

# Zika

## WHAT THE RISK LEVEL IN EUROPE ?

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# *Aedes albopictus*



- **exotic species**
- **first detection in Europe:** 1978, Albania
- **larval habitat:** artificial containers, three holes
- **ethology:** female active daily, very aggressive
- **hosts:** opportunistic
- **overwintering:** diapausing eggs

# VECTOR COMPETENCE *Aedes albopictus* (1)

## infection

## transmission

### FLAVIVIRIDAE

#### Dengue 1,2,3,4

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Mitchell et al., 1987

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in Mitchell, 1991

#### Yellow fever

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in Mitchell, 1991

#### St. Louis E.

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Savage et al., 1994

#### West Nile

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in Shroyer, 1986

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Turell et al., 2001

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Sardelis et al., 2002

#### Usutu

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Bellini et al., in process

#### Zika

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Wong et al., 2013

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Chouin-Carneiro et al., 2016

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Di Luca et al., 2016

### TOGAVIRIDAE

#### Eastern Equine E.

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Turell et al., 1994

#### Western Equine E.

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in Mitchell, 1991

#### Venez. Equine E.

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Turell e Beaman, 1992

#### Ross River

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Mitchell et al., 1987

#### Mayaro

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in Mitchell, 1991

#### Chikungunya

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Mangiafico, 1971

## VECTOR COMPETENCE *Aedes albopictus* (2)

infection      transmission

### BUNYAVIRIDAE

|                          |     |     |                        |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| LaCrosse                 | +++ | ++  | in Mitchell, 1991      |
| Jamest. Canyon           | +++ | +   | in Mitchell, 1991      |
| Keystone                 | +++ | -   | in Mitchell, 1991      |
| Oropouche                | +   | -   | in Mitchell, 1991      |
| Potosi                   | +   | +   | in Mitchell, 1991      |
| <u>Rift Valley Fever</u> | ++  | +   | in Mitchell, 1991      |
| Tahyna                   | +   | (?) | Portolani et al., 2001 |
| Trivittatus              | +   | -   | in Mitchell, 1991      |

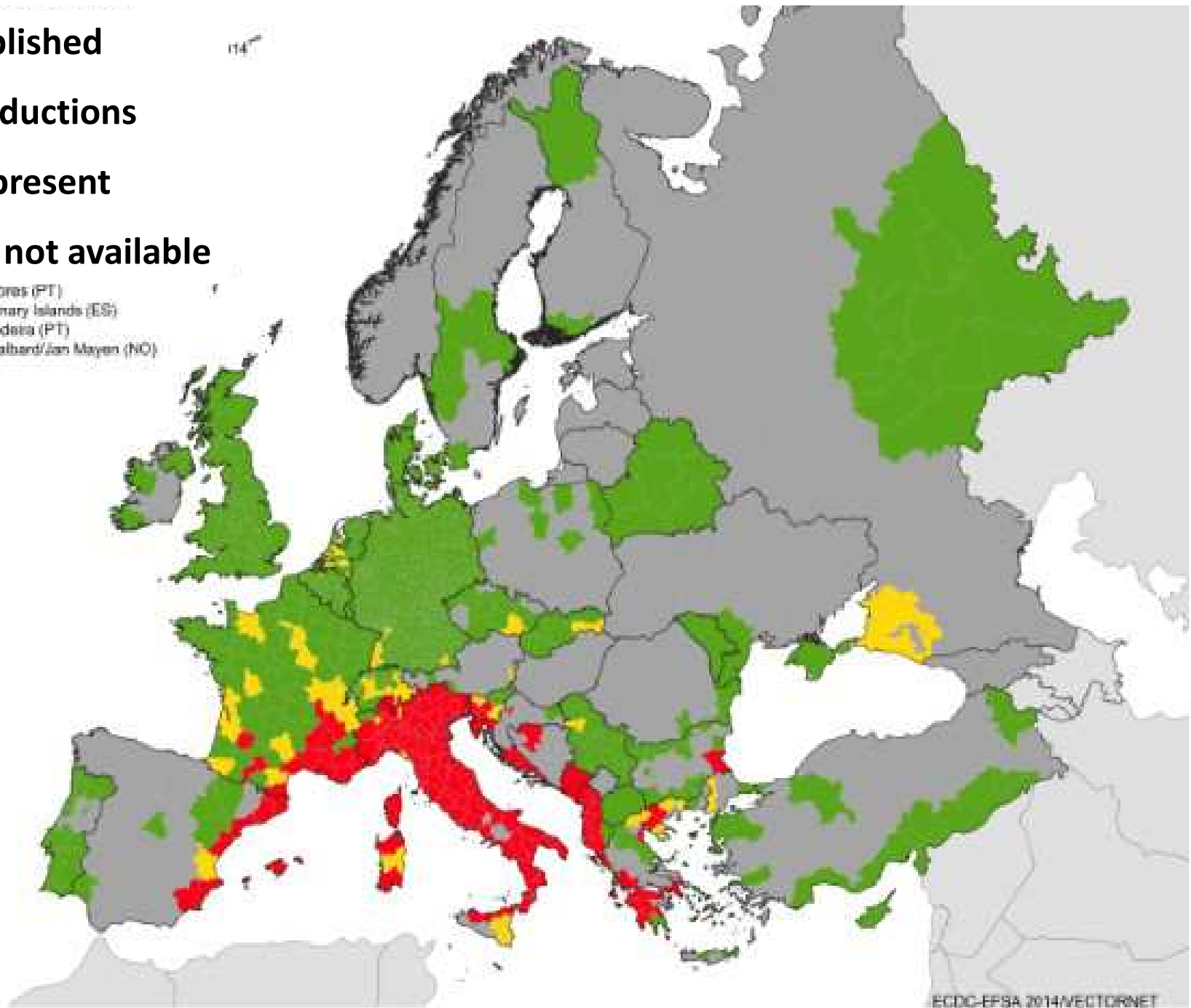
### REOVIRIDAE

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| Orungo | +(?) | +(?) | in Shroyer, 1986 |
|--------|------|------|------------------|

+++ high; ++ moderate; + low; - negative; (?) not determined

- Established**
- Introductions**
- Not present**
- Data not available**

- Azores (PT)
- Canary Islands (ES)
- Madeira (PT)
- Svalbard/Jan Mayen (NO)



ZIKV has been isolated from several mosquito species in Africa: *Aedes africanus*, *Ae. apicocoar genteus*, *Ae. furcifer*, *Ae. luteocephalus*, *Ae. taylori*, *Ae. vittatus* e *Ae. aegypti* (Faye et al. 2014)

In Gabon an epidemic of Chikungunya & Dengue started from 2007, with *Ae. albopictus* indicated as the primary vector.

A retrospective study on human sera and mosquito pools collected during the epidemic (2007-2010), showed 5 sera and 2 *Ae. albopictus* pools positive for ZIKV.

The IR observed for ZIKV was similar to the IR observed for Dengue.

The ZIK circulation was undetected because of the Dengue & Chik circulation (Grard et al. 2014).

A ZIKV large epidemic was registered in French Polynesia and New Caledonia from October 2013.

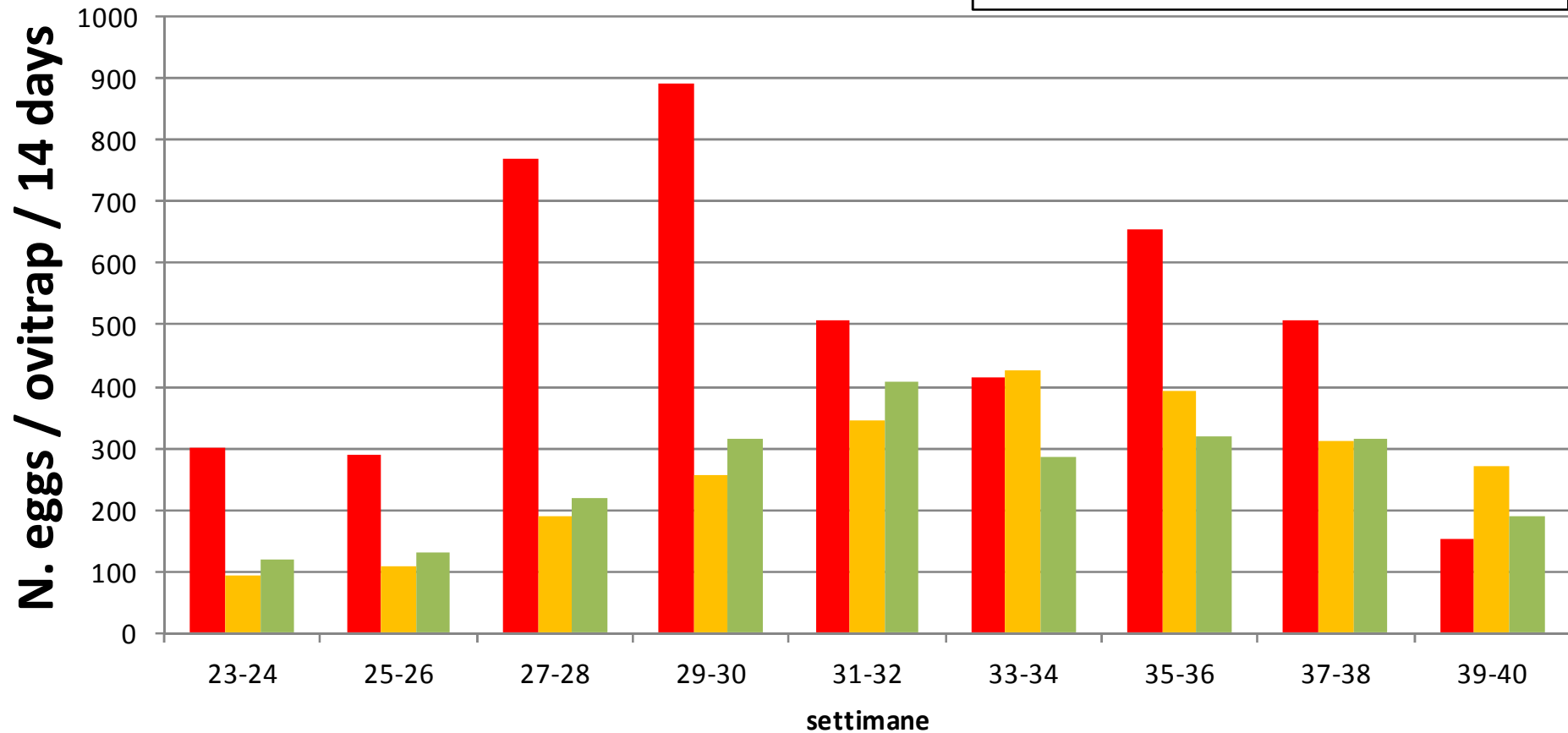
The vectors were *Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. polynesiensis* (ECDC 2014)



# Population dynamic *Aedes albopictus* in Emilia-Romagna

andamenti *Aedes albopictus*

2015 2014 2013



# Epidemiological risk assessment on the N of *Aedes albopictus* eggs in Emilia-Romagna

| Mean<br>N eggs/14 dd | CHIK A226V     | CHIK          | Dengue        | Zika          |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| < 100                | $R_0 < 1$      | $R_0 < 1$     | $R_0 < 1$     | $R_0 < 1$     |
| 101-250              | $1 < R_0 < 2$  | $R_0 < 1$     | $R_0 < 1$     | $1 < R_0 < 2$ |
| 251-400              | $2 < R_0 < 3$  | $R_0 < 1$     | $R_0 < 1$     | $1 < R_0 < 2$ |
| 401-700              | $3 < R_0 < 5$  | $1 < R_0 < 2$ | $1 < R_0 < 2$ | $2 < R_0 < 3$ |
| 701-1000             | $5 < R_0 < 7$  | $1 < R_0 < 2$ | $1 < R_0 < 2$ | $3 < R_0 < 5$ |
| 1001-1500            | $7 < R_0 < 10$ | $2 < R_0 < 3$ | $2 < R_0 < 3$ | $3 < R_0 < 5$ |
| > 1501               | $R_0 > 10$     | $3 < R_0 < 5$ | $3 < R_0 < 5$ | $5 < R_0 < 7$ |

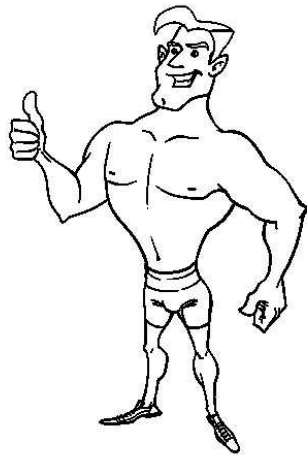
# ASYMPTOMATICS ?

- Dengue: 20–97% infections are asymptomatic
- Chikungunya: 25% infections are asymptomatic
- Zika: 80% infections are asymptomatic

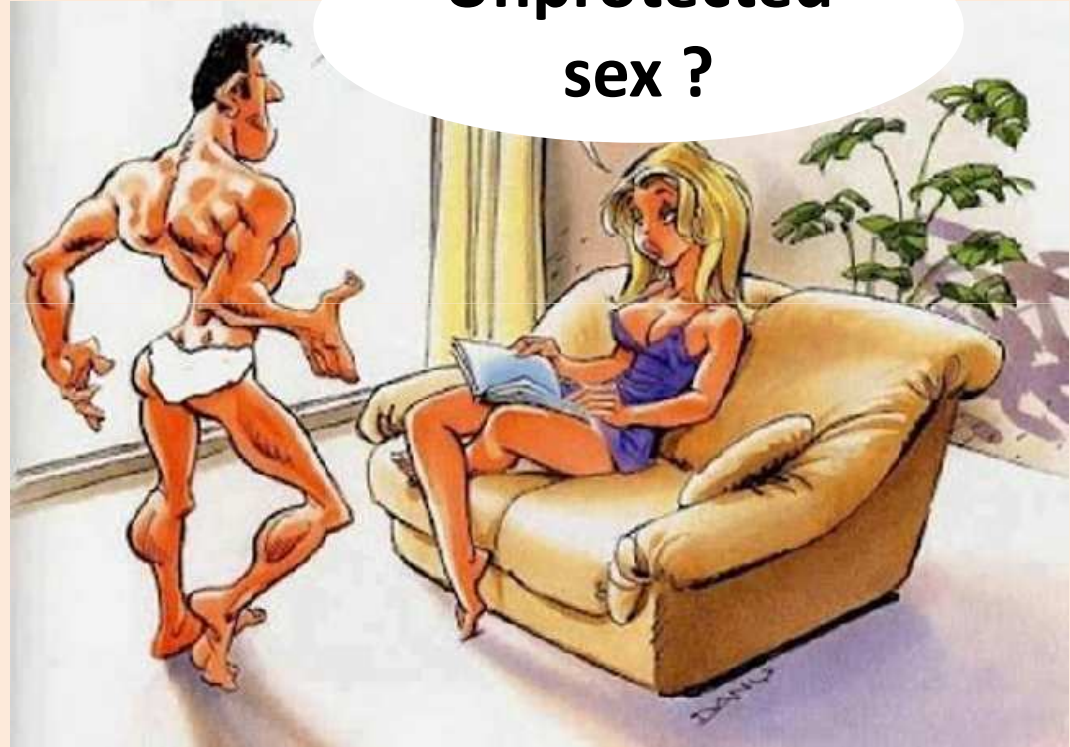
**IT IS RETAINED THAT ASYPTOMATIC CASES ARE IN GENERAL  
LOW INFECTIVE FOR MOSQUITOES  
(TO BE BETTER INVESTIGATED FOR ZIKA)**

# Possible risk of ZIKV introduction

asymptomatic  
infected traveller



Unprotected  
sex ?



**Vertical transmission ?**

# **WHY THE EPIDEMIC IN THE AMERICAS ?**

It has been observed that anti-flavivirus antibodies (e.g. dengue) may increase ZIKV replication in the lab.

**Philip K. Russell, 2016**