

The traveller with HIV: what to take, what will they bring back?

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Travel stereotypes

Beach holiday

Business man

Volunteer worker

Independent traveller

Visiting friends and relatives

Travel stereotypes

Most people are fine

Most illnesses are self limiting

Common things are common

Most risks are not related to infections

> Understanding behaviour

Pre-travel

Patient

Plan a month ahead

Visit a travel clinic

Doctor

Be interested

Look it up

ART supply

Medical letter

> HIV is generally not an issue

Zika Virus

UK cases as of 29th March 2017

Total	295
Confirmed (75% PCR)	199
Pregnancy	7
Sexual transmission	1

Caribbean	215
C & S America	67

Risk Assessment

Advice don't go if pregnant
 avoid day biting mosquitoes
 wait 8 weeks before conception
 use barrier protection for 6 months

> Changing situation (see PHE website)

Vaccines and HIV infection

Lower threshold for use

Sub-optimal response and durability

Live vaccine issue

Not if CD4 < 200

Not at all

Yellow Fever

MMR

Varicella

BTyphoid (Ty21a)

Cholera

(BCG)

Oral Polio

Influenza (intranasal)

Smallpox

Geretti AM et al HIV Med (2008)

The Green Book

Post travel: what do they bring back?

Epidemiology: 5y GeoSentinel Survey

42,173 ill returning travellers presenting to 53 global specialist centres

Continents	Asia	33%
	Africa	27%
	Latin America	19%

Syndromes	GI	34%
	Fever	23%
	Skin	19%

Travel advice	All	40%
	VFR	18%

Should we screen asymptomatic returning travellers?

1993	Peto & Conlon (Oxford)	Limited benefit
2000	Whitty & Chiodini (London)	Targeted benefit

HTD: 1539 patients > 3 months in tropics (60% Africa)

Exposure Hx, Symptoms and exam	Unhelpful
Stool, Schistosomal serology, terminal urine	Useful
Eosinophilia (> 0.5)	Guide

> **Africa, nurse-led, lab-directed, good yield, simple Rx**

DIARRHOEA

Diarrhoea at HTD

509 consecutive patients attending HTD walk-in service

Pathogen identified in 25%

Symptoms < 14 days = bacterial (p<0.001)

Travel to Asia > parasites (OR 1.96)

Bacterial (vs non-)	Odds Ratio
History of fever	3.3
Raised CRP	6.2
Faecal leukocytes	4.4

Bacterial (55)	Parasitic (51)
Shigella (18)	Giardia (35)
Campylobacter (17)	Cyclospora (8)
Salmonella (13)	E histolytica (4)

37♂ Fever and Bloody Diarrhoea

Letter from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dx	Chronic diarrhoea 2° Crohn's Disease & Pseudomembranous colitis	
PH	10 months of diarrhoea Bloody diarrhoea for 1 week	
Rx	Giardiasis:	Tinidazole x 2
	Amoebiasis:	Metronidazole
	Dysentery:	Ciprofloxacin
	Typhoid:	Ceftriaxone

Examination

Unwell

Cool peripheries

T	38°
P	110 reg
R	24 (sats 93%)
BP	115/70
CVS	S ₃ oedema +
RS	dull bases
GI	liver edge

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Investigations

CRP	197
WCC	9.6 (EΦ 1.5)
Albumin	27

HIV POCT negative

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Some causes of dysentery

Amoebic *Entamoeba histolytica*

Bacillary *Shigella flexneri*

Bacterial *Campylobacter jejuni*

ETEC

Salmonella typhi

Parasitic *Schistosoma mansoni*

Inflammatory UC / Crohns

More history

2 ½ years

Village in western Ethiopia

Training teachers

First floor flat

Fastidious with food

Frequent swimming in lake

Never had sex

No previous GI problems

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HOT stool examination

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| 1) Visualisation | Liquid
Blood & mucus |
| 2) Microscopy | WBC +++ / RBC +++
No trophozoites |
| 3) Ova | <i>S mansoni</i> +++
(live & calcified) |
| 4) Cysts | None |
| 5) Parasites | None |

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Management

Schistosoma ELISA positive

Praziquantel

“chronic inflammation, ulceration, crypt abscesses graunuloma”

Clinical recovery over 2 weeks

Diarrhoea 2: 26y woman

HPC 4w watery diarrhoea 2-3x/d
nausea, occasional cramps
no fevers or blood

Otherwise well

No response to ciprofloxacin

Travel 6w Nepal and India (Delhi and Goa)
returned last month

Exam Normal

Diarrhoea 2: 26y woman

Ix FBC & U&E normal, CRP 15

Stool Liquid
 No white or red cells
 No ova cysts or parasites
 Culture negative

DDx? **Giardiasis**
 Post-infectious irritable bowel
 Small bowel overgrowth
 Coeliac disease

Diarrhoea 2: 26y woman with ? Giardiasis

Options

Empirical tinidazole

Repeat stool microscopy

String test

Duodenal biopsy

Faecal PCR (GI-multiplex)

Diarrhoea 2: 26y woman with ? Giardiasis

Empiric Tinidazole -> partial recovery

- Poor adherence?
- Insufficient Rx?
- Re-infection from partner?
- Poor host defence?
- Drug resistance?

Study 4y retrospective case series

All microscopy or PCR positive cases at HTD

Refractory = proven first Rx failure

Rob Lever's HTD data (2016)

Diarrhoea: late presentations

Strongyloidiasis (small bowel)

Issues Skin: Larva currens
 Lung: Loeffler's syn
 GI: mimic / malabsorption
 Auto-infection
 Hyper-infection

Ix Eosinophilia
 Serology
 Charcoal stool
 Jejunal biopsy

Amoebiasis (large bowel)

Issues Long incubation
 Intermittent diarrhoea
 Dysentery: mimics IBD
 Fatal

Ix Stool OCP (hot – trophozoites)
 Colonic biopsy
 Serology (30 – 50%)
 E histolytica v E dispar

Diarrhoea: in summary

Most self limiting

Bacterial < 2 weeks, Giardia longer

Dysentery has a differential

Stool microscopy, culture and PCR

First presentation of IBD or Coeliac Disease

Azithromycin or Ciprofloxacin

HIV may attenuate presentation

SKIN

Skin problems

- Rash
- Eschar
- Ulcer
- Itchy lesion
- Infestation

Skin problems: rash

26y 3/7 Fever, headache, myalgia

Travel 2w cycling holiday in Vietnam
Back 5d ago

Exam T 39.2, P 104, BP 96/58
Petechial rash
Pitting oedema

Ix Hb 10
 WCC 2.3
 Plts 94

ALT 143
CRP 37

Dx Dengue

DDx Chikungunya
 Zika virus

Send PCR of blood to Porton Down

Rx Supportive
 Warning signs / severe disease

Skin Problems: eschar

A: Fever from South Africa

10d walking safari

Returned last weekend

3d high temperature & headache

No focal symptoms

CRP 57, WCC 4

Blood film: no malaria parasites

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B: Fever from Tanzania

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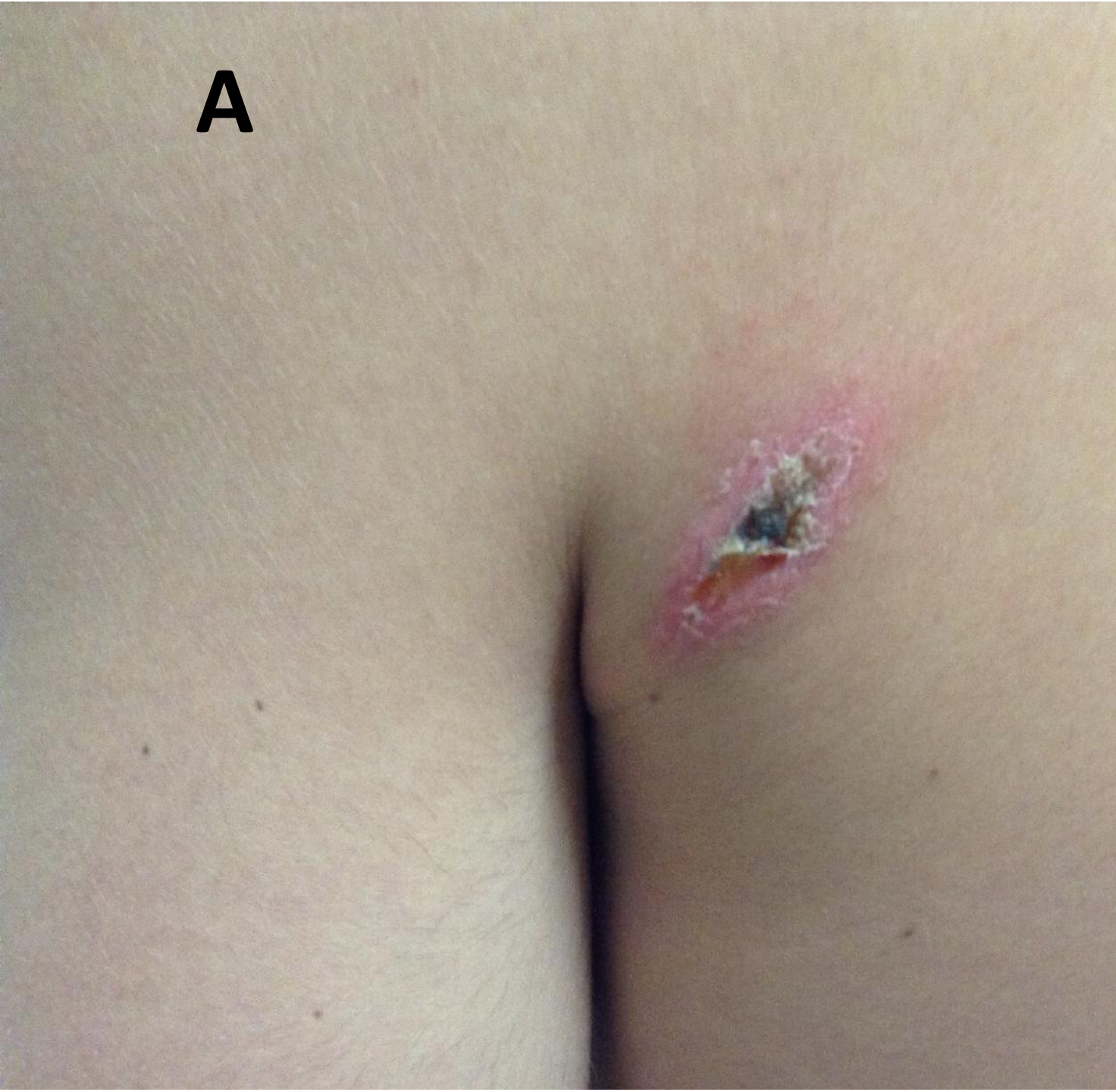
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A



B



Skin problems: eschar

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Dx	African tick typhus
Ix	None
Rx	Discharge on doxycycline
Px	Better in 3d

B

Dx	East African Trypanasomiasis
Ix	Lumbar puncture
Rx	Admit for suramin / melarsaprol
Px	5-10% mortality



Preferred Site for Punch Biopsy of Suspected Lesions

Skin problems: ulcer

51y UK man

PC June lesion left arm

Travel Peru in April
Forest walks

PMH Asthma & eczema

SH Actor
Single
Occasional marijuana

Exam Multiple cutaneous lesions

large ulcer left forearm

sporotrichoid spread

axillary LNs

small lesion on neck

**Ix Slit skin smears (microscopy)
Needle aspiration (culture, PCR)
Skin biopsy (histology)**

Skin problems: ulcer

Dx **Cutaneous Leishmaniasis**

DDx Infected insect bites
Foreign body reaction
Fungal infections
Staphylococcal infection
Non-tuberculous mycobacteria
(Buruli ulcer)
(Yaws)

Rx **IV Sodium Silbogluconate**

Intra-lesional injections

3 week course

Slow healing 3 months

Skin problems: itchy lesions

28y man

PC 9d itchy rash on foot

Travel Beach holiday in SE Asia

Returned last week

Exam Systemically well

Dx

Cutaneous Larva Migrans

Rx

1) do nothing

2) topical thiabendazole

3) oral albendazole or ivermectin

(steroids if widespread inflammation)

Skin problems: jigger fleas (tungiasis)

Complications

bacterial super-infection

ulceration

nail destruction

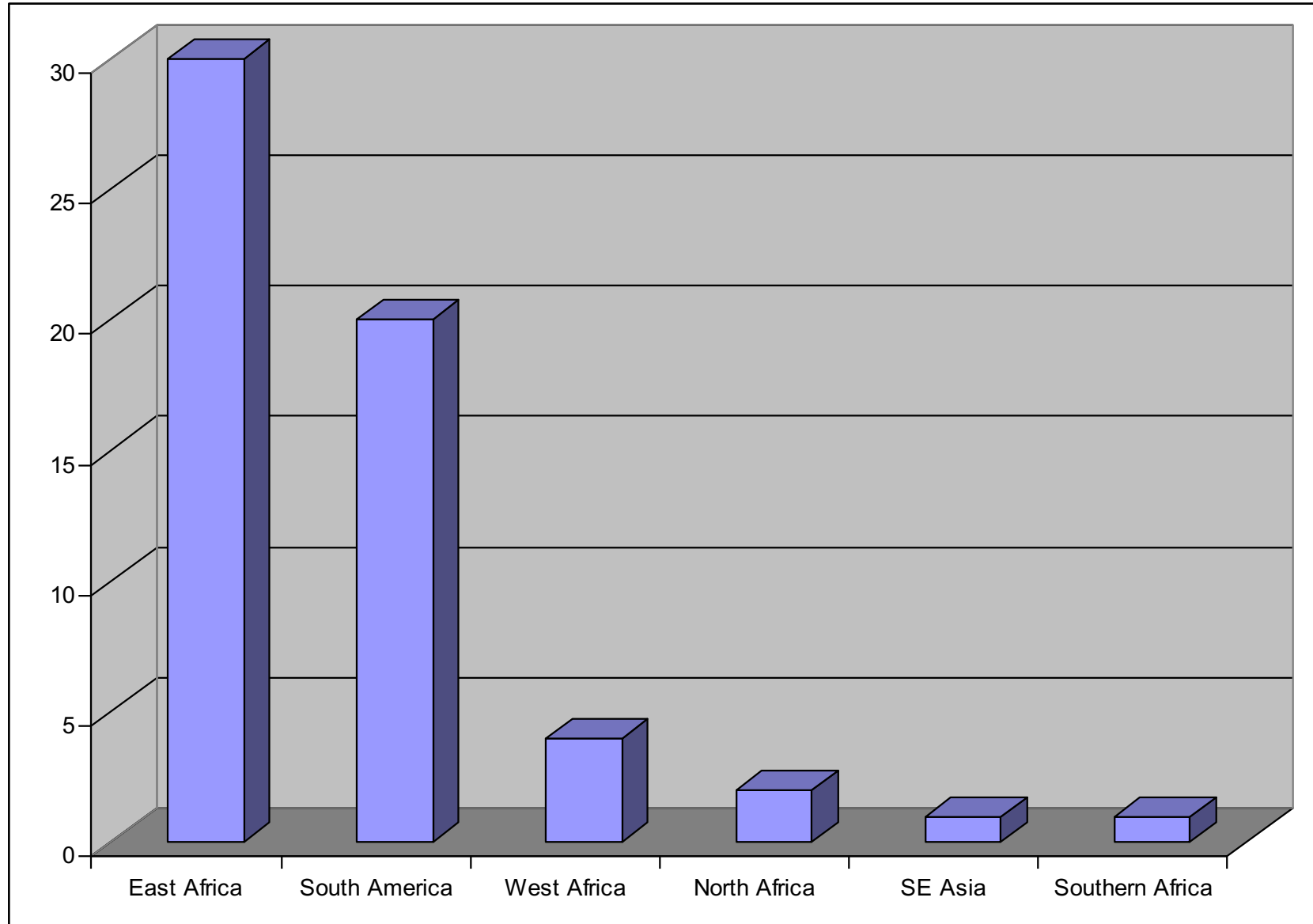
lymphoedema

tetanus

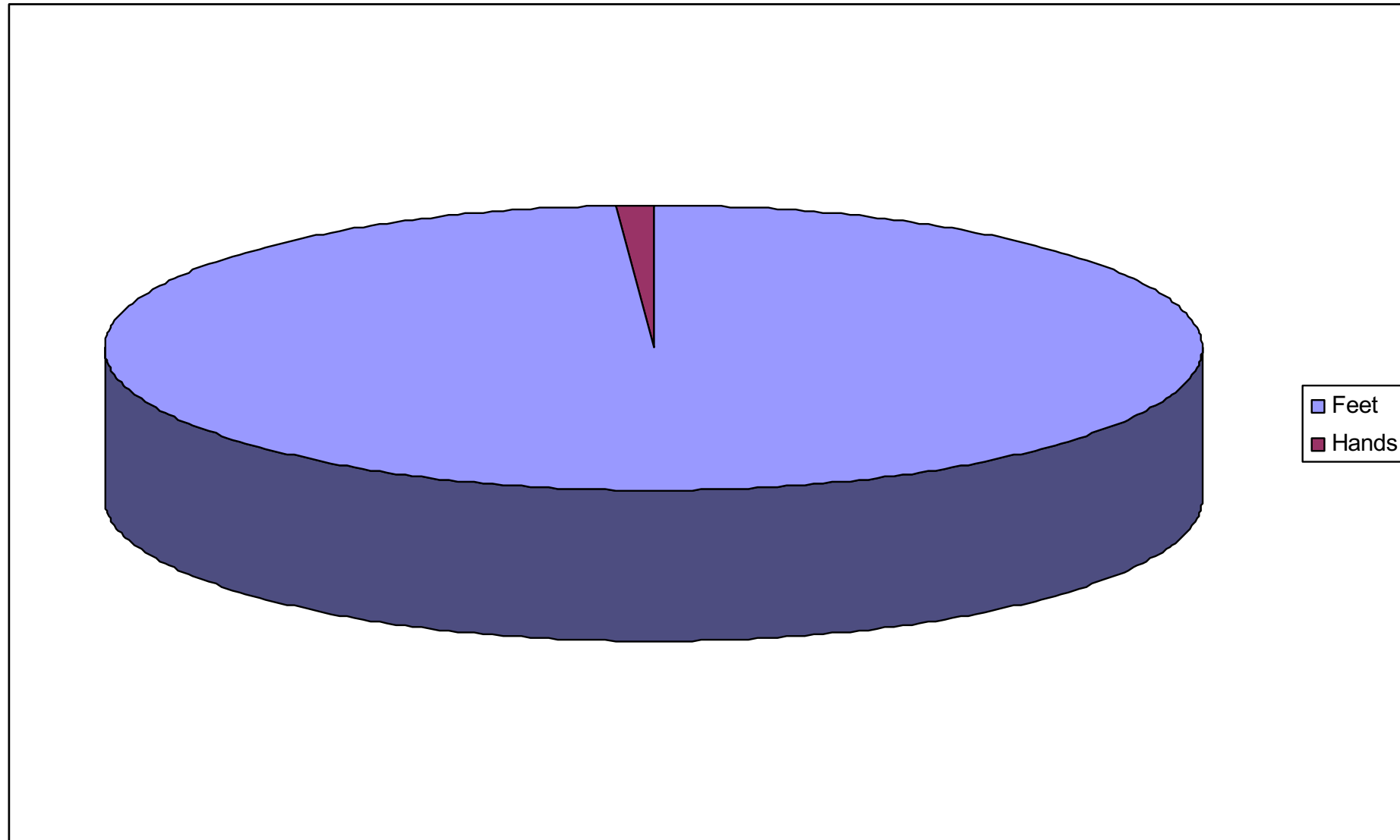
Treatment

Remove

Tungiasis: place of acquisition



Tungiasis: body parts affected





Skin problems: infestations

Condition	Distribution	Treatment
Scabies	> Asia	Ivermectin
Bed bugs	Worldwide	Creams
Maggots – Tumbu flies	> Africa	Suffocate
Maggots – Bot flies	> Americas	Suffocate
Jigger fleas	> Africa	Remove

FEVER

66♂ Fever and reduced consciousness

Background

November	Accra, Ghana family funeral
12 December	‘caught the flu’ fever, headache, myalgia off work (security guard)
14 December	visited GP Dx bronchitis
16 December	drowsy friend calls ambulance

Examination

GCS	8
T	38.7°
P	122
R	26
BP	112 / 68
Jaundiced	
No rash	
No lateralising neurology	
No stigmata of immunosuppression	
Lactate 5.7; HCO3 14	

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Initial Management

- Resus room
- Bloods and cultures
- IV fluids
- IV Ceftriaxone 2g

Further Management

- Urine catheter
- ICU opinion
- CXR
- CT head scan
- Urgent Blood film
- HIV point-of-care test

Investigations

Hb	10.9
WCC	3.6
Plts	31
INR	1.6
CRP	253
Urea	29
Cr	386
Na	128
K	5.3
Glu	2.9
Bil	87

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Most likely diagnosis?

- A Falciparum malaria
- B Lassa fever
- C Leptospirosis
- D Pneumococcal meningitis

Case 1: 66♂ Fever and reduced consciousness

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Diagnosis

Severe falciparum malaria

Hyper-parasitaemia

Cerebral malaria

Acute Kidney Injury

Acidosis

Rx IV Artesunate

Mx Transfer to ICU

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What is his prognosis?

1. Severity
2. Clinical expertise
3. Age

**Geography: Reported cases of falciparum malaria by global region of travel
(1987- 2006)**

Region	Number of reported cases	%
Africa	20,744	96.4
South Asia	517	2.5
Far East & SE Asia	114	0.5
Central + S America	35	0.2
Oceania	46	0.2
Middle East	51	0.2
Caribbean	4	0.01

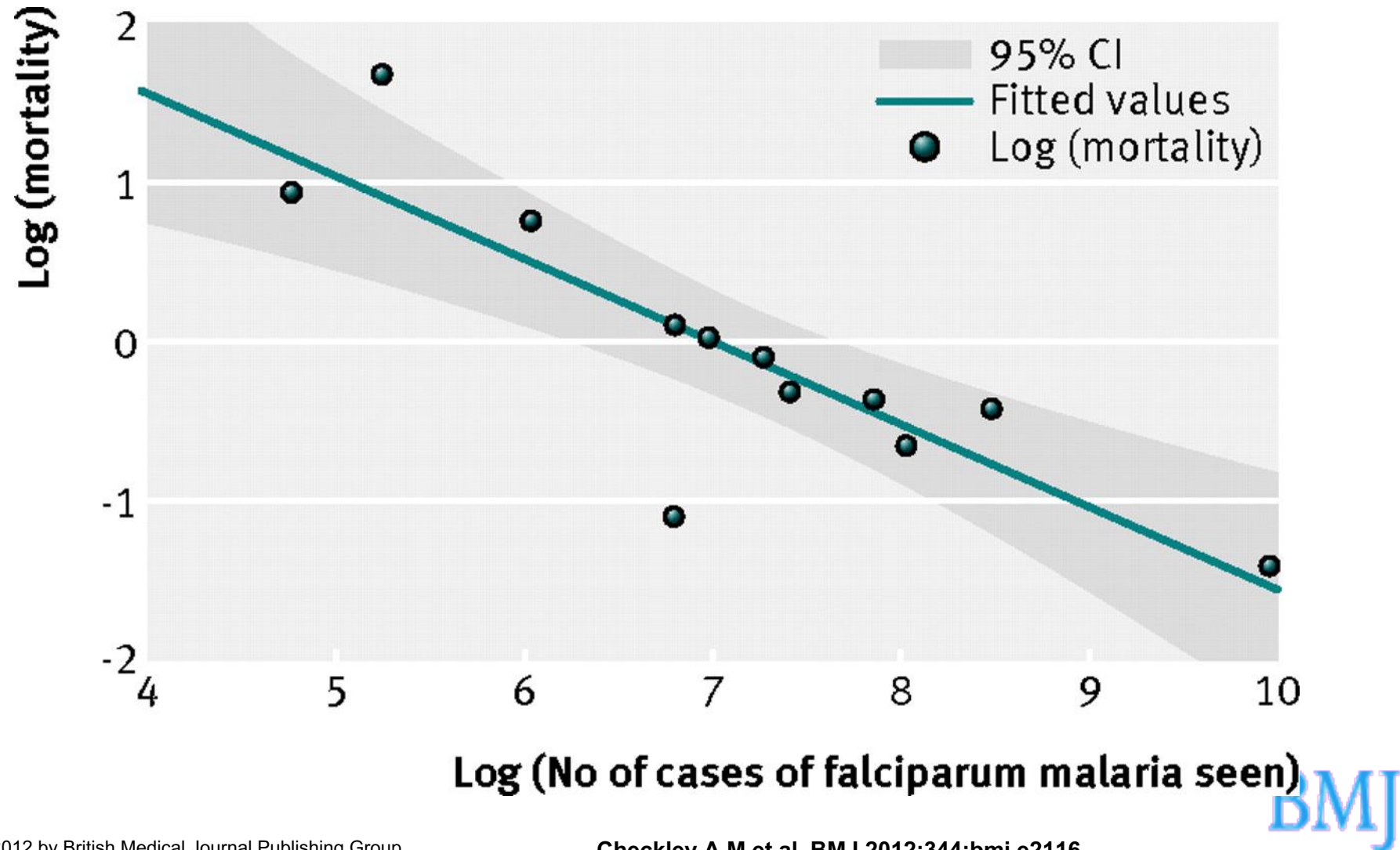
**History: UK cases falciparum malaria by purpose of travel
(1987 – 2006)**

Purpose	Number of cases	Number of deaths
VFR	13,215	25
Tourist	4,029	72
Business	2,105	24
Foreign visitor	3,331	15
UK citizen living abroad	1,010	15
Other	3,741	6

This map of Great Britain illustrates the spatial distribution of 100 major cities. The cities are represented by red circles, where the size of each circle corresponds to the city's population. The map shows a high concentration of large cities in the southeast of England, particularly around London, which is the largest city shown. Other major urban centers are visible in the Midlands (e.g., Birmingham, Manchester) and the north of England (e.g., Leeds, Liverpool). The map also depicts the surrounding seas (Irish Sea, English Channel, North Channel), major rivers, and significant geographical features like the Lake District and the Isle of Man. Major roads are marked with blue lines and numbers, providing context for the cities' locations and connectivity.

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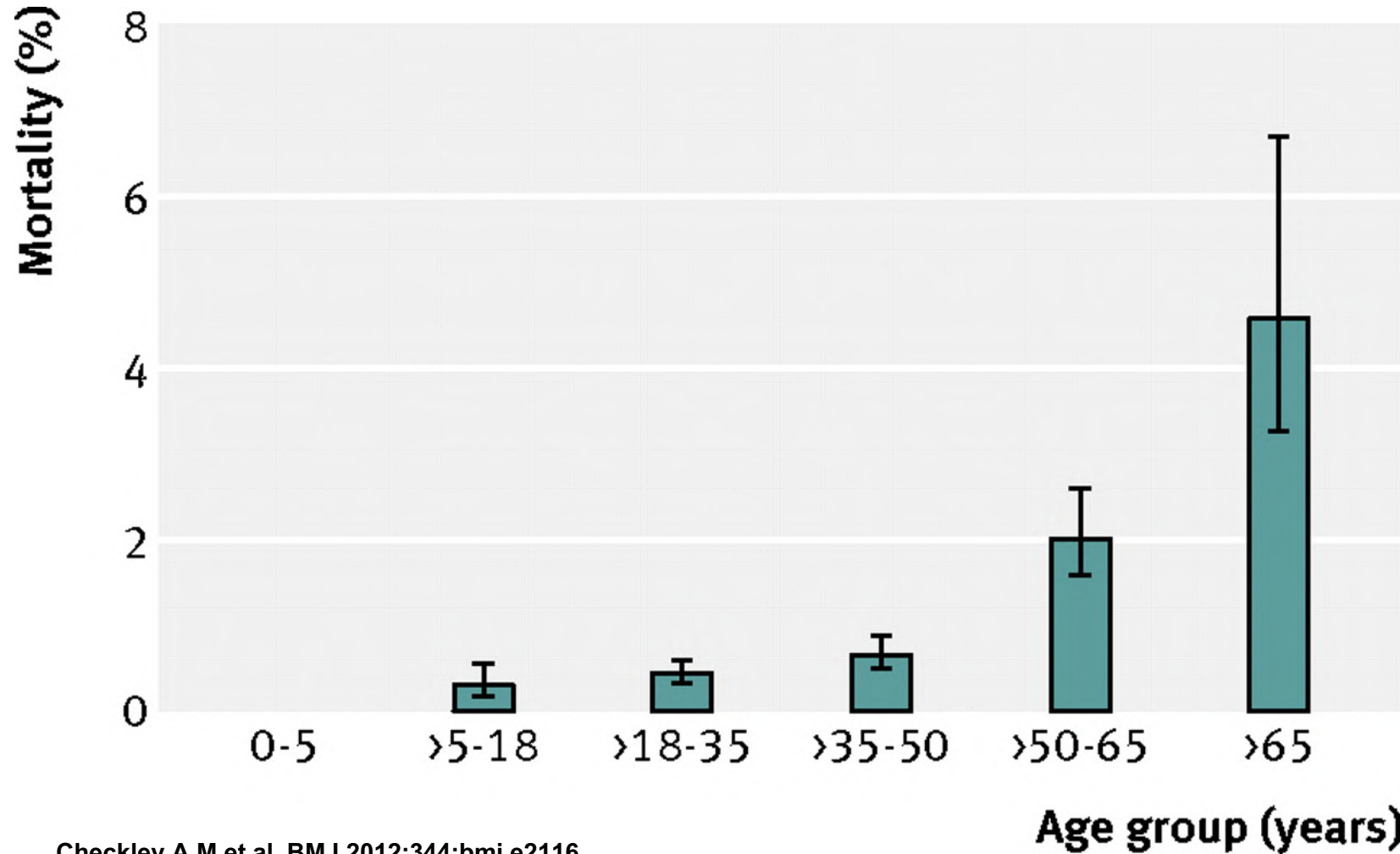
Mortality from imported *P falciparum* malaria
as a function of number of cases seen in a UK region
1987 to 2006 ($R^2=0.67$, $P<0.001$).



Risk of death from imported falciparum malaria in the UK

RISK FACTOR	NO. OF FATAL CASES	CASE FATALITY
<i>UK region where disease presented:</i>		
Where least malaria is seen	10/119	8.4%
Where most malaria is seen	50/15,993	0.31%
<i>Restricting to tourists only:</i>		
Where least malaria is seen	6/20	30%
Where most malaria is seen	7/979	0.7%

Biology: Mortality from UK imported falciparum malaria by age (1987 – 2006)



Checkley A M et al. BMJ 2012;344:bmj.e2116

Could my patient have Umbongo Disease?

36w Fever and cough

History

7 days Coryzal illness

6 days Productive cough with rigors

4 days Breathless

1 day Haemoptysis

PMH Pneumonia Rx GP (2009)
Non smoker

SH Recently from Philippines (urban)
Child-minder in UK

Examination

Unwell

Difficulty speaking

Red throat

T 38.9 ° C

P 120 reg

R 30 (sats 99% on 8L)

BP 95/51

RS Equal expansion

No wheeze or stridor

Widespread crepitation

36w Fever and cough

Arrival	Emergency Department	Acute illness “no foreign travel”	Severe Community Pneumonia	Cefuroxime Clarithromycin
2 hours	Acute Medicine	Philippines Influenza-like illness	Complicated By influenza	Add Oseltamivir
3 hours	Infectious Diseases	Manila 18 days ago No poultry No ill contacts	Could this be Melioidosis?	Add Meropenem
4 hours	Intensive Care Medicine	Unwell	Severe Sepsis Resp Failure	ICU Intubation
12 hours	Microbiology	Young MRSA+ Pneumonia	CA-MRSA Necrotising Pneumonia	Switch to Linezolid & Rifampicin & IVIG

UK National Fever Service: Differential Diagnosis Algorithms

10 world regions

8 broad symptom categories

Undifferentiated fever

Fever with haemorrhage

Fever with rash

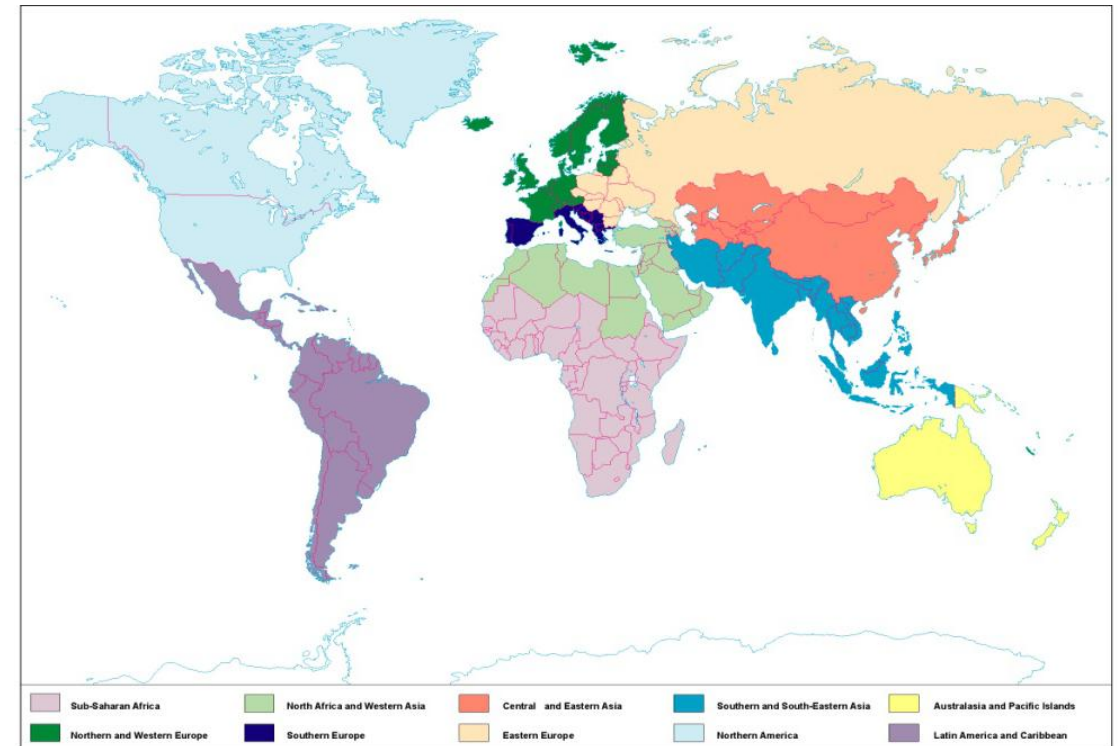
Fever with skin/soft tissue involvement

Fever with respiratory symptoms

Fever with GI symptoms

Fever with jaundice or hepato/splenomegaly

Fever with neurological symptoms



UK National Fever Service: *which type of Umbongo?*

24h Referrals from Hospital Consultants

0844 7788990



In summary:

Most travel health issues are not infectious

Understand your patient's behaviour risk

HIV is generally not an issue

Geography and history important

Diarrhoea, skin and fever main infectious problems

Judicious investigations

Most problems present < 2 weeks

Phone a friend if unsure

with thanks to a generation of consultants and registrars at the HTD