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Multiple dengue virus types harboured by individual mosquitoes

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Highlights

Multiple DENV types are present in individual mosquitoes from Rajasthan,

India

The mosquitoes could be non human source of hetero DENV types in endemic

settings.

Paper sensitizes further studies on multiple DENV types in mosquitoes and

Abstract

The existing knowledge on pathogenesis and aetiology of DHF establishes that

Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) and Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) are caused

by two subsequent infections of two different serotypes of dengue affecting a

common human population with a time gap. Present studies have been undertaken on

212 laboratory reared infected individual mosquitoes from larvae collected from 31

dengue endemic towns of Rajasthan, India. Type specific DEN viruses were detected

from individual mosquitoes employing RT-PCR. In 78.7% of 212 infected individual

mosquitoes studied, vertically transmitted multiple DENV types were observed. We

report for the first time that single mosquitoes contain multiple dengue virus types.

Keywords: Multiple dengue types; Etiology; DHF

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