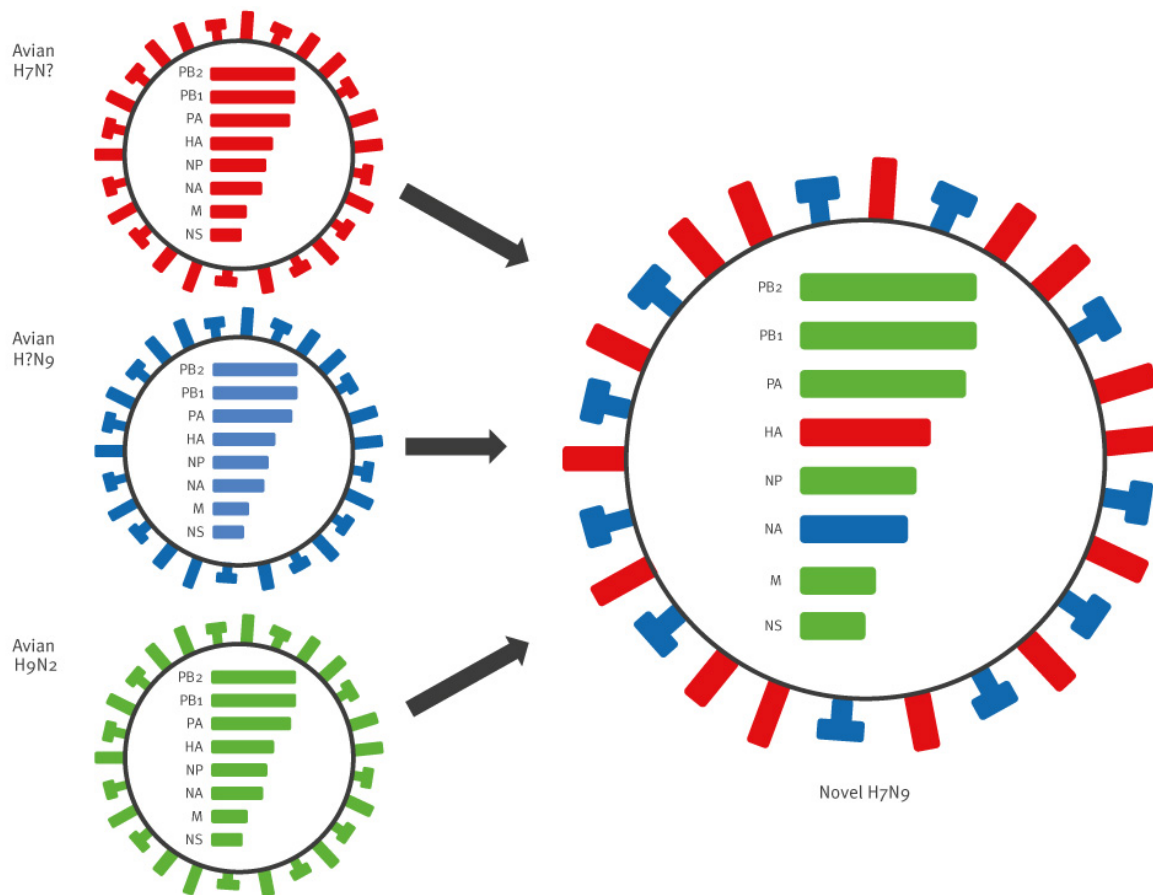


# H7N9

A new recombination seen only in China emerged in 2012-3

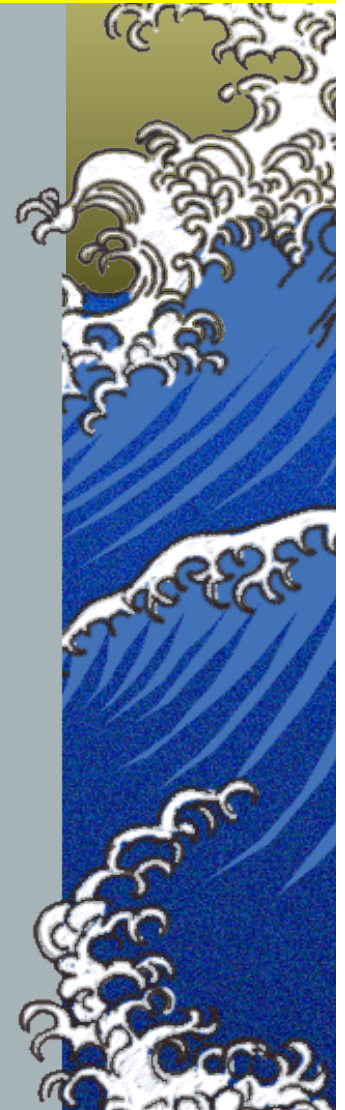
**FIGURE 3**

Schematic diagram of novel influenza A(H7N9) virus generation



HA: haemagglutinin; NA: neuraminidase.

The novel influenza A(H7N9) viruses are likely to have acquired their HA gene from an avian H7 virus of unknown NA subtype, their NA gene from an avian N9 virus of unknown HA subtype, and their remaining six viral segments from avian H9N2 viruses circulating in poultry.





Hundred of millions of Chinese people will travel to celebrate New Year with their families and eat poultry !





# Chinese New year

## 31. January 2014, Year of the Horse



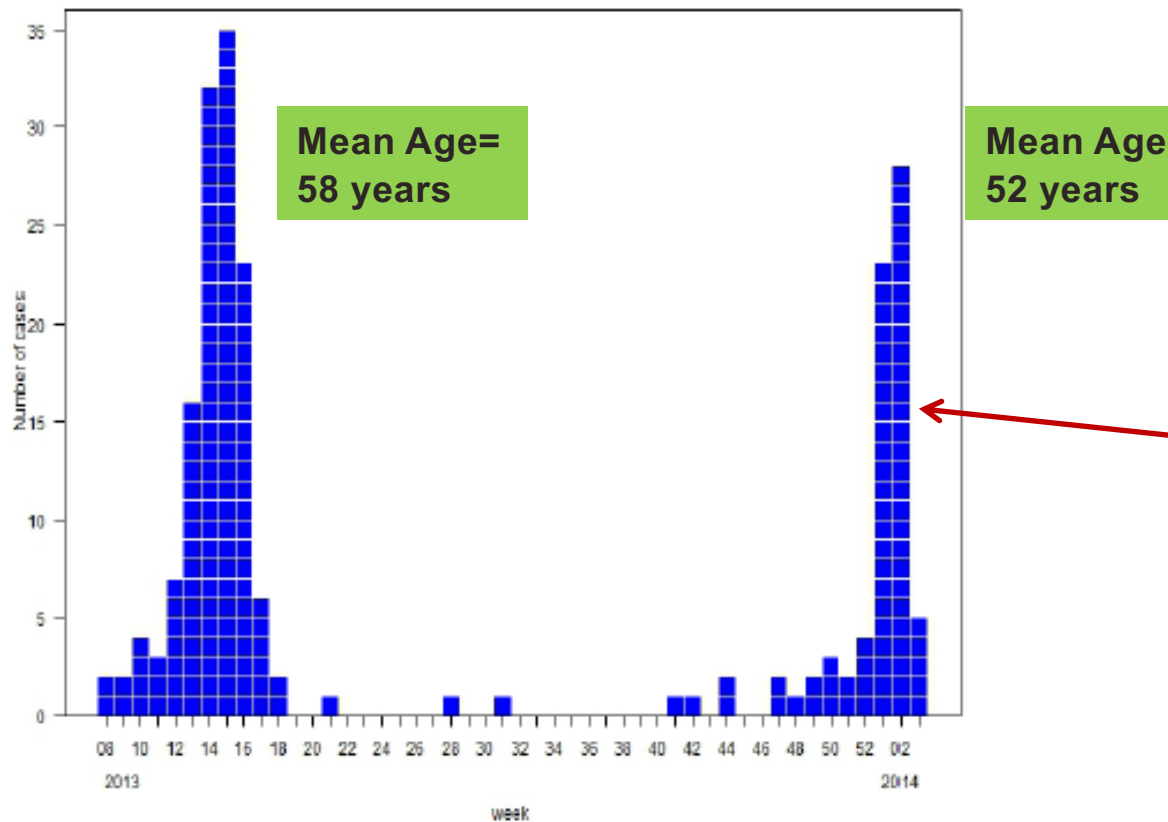
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# Chinese Avian Flu H7N9 2013-14

Fig 1: Laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus by week of onset



<sup>1</sup> For the analysis, the cases reported over summer are included in the second wave.

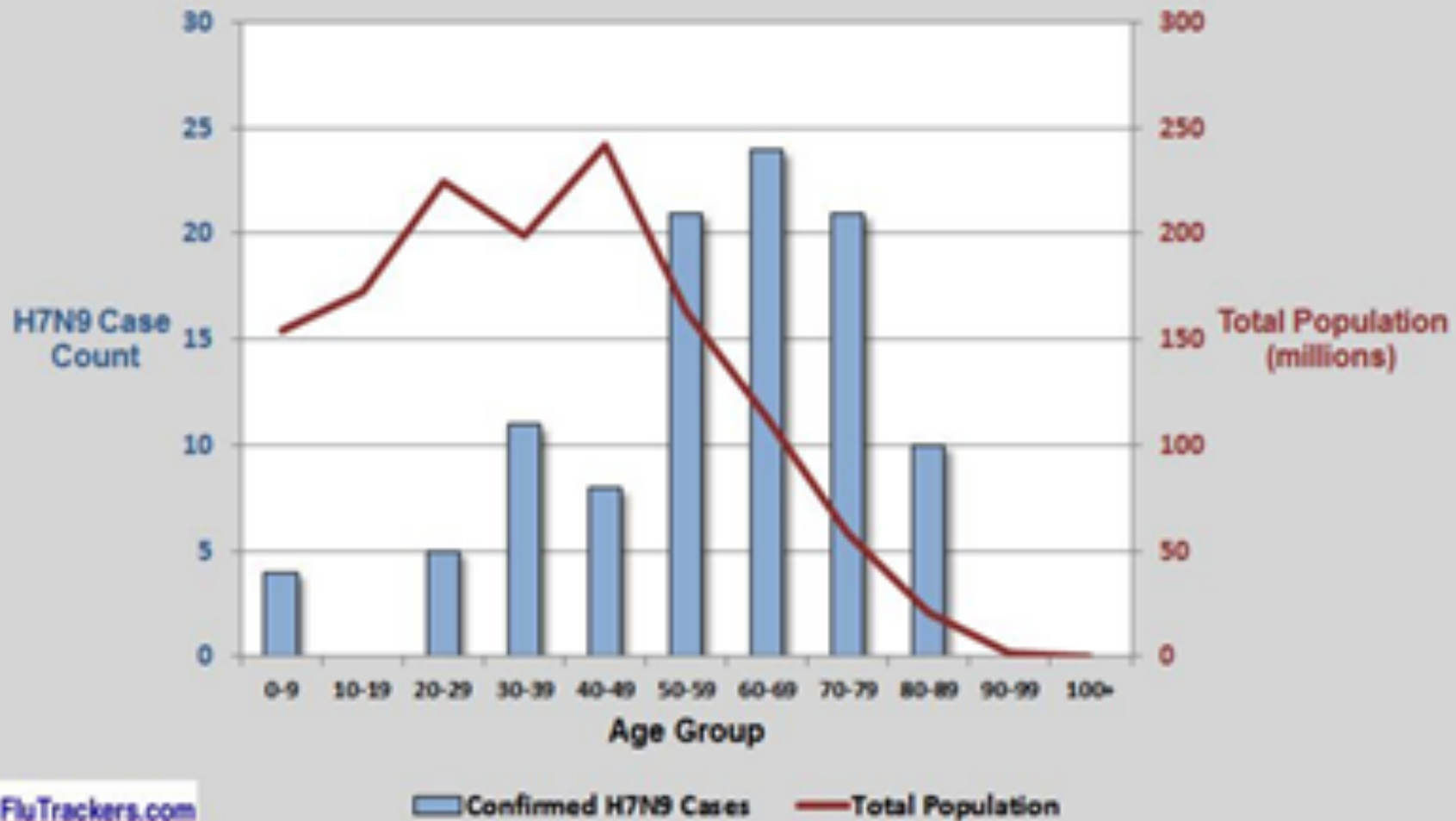
**110 cases  
as of  
2<sup>nd</sup>.Feb.  
2014**

**Mortality  
roughly 20%**



# H7N9

Comparison of China's Population Distribution with the Number of H7N9 Cases by Age Groups, April 22, 2013



# Avian Flu 2014



## ✦ *Human to Human transmission:*

✦ *Very few, if any, clusters of cases found, where human-to-human transmission could have been possible*

✦ *And no further spread from there*

✦ *Only one health worker (in the 2nd. Wave) with H7N9 identified*

✦ *Not associated to other patients with H7N9*

✦ *But an association with contact to a poultry market*



# A new disease ?



★ *March/april 2012*

★ *Jordan (Zarga): 11 patients  
(10 HCWs !!) with severe  
respiratory disease reported  
from an ICU.*

★ *Unknown etiology.*



# The new CoronaVirus

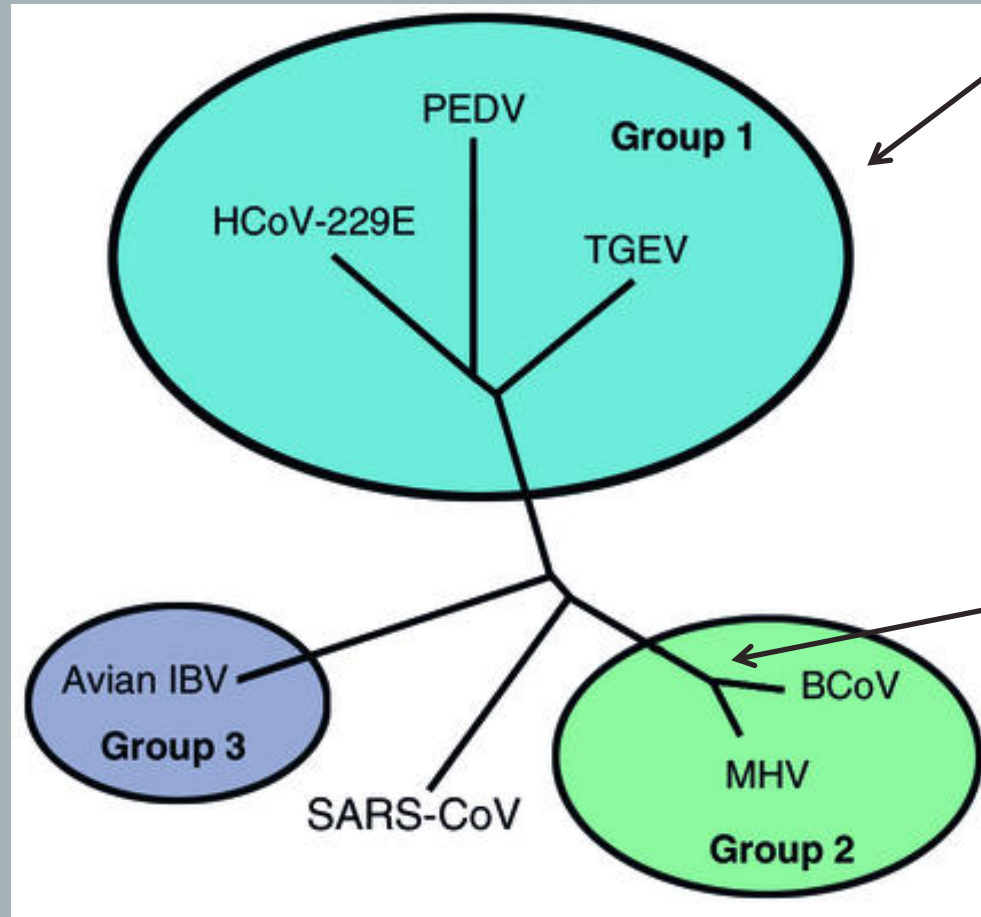
- ★ *The same new type of non-SARS Coronavirus was sequenced from 2 patients in 2012:*
  - ★ *49 year old man from **Qatar**, who had been to Saudi and from the 7th. Sept. admitted to an ITU in Doha, and transfered to London*
  - ★ *Fatal case (June 2012), 60 y.o. **Saudi-arabian citizen***





# Coronavirus

20% of all  
"common cold"



**MERS  
corona  
virus**



# The new Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (**MERS**)

- ▲ *Status 29th. of Sept. 2016:*
- ▲ *1457 laboratory-confirmed cases*
- ▲ *611 deaths*
  - ▲ *Case fatality rate: 41.9 %*
  - ▲ *All cases were linked directly or indirectly to the Arabian peninsular (especially Saudi Arabia)*
  - ▲ *75% had at least one underlying medical condition*





## 20 million camels globally

(e.g. 360 000 camels in the UAE ( 9 mill inhab.))

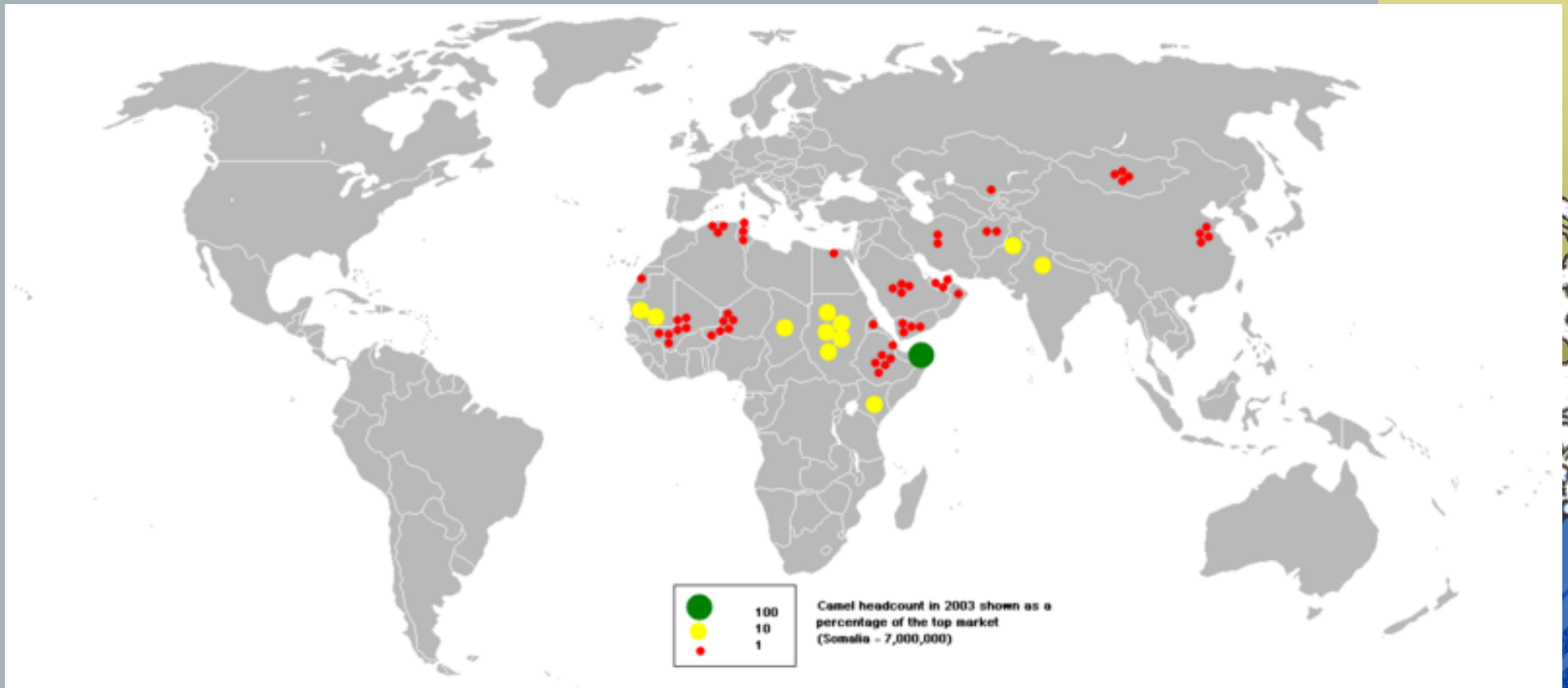
*Camelus dromedarius*  
(90%)



*Camelus bactrianus*  
(10%)









# MERS 2012-13

- ▶ *Epidemiology based on index cases gives an upward, biased impression of  $R_0$  and case fatality rates (74%)*
- ▶ *Based on secondary cases case fatality rates are 20%*
- ▶  *$R_0$  is calculated to be between 0.8- 1.3*
- ▶ ***Conclusion: A slowly growing epidemic, which will die out if infection control is implemented.***





**The "camel" one would have to swallow is that this MERS epidemic reflects very poor hygiene and safety levels in Arabian world hospitals.**



**It would be probably be more difficult for a previous health person to get MERS than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle- cases seen mainly in older adults with DM**

