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# PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

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# Viral Encephalitis & Prions

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شوي بس مش صعبه ✓

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Microbiology Lecture 4 PNS Module

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يلا نبيلش .....



A 24-year-old male college student presents to the emergency department with a 3-day history of fever, severe headache, and progressive confusion. His roommate reports that he has been increasingly disoriented and has had several episodes of vomiting. The patient also complained of photophobia and neck stiffness. On examination, he has a temperature of 102°F (38.9°C), a heart rate of 110 beats per minute, and a blood pressure of 120/80 mmHg. He is disoriented to time and place. Nuchal rigidity is present, and there is no focal neurological deficit. A lumbar puncture is performed. CSF analysis: Opening pressure: Elevated, White blood cell count: 250 cells/μL (predominantly lymphocytes), Protein: Elevated, Glucose: Normal, CSF Gram stain: No organisms seen.

Which of the following is the most likely causative organism?

A. Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)

بناءً على الاعراض اللي المذكوره (محدده بالاصفر) فالحاله  
meningoencephalitis هون هي

B. Neisseria meningitidis

بحالات ال meningitis وضع طبيعي يكون مرتفع

C. Streptococcus pneumoniae

دليل على viral or fungus or mycobacterial infection but  
it's not bacterial infection بالاضافه انو ال WBCs مرتفعه  
شوي اما لو مثلاً مرتفعه كثير بالالف هون غالباً بكتيريا

D. Listeria monocytogenes

اغلبهم يكون مرتفع البروتين كثير ما عدا ال virus يكون slight elevation

E. Cryptococcus neoformans

كلهم ال glucose يكون decreased عدا ال virus يكون تقريباً normal

بما انو اغلب المعطيات بتدل انو المسبب  
فايروس فالاجابه الصح حتكون A

Aseptic meningoencephalitis

# VIRAL INFECTIONS IN THE CNS



## Aseptic meningitis ☹-

- inflammation of meninges with sterile CSF

## Encephalitis ☹-

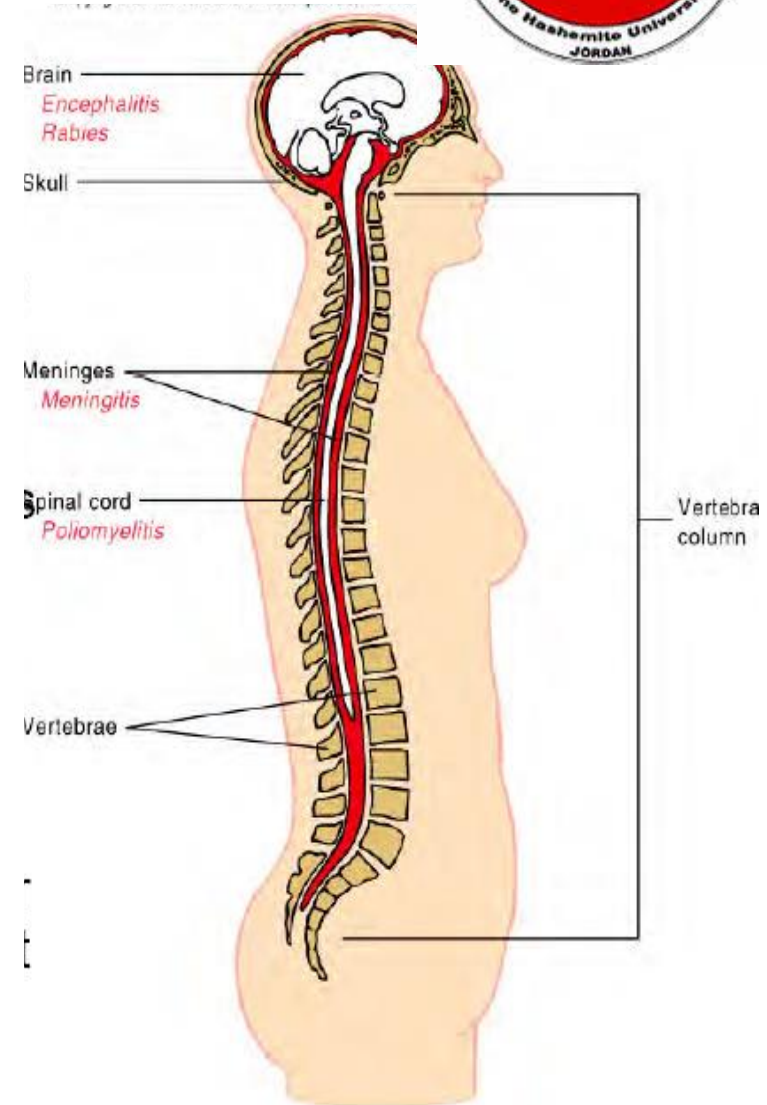
- infection of the brain parenchyma

## Meningoencephalitis ☹-

- inflammation of brain + meninges

## Myelitis ☹-

- inflammation of the spinal cord



# What is encephalitis?

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- Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain tissue due to infection.
- Most often caused by viruses that pass the blood stream into the CSF leading to destruction of neural cells and inflammation of brain parenchyma.
  - Primary or acute encephalitis
- May also result from a viral-mediated inflammatory response in the brain following an acute, systemic infection.
  - Secondary or post-infectious encephalitis

# Secondary or post infectious encephalitis



لازم يكون hypermutated

## Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (defective strains of hypermutated measles virus)

- CNS involvement (encephalitis) due to cytotoxic (CD8) T-cells which react with virus infected cells. بصير بعد سنوات بحيث انو ال at certain point of time بتطلع ال ag previously infected cells
- SSPE (1 in 100,000) chronic measles virus infection to CNS. SSPE: personality change, intellectual deterioration, myoclonus, spasticity, tremor and ocular abnormalities تاغ ال measles على سطحها فبتتعرف عليه ال immune cells و بالتالي SSPE
- Occur 2-10 yrs after infection. No treatment

## Progressive postrubella panencephalitis

- Mimics SSPE, very very rare, 6 months – 4 yrs (after infection )
- Associated with either persistent rubella virus infection of the CNS or late sequelae of congenital rubella infection which manifests in adults. (الها نوت بالسلايد اللي بعدو )

## Progressive multifocal encephalopathy (polyomavirus JC)

- Subacute degenerative disease of the brain found in:
  - Immunosuppressive disease: AIDS and hematologic malignancies
  - Disease requiring immunosuppressive therapy
- No specific treatment, 50% Mortality

## Persistent Enterovirus infection

- Seen in patients with congenital or acquired immunodeficiency where they develop chronic CNS infection
- Headache, confusion, lethargy, seizure and CSF pleocytosis.
- Temporary improvement with type specific immunoglobulins, relapse on withdrawal

هلاء المرأه اذا كانت pregnant و نصابت بال rubella فهون حينتقل لل fetus by vertical transmission و حيصير عندي (2 outcomes) للطفل :

اما persistent rubella واللي تحدث لسبب غير معروف بحيث بضل الفايروس يعمل replicating and shedding for a long period of time تصل للخمس سنوات من عمرهم ✓

او اللي ما بضل persistent عندهم ف بصير عندهم ال late sequelae of congenital rubella و ال mechanism بتكون نفس ال SSPE ✓

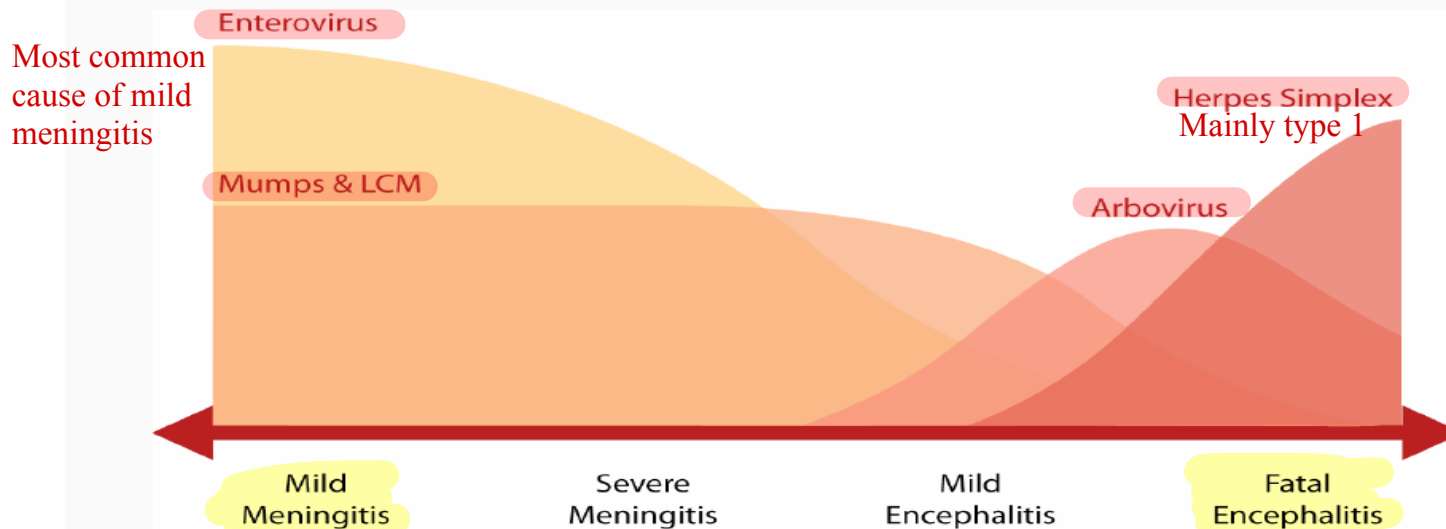
# How to distinguish encephalitis from viral meningitis?

بشكل عام لو كان عندني focal neurological deficit , مشاكل بال level of conciseness هدول يعتبرو encephalitis than meningitis اكثر



- Unfortunately, the clinical syndromes and results of routine laboratory tests are typically nonspecific and often do not help distinguish encephalitis and viral meningitis.
- Patients may have symptoms of both parenchymal and meningeal processes.
  - i.e., A patient with stiff neck and photophobia, though classic signs of meningitis, could in fact also have encephalitis! (called Meningoencephalitis)

## Viruses and Severity of Disease







# Encephalitis vs. meningitis

<i>Constitutional symptoms</i>	<b>Encephalitis</b>	<b>Viral Meningitis</b>
<b>Fever</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Headache, nausea, vomiting, lethargy</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Photophobia, neck stiffness</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<i>Neurologic dysfunction</i>		
<b>Seizures</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Minimal</b>
<b>Cranial nerve palsies, paralysis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Altered mental status (i.e. confusion, coma)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Minimal</b>

# VIRAL MENINGITIS / ENCEPHALITIS



## HERPESVIRIDAE

- Herpes simplex ↳ Type 1 cause encephalitis  
↳ Type 2 cases meningitis
- Varicella-zoster
- Epstein Barr
- Cytomegalovirus

## PARAMYXOVIRIDAE

- parainfluenzae
- Mumps
- Measles

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Adenoviridae
- Rhabdoviridae
- Retroviridae (HIV)

## ENTEROVIRUS

- Polioviruses
- Coxsackie viruses
- Echoviruses

**Arboviral (Arthropod-borne Viral):** ما عنا ttt لالهم بس بعضهم الهم vaccine

### 1) TOGAVIRIDAE

- Eastern equine
- Western equine
- Venezuelan equine

have the same كلهم characteristics and structure و ال outcomes من اسمهم بنلاحظ انو بختلفوا بال geographical location where the virus was first isolated

### 2) FLAVIVIRIDAE

- St. Louis
- West Nile
- Murray valley
- Powassan
- Japanese B

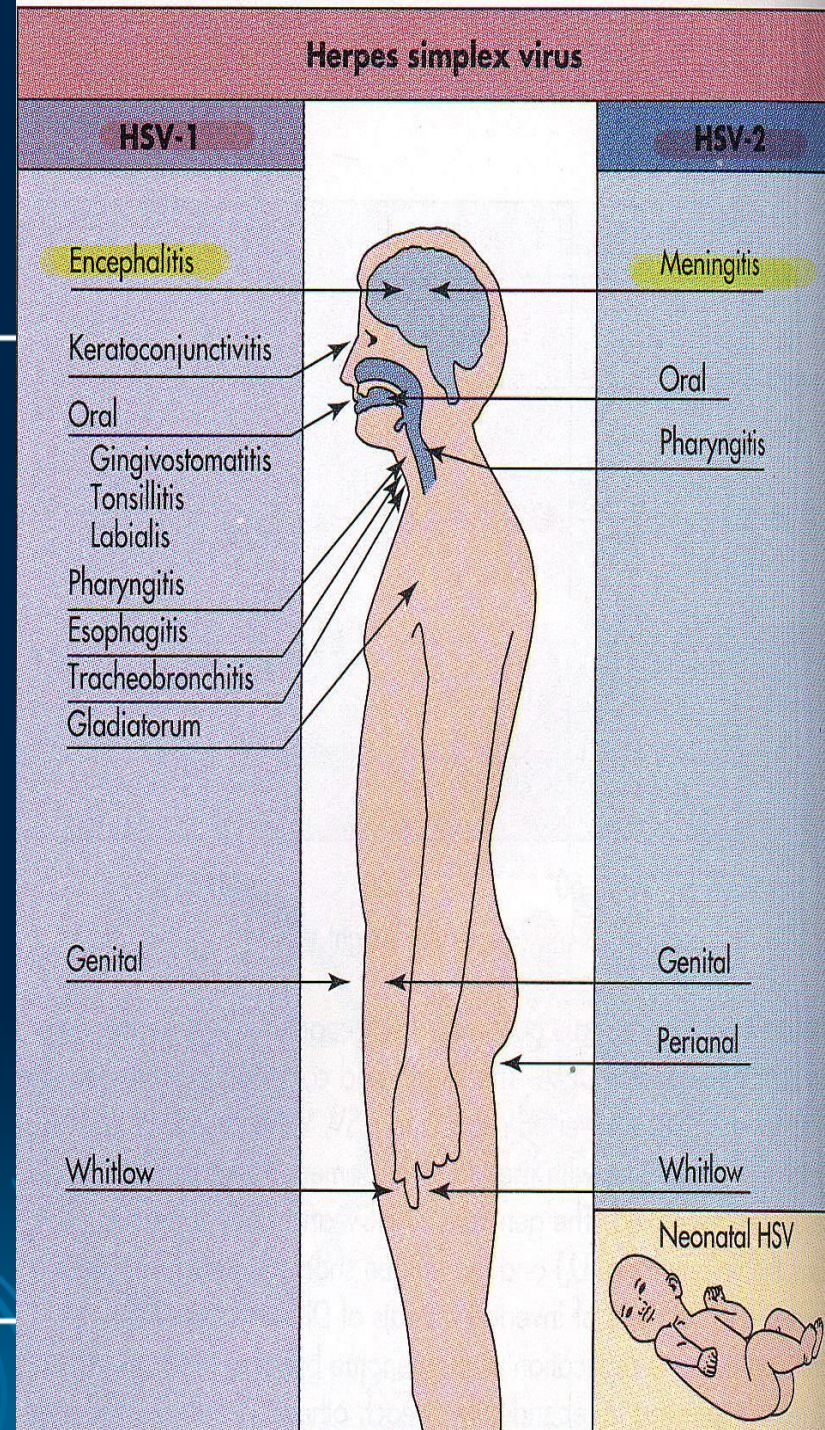
### 3) BUNYAVIRIDAE

- California



# Herpesviridae

- |                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1- Herpes simplex virus type -1 | HSV-1 |
| 2- Herpes simplex virus type -2 | HSV-2 |
| 3- Varicella –Zoster virus      | VZV   |
| 4- Epstein- Barr virus          | EBV   |
| 5- Cytomegalovirus              | CMV   |
| 6- Human herpes virus type-6    | HHV-6 |
| 7- Human herpes virus type-7    | HHV-7 |
| 8- Human herpes virus type-8    | HHV-8 |





# Herpes Simplex Encephalitis

Have no vaccine

- Herpes Simplex encephalitis is one of the most serious complications of herpes simplex disease. There are two forms:
- Neonatal – there is global involvement and the brain is almost liquefied. The mortality rate approaches 100%.
- Focal disease – the temporal lobe is most commonly affected. This form of the disease appears in children and adults. It is possible that many of these cases arise from reactivation of virus. The mortality rate is high (70%) without treatment.
- It is of utmost importance to make a diagnosis of HSE early. It is general practice that IV acyclovir is given in all cases of suspected HSE before laboratory results are available.

ركزو ع  
هاي الفقره  
حسيتها  
مهمه

ال neonatal طريقة انتقاله هون بتكون من الام ال pregnant للجنين و بهاي الحاله to prevent this from happening لو تم الكشف عن الام in early stage فهون يكون الاجراء انو نعطيها acyclovir لحد الولاده اما لو late stage فهون بنلجأ ل Caesarean section and it is a clear contraindication for vaginal delivery

The term ARBO is an abbreviation of  
"ARthropod BOrne".

Mainly mosquito 



"Arbovirus" is the name given to Arthropod-borne viruses, that is, viruses that are transmitted to vertebrates, such as people and mammals, by blood-feeding insects called arthropods. Vertebrate infection occurs when the infected insect bites an animal or person and takes a blood meal.



# Arboviruses

They can multiply in the tissues of the arthropod without evidence of disease or damage. The vector acquires a lifelong infection through the ingestion of blood from a viremic vertebrate.

All arboviruses have an RNA genome, and most have a lipid-containing envelope and consequently are inactivated by ether or sodium deoxycholate.

كيف تنتقل لنا؟ عن طريق انو بتيجي هاي ال arthropod vector على infected animal و بتسحب منو a blood meal و هيك الفايروس تنتقل لهاي ال arthropod و بصير يتكاثر فيها بدون ما يعمل فيها اي damage لحد ما تروح هاي ال arthropod و they bite the human و هيك الانسان بنصاب بالفايروس و بنكون ال end stage host to take a blood meal

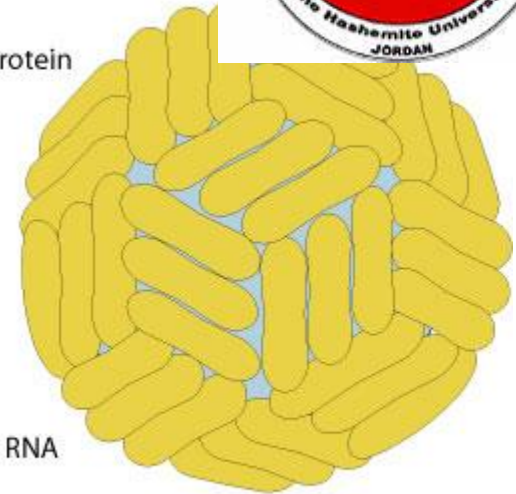
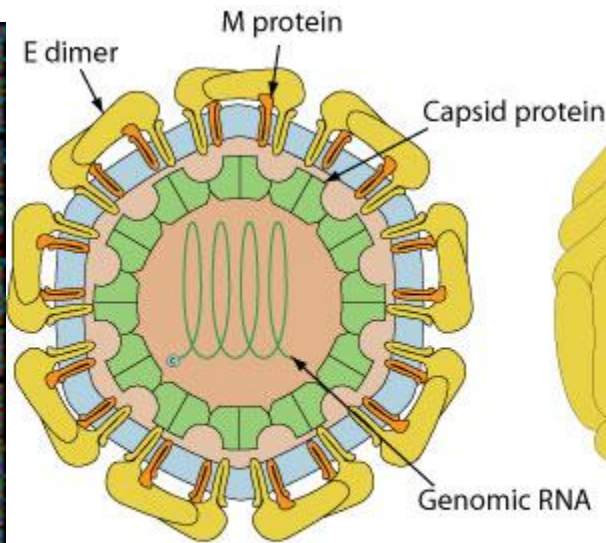
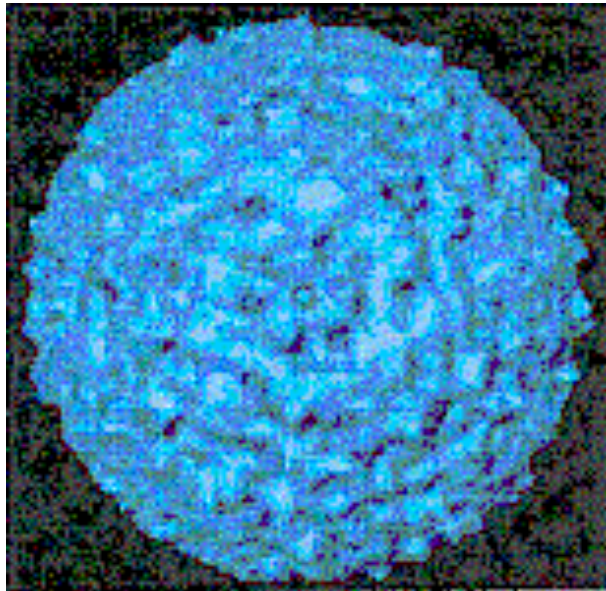


# Diseases Caused

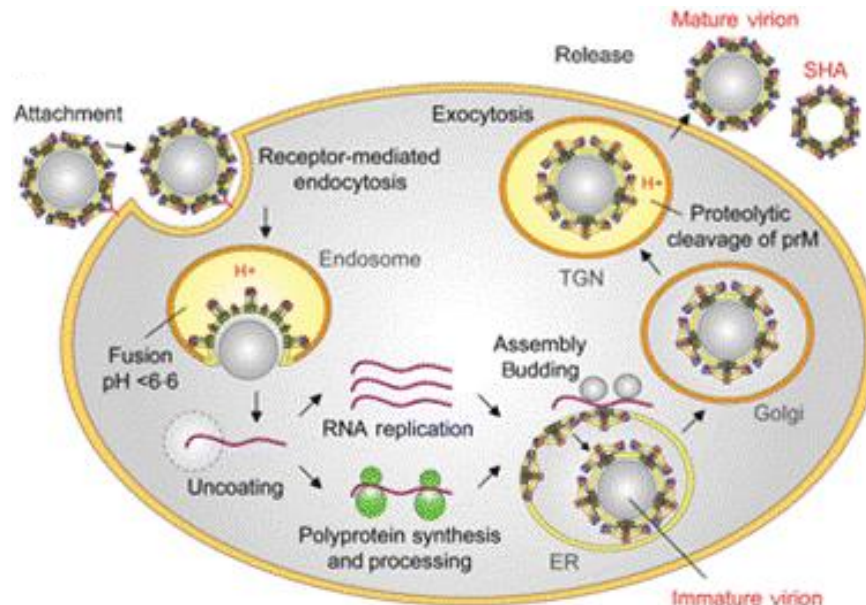
- **Fever and rash** - this is usually a non-specific illness resembling a number of other viral illnesses such as influenza, rubella, and enterovirus infections. The patients may go on to develop encephalitis or hemorrhagic fever.
- **Encephalitis** - e.g. EEE, WEE, St Louis encephalitis, Japanese encephalitis.
- **Haemorrhagic fever** - e.g. yellow fever, dengue, Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever. Both have vaccine

Lead to internal bleeding that will cause multi organ failure > death

# Structure of Flaviviruses



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T=3-like organization of surface dimers



Positive sense,  
single stranded,  
enveloped RNA  
viruses with  
icosahedral capsid.





## Principal medically important Flaviviruses

Virus	Antigenic Clinical Syndrome	Vector	Host ركز انها جايه من animals بشكل عام و birds غالباً	Distribution
Murray valley	Encephalitis	Mosquito	wild water birds	Australia
Powassan	Encephalitis	Tick	Squirrels snowshoe hare Rabbit	Canada
St. Louis encephalitis (SLE)	Encephalitis	Mosquito	Birds	Americas

# Principal medically important Flaviviruses



Virus	Antigenic Clinical Syndrome	Vector	Host	Distribution هون ما قرأ هدول بس حكي geographical في variation
Japanese encephalitis (JE)	Encephalitis	Mosquito	Pigs, birds	India, China, Japan, South-East Asia
West Nile	Febrile illness or encephalitis	Mosquito	Birds	Africa, Middle East, Europe
Tick-borne encephalitis (TBE)	Encephalitis	Tick	Rodent	Europa, Asia

Have no vaccine



# Symptoms : West Nile virus

80-90% who get infected or bitten by a mosquito do not develop any symptoms and they develop immunity

- Most people do not develop symptoms
- An estimated 20% become ill 3-15 days after being bitten
  - Mild illness: fever, headache, body aches, and sometimes skin rash and swollen glands
- An estimated 1 in 150 persons infected develop a more severe form of the disease
  - West Nile encephalitis: inflammation of the brain, high fever, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis; few cases have been fatal

(It is self limited and there is a chance for death in immunocompromised pt + extremities of age + preexisting conditions )



بالاغلب بال pregnant women و ازا  
مش pregnant فاغلب الحالات  
subclinical و لو طلع اعراض بتكون  
very mild

# Zika Virus

- Genus *Flavivirus*

- Closely related to West Nile Virus, dengue, Yellow Fever viruses

- Epidemiology من زمان هاد الفايروس موجود

- 1947: 1<sup>st</sup> isolated in Uganda

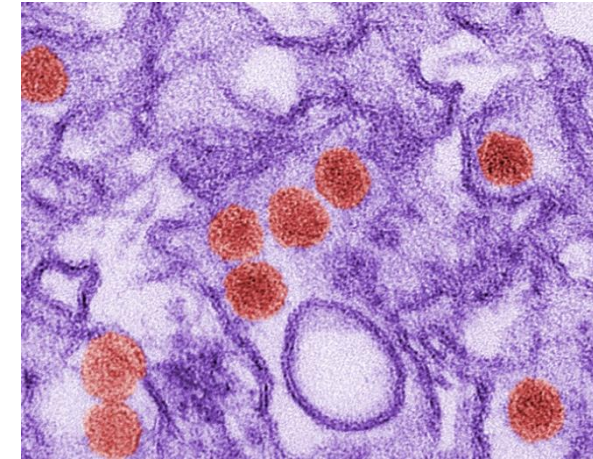
- 2013: 1<sup>st</sup> large outbreak in French Polynesia (>28,000 cases)

The last outbreak

- 2015: Large outbreak in S. America

Mostly in  
brazil and  
mexico

- Over 30 nations reporting local transmission
- >1.5 million cases estimated in Brazil alone



# Transmission



- Mosquitos

- *Aedes aegypti*

- *Aedes albopictus*

- Also transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses

- Maternal-Fetal

- Intrauterine and perinatal

- Sexual transmission reported

- Other possible routes

- Bloodborne

- Organ or tissue transplantation

مشكلة هاد الفايروس انو بنتقل من  
الام الحامل للجنين ف بصير عنا  
new borns بال anomalies



Bite from an  
*Aedes mosquito*



Blood  
transfusion



Sexual  
contact

# Zika Virus Clinical Disease



- ~80% of individuals are asymptomatic
- Clinical illness is usually mild
  - Fever
  - Conjunctivitis
  - Maculopapular rash
  - Myalgia and headache
- Symptom duration: 2-7 days
- Hospitalization is uncommon and fatalities are rare



It is self limited

No antiviral drug for zika virus



# What do they develop in new borns : Sequelae Associated with Zika Virus Infection

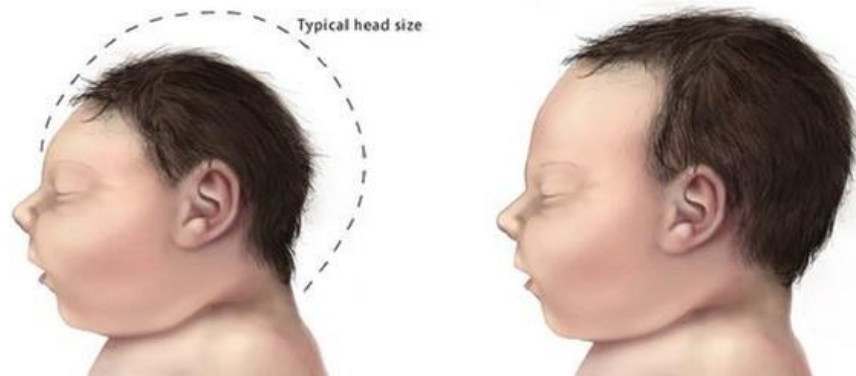
- **Microcephaly** *Small head with distinct shape*
  - 20X increase in babies born with microcephaly in Brazil since start of Zika virus outbreak
  - Zika virus was confirmed in some of these infants
  - CDC recommendation to postpone travel if pregnant
- **Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS)**
  - Acute illness producing a lower, bilateral, symmetrical sensorimotor deficit.
  - Typically a history of infection prior to development of GBS
  - Incidence of GBS increased in all countries with Zika virus outbreak
  - Research ongoing to directly link GBS with Zika virus

(Before travel to Brazil and these countries )

Baby with Microcephaly

Baby with Typical Head Size

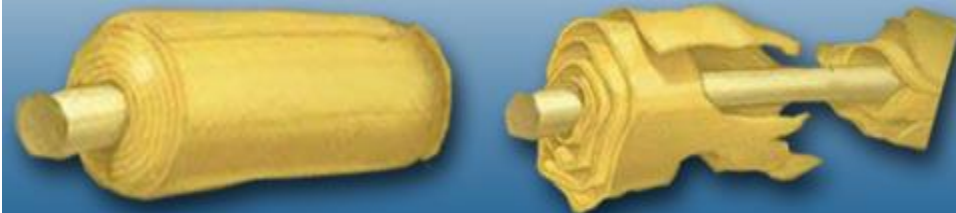
Typical head size



## WHAT GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME DOES TO A NERVE

NORMAL NERVE

DAMAGED MYELIN



## Zika virus vaccine

من بعد ال outbreaks التي صارت لل zika بلشو يحاولو يعملو  
الو vaccine فلما اجى ال Covid-19 المطعوم اللي انعمل إلو  
M-RNA based vaccine فعلياً هاد الابحاث كانت شغاله عليه  
لل zika virus من قبل فهاد اللي خلاهم يطورو المطعوم لل  
Covid-19 بشكل اسرع فالفكره انو ال zika لسا لحد الان شغالين  
على المطعوم تاعو ولسا ما الو vaccine

حالياً we have clinical trials for a  
vaccine for zika virus in a different bases  
M-RNA based /Viral vector based / inactivated  
بس هل في عنا اي approved vaccine for zika ؟للان لا يوجد





# Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

- **Exposure history and laboratory testing** (الها نوت بالاسلايد اللي بعدو)
  - **NAAT for detection of Zika virus RNA**
    - **Specimens: serum, amniotic fluid, CSF, tissue** (Looking for the virus in them)
    - Short duration of viremia (2-3 days)
  - **Serology (IgM and IgG antibodies)** (against a specific Ag in these viruses )
- **Treatment:** **كلهم ما الهم specific antiviral ttt**
  - **Supportive care only**
- **Prevention:** **حكينا ال yellow fever وال dengue و vaccine هدول إلهم Japanese encephalitis**
  - **Vaccine** **اما ال zika ما الو vaccine**
  - **Avoidance of mosquito bites**

## Exposure history

بنشوف اذا في mosquito bite عند ال Pt و ال area اللي جاي منها  
المريض لانو بالعادة ما بتيجي حاله وحده بكونوا عشرات او مئات الحالات زي  
مثلاً بال west nile جاين كلهم مع بعض بشتكوا من نفس الاعراض

طيب هل حالياً ممكن يصير مثلاً outbreaks لل west nile بامريكا بال spring  
and summer ؟ ممكن يصير و بيجوا زي ما حكينا بمئات الحالات و لسا  
بكونوا اكثر لانو اغلب الحالات subclinical



# Diagnosis

- **Serology** - usually used to make a diagnosis of arbovirus infections.
- **Culture** - a number of cell lines may be used, including mosquito cell lines. However, it is rarely carried out since many of the pathogens are group 3 or 4 pathogens.
- **Direct detection tests** - e.g detection of antigen and nucleic acids are available but again there are safety issues.

لما نشتغل فيهم they need to be done  
in a biosafety level 3  
لانهم عم ياخذو fresh sample

مش كثير  
معتمدين  
للوصل لل  
diagnosis



# Prevention

- **Surveillance** - of disease and vector populations  
نحصى الحالات و نحدد الاماكن اللي بتصير فيها outbreaks ال
- **Control of vector** - pesticides, elimination of breeding grounds  
زي المستنقعات و المسطحات المائيه
- **Personal protection** - screening of houses, bed nets, insect repellants. When possible, wear protective clothing while outdoors. خصوصاً بالمناطق الامريكيه الحاره زي ال south west states
- **Vaccination** - available for a number of arboviral infections e.g. Yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, Russian tick-borne encephalitis



# Treatment

- No specific therapy
- Arboviral encephalitis treated by Supportive ttt only  
hospitalization, intravenous fluids, respiratory support, prevention of secondary infections, and good nursing care
- Aspirin and ibuprofen should be avoided because they increase the risk of bleeding

لانو في بعضهم حكينا بعملو hemorrhage فلازم  
ننتبه لل non steroidal drugs

1. A 68-year-old woman presents to the neurology clinic with a 6-month history of progressive memory loss, confusion, and personality changes. Her family reports that she has become increasingly forgetful and irritable. Over the past month, she has developed myoclonic jerks and has had several falls. On physical examination, she is disoriented and has generalized myoclonus. There are no signs of meningismus. A brain MRI shows hyperintensities in the caudate nucleus and putamen on T2-weighted images. EEG shows periodic sharp wave complexes. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis? \*

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Vascular Dementia
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease
- Lewy Body Dementia
- Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus

## Prion diseases in humans :

- ✓ Creutzfeldt-jakob disease
- ✓ fatal familial insomnia
- ✓ Kuru. (عقولة الطلاب كوري كوري 🤪)
- ✓ Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker Syndrome



# Prions

Prions are rather ill-defined infectious agents believed to consist of a single type of protein molecule with no nucleic acid component.

Confusion arises from the fact that the prion protein & the gene which encodes it are also found in normal 'uninfected' cells.

These agents are associated with diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans, scrapie in sheep & bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle.



# Prion diseases: rare neurodegenerative disorders (one person per million)

## 1. Sporadic (85 %)

In the sixth or seventh decade, rapidly progressive (death in less than a year)

مشروحه بسلايد 46 نقطه 2 Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) Classic CJD

## 2. Familial (inherited-15%)

Prion protein

Mutations in the PrP gene that favour the transition from the cellular form to the pathological form of PrP

Gerstmann-Straussler-Scheinker disease (GSS), fatal familial insomnia (FFI)

## 3. Transmissible (rare; a source of great concern)

Propagation of kuru disease in New Guinea natives (ritualistic cannibalism)

Recently, it has been discovered that BSE had been transmitted to humans in Europe after consumption of infected beef, producing a variant of the CJD called vCJD

مشروحه برضو بسلايد 46 نقطه 1



# Transmissible spongiform encephalop (TSE)=prion disease



A group of progressive conditions that affect the brain and nervous system of humans and animals and are transmitted by prions

**The pathology:** vacuolar degeneration, neuronal loss, astrocytosis and amyloid plaque formation

الشكل الطبيعي لل prions يكون PrPc a-helix فلما يصير abnormal بصير PrPsc B-sheets ف it form aggregate  
ويتحول ل amyloid plaques بالتالي it loses its function or gain toxicity

**The clinical signs:** loss of motor functions (lack of coordination, ataxia, involuntary jerking movements), personality changes, depression, insomnia, confusion, memory problems, dementia, progressive tonic paralysis, death

**Definitive diagnostic test:** biopsy of brain tissue (histopathological examination and immunostaining for PrP<sup>Sc</sup>)

نوت اضافي للفهم :

prion infections do not stimulate adaptive immune responses in infected individuals  
Because prions seem to be essentially composed of a protein PrP(Sc), identical in sequence to a host encoded protein PrP(C), the specific immune system displays a natural tolerance.

There is no cure



الدكتور جابها بالامتحان و سأل شو ال **prion diseases** لل **definitive diagnosis**  
فمهم نعرف انو ما ال prion disease موضوع انو ال immune ما بعمل  
response او ما بعمل inflammation بموضوع انو ال **definitive diagnosis** الو  
هو ال immunostaining

# Prion transmission



## 1. Direct contact with infected tissues

CJD has been transmitted:

- To patients taking injections of growth hormone harvested from human pituitary glands
- From instruments used for brain surgery (prions can survive the autoclave sterilization process)
  - In corneal grafts
  - In electrode implants

## 2. Consumption of affected tissues

**Kuru** was transmitted through cannibalism <sup>اكل لحوم البشر</sup> in Papua New Guinea

Humans can contract the disease by consuming material from animals infected with the BSE (vCJD)

How can prions make their way through the gut and into the brain?

Proteins normally are digested down to amino acids in the gut

مشروحه  
لقدام

Hypothesis: They circumvent the normal process of intestinal absorption by passing into the the Gut-Associated Lymphoid Tissue (GALT)

ال prion disease resistant للحراره ولل disinfectant و ال autoclave  
فحنشوف انو احدى طرق ال transmission هي ال iatrogenic فكانوا زمان لما  
يجوا يعملو neurosurgical procedure

They autoclave the instrument and they reuse it once again but  
then they found out that the next pt got infected with the prion  
disease as a result

بالتالي عرفوا انو resistant لل autoclave برضو

حالياً صرنا نغير معيار ال autoclaving بحيث صرنا نرفع درجة  
الحراره اكثر و نزيد الضغط و ال duration لل autoclaving اللي  
might be beneficial in getting rid of prion disease

ما قرأ هاد السلايد بس تقريباً ذكرنا كلشي فيها



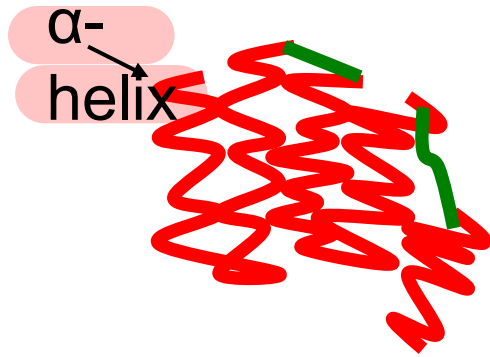
## Protein misfolding diseases

Arise from abnormal conformation of specific proteins

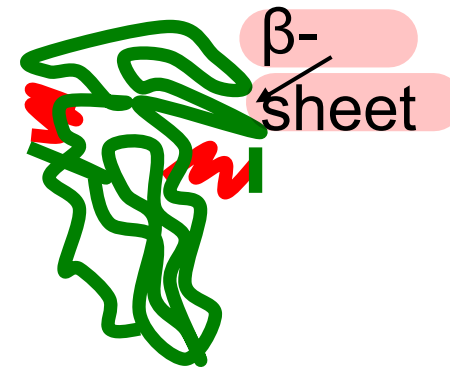
Principle: Proteins can adopt an aberrant conformation that cause disease; two mechanisms must be considered: loss of function of the native protein or gain of toxic activity of the aberrant conformation

More than 20 human pathologies

Prion diseases arise from the harmful function of the abnormal proteins; misfolded forms of proteins (rich in  $\beta$ -sheet structures) have a strong propensity to aggregate into insoluble material and form fibrils



Conformational change



Normal protein (folded structure)

Disease-associated protein (misfolded structure)

Aggregation

Gain of toxic activity

Loss of biological function



# Genetics of prion disease

Familial forms of prion disease are caused by inherited mutations in the PRNP gene على كروموسوم 20

Mutations in this gene cause cells to produce an abnormal form of the prion protein, known as PrP<sup>Sc</sup>

Most cases of prion disease are sporadic, they occur in people without gene mutations

Familial forms of prion disease are inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern



## PrP<sup>C</sup>

## PrP<sup>Sc</sup>

**The normal protein**

**The abnormal, disease-producing protein**

**is called PrP<sup>C</sup> (for cellular)**

**Form of prion disease found in sheep**  **is called PrP<sup>Sc</sup> (for scrapie)**

**is a transmembrane glycoprotein (neurons, lymphocytes); its function is unknown**

**has the same amino acid sequence (primary structure)**

**has dominant secondary structure  $\alpha$ -helix**

**has dominant secondary structure  $\beta$ -sheets**

**is easily soluble**

**is insoluble**

**is monomeric and easily digested by proteases**

**is multimeric and resistant to digestion by proteases**

**is encoded by a gene designated PRNP located on the chromosome 20**

**When PrP<sup>Sc</sup> comes in contact with PrP<sup>C</sup>, it converts the PrP<sup>C</sup> into more of itself These molecules bind to each other forming aggregates**

النظريه الحاليه بتحكي انو التلامس بين ال PrP<sup>C</sup> و ال PrP<sup>Sc</sup> بحول ال PrP<sup>C</sup> الى ال abnormal PrP<sup>Sc</sup> و هكذا بضل يتراكم ال PrP<sup>Sc</sup> و يتجمع و يعمل aggregation

# Molecular models of the structure of:

PrP<sup>C</sup>

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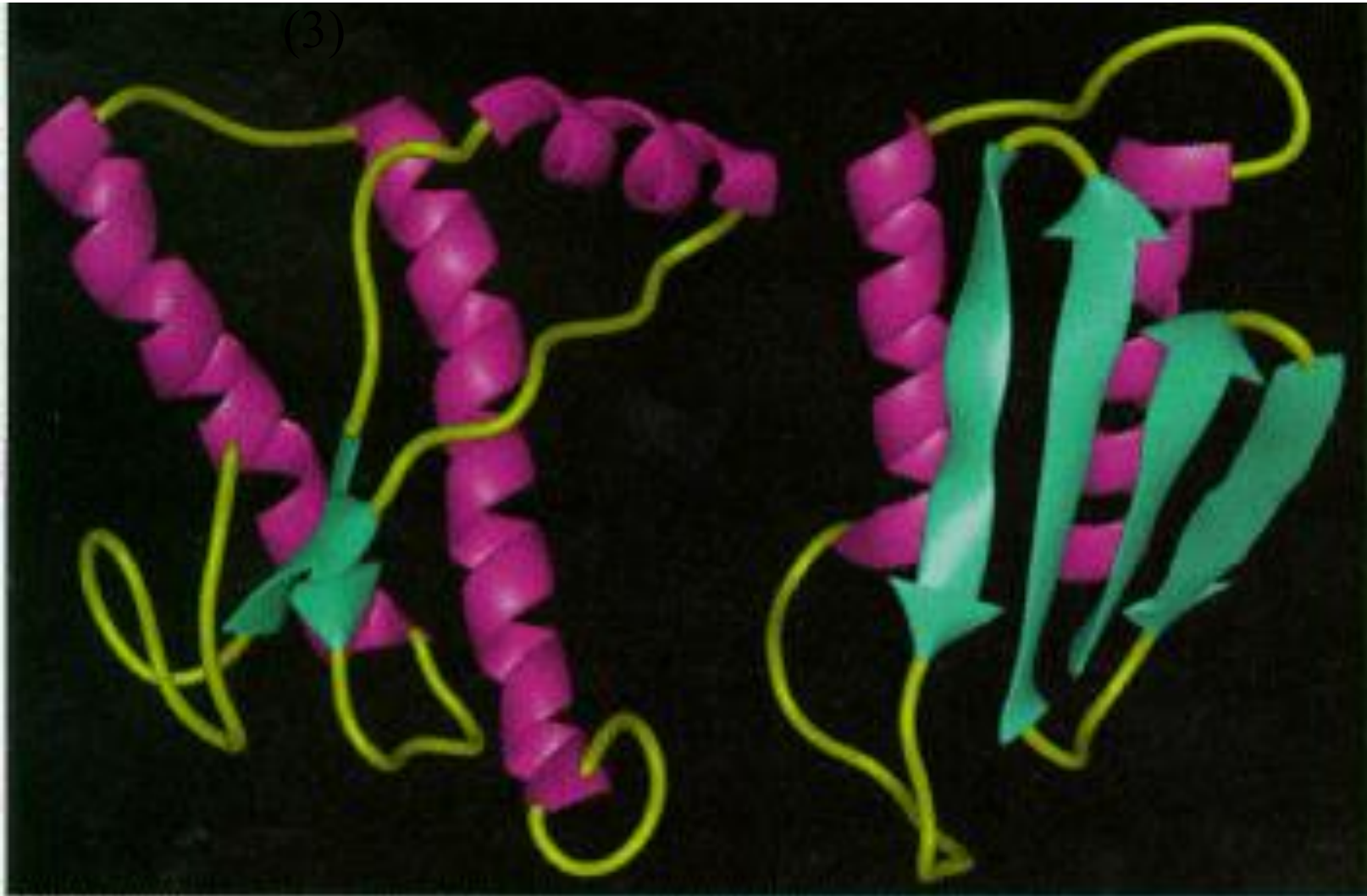
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PrP<sup>Sc</sup>



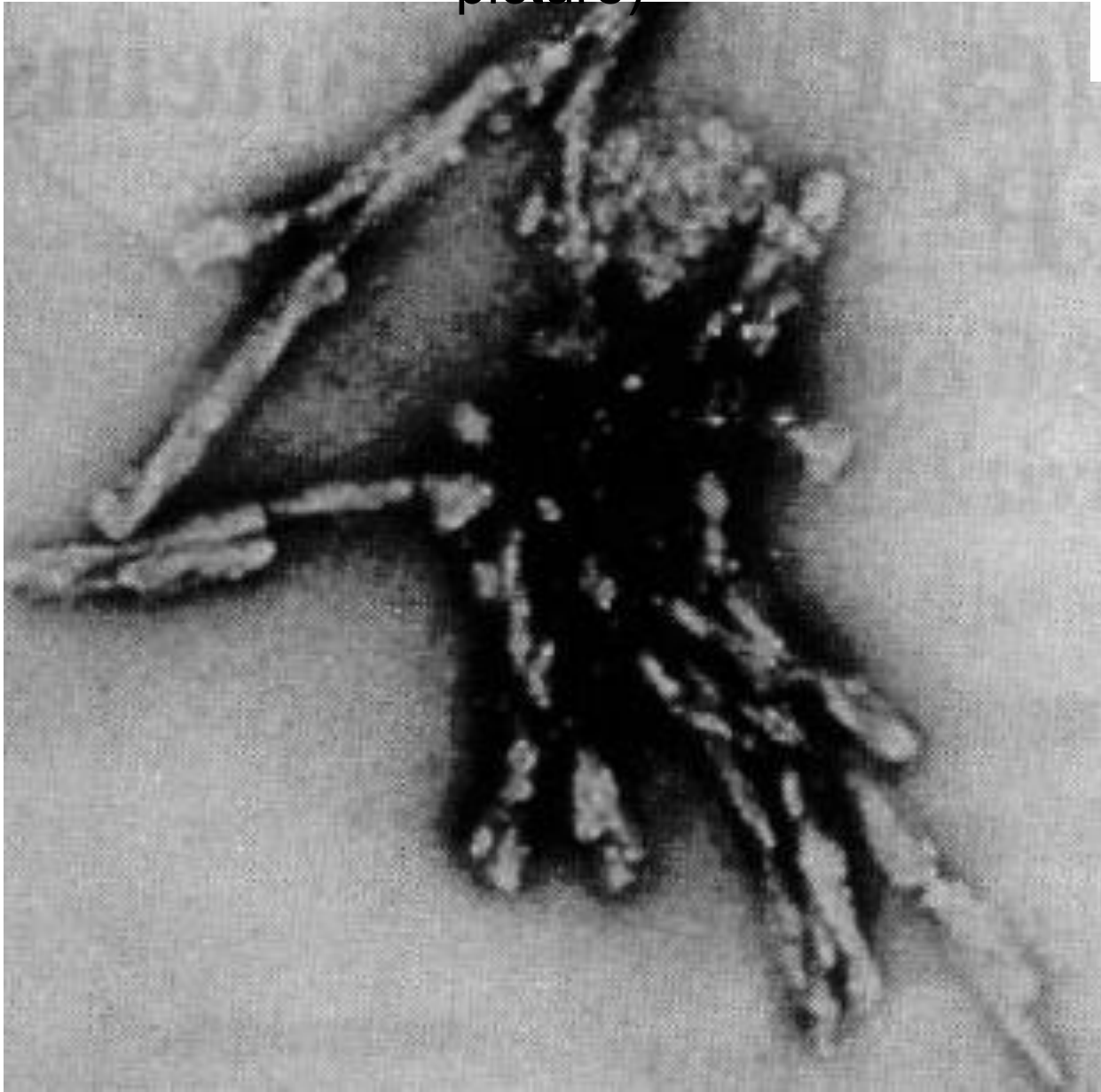
Predominantly  $\alpha$ -helix

$\beta$ -sheets (40%),  $\alpha$ -helix (30%)





# Prion aggregates (an electron microscope picture)



Aggregate of amyloid plaques

# Replication cycle

ماقرأ الدكتور السلايد  
بس نفس موضوع  
التلامس اللي حكيناها

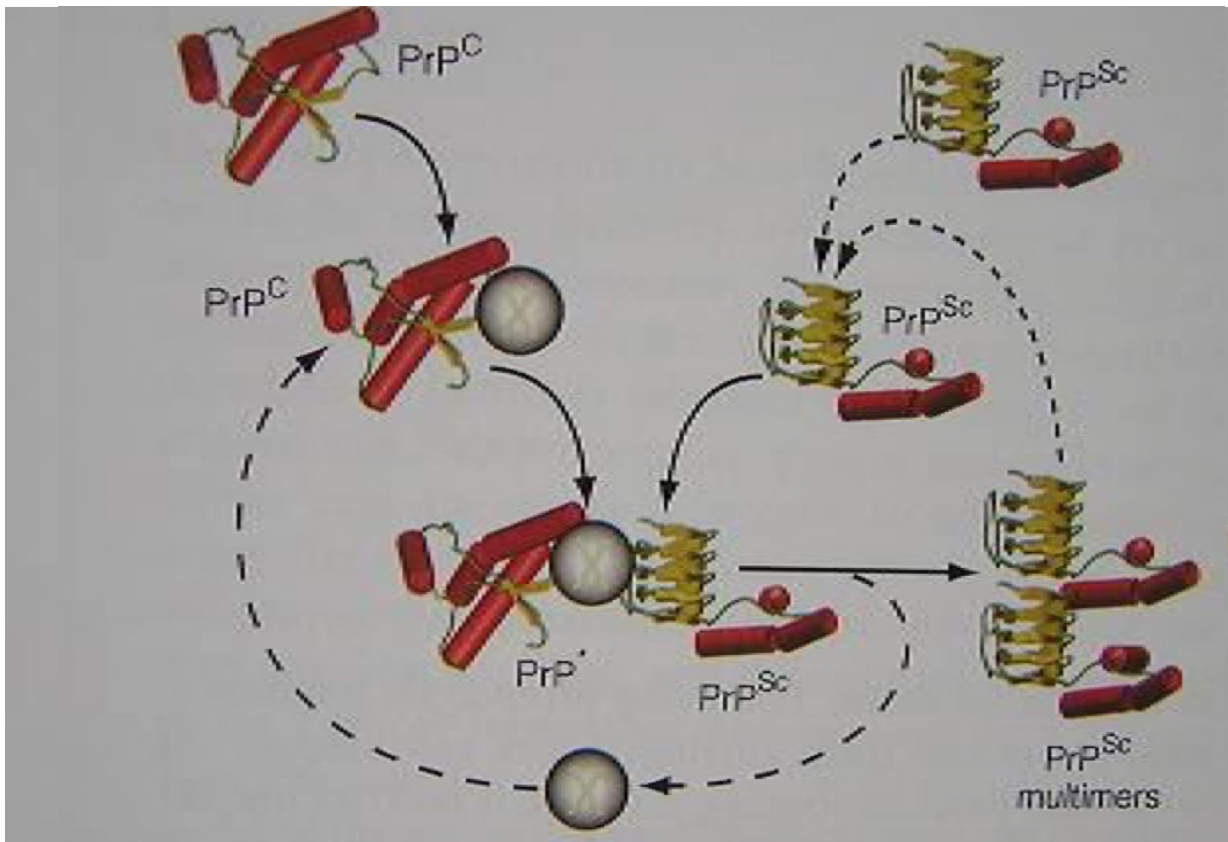


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هاد الفيديو animation لطيف لفهم الموضوع

The presence of an initial PrP<sup>Sc</sup>: exogenous (infectious forms) or endogenous (inherited or sporadic forms)

This first prion will initiate PrP<sup>Sc</sup> accumulation by sequentially converting PrP<sup>C</sup> molecules into PrP<sup>Sc</sup>



الدكتور ماقرأ عنو  
بس حكي انو مرض  
صار زمان وانتهى

# Kuru

It's a disease of the past



(a native word meaning “trembling with cold and fever“)

Is a prion disease incident in natives in New Guinea  
(first noted in the early 1900s)

بس الصراحة كتير  
غريب موضوعه 😊

In 1950-60 epidemic

Cannibalism: relatives ate their dead relative's brains as a sign of mourning  
In the 1950's, the practice was banned, thereby preventing any further possible  
transmission; (incubation period of 4 to 20 years)

Symptoms: 3 stages; gradually deterioration of motor and mental functions

The first stage, exhibits unsteady gait, decreased muscle control, tremors,  
deterioration of speech and dysarthria (slurred speech).

second stage, incapable of walking without support, suffers ataxia (loss of  
muscle coordination), severe tremors and depression.

final stage, the patient suffers severe ataxia, is unable to speak, is incontinent,  
has dysphagia (starvation), is unresponsive to their surroundings

An infected person usually dies within 3 months to 2 years after the first  
symptoms, often because of pneumonia or pressure sores infection

# Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)



is the most common of the prion disease

usually affects people aged 55-65 (vCJD occurs in younger people)

The duration of CJD is less than 1 year

Symptoms: Dementia, hallucinations, motoric dysfunction, ataxia and seizure

Diagnosis: symptoms, EEG, MRI, CSF analysis

The definitive diagnostic test: biopsy of brain tissue

Treatment: fatal disease, searching for viable treatments No ttt

Forms:

1. Sporadic – most common
2. Familial – 5-10%
3. Transmitted: iatrogenic-iCJD - <1%  
Through surgical instruments

Blood donor restrictions: prions can be transmitted by blood transfusions; there is no test to determine if a blood donor is infected; restrictions for blood donors



<b>Characteristic</b> حسيت هاد الجدول مهم وركز عليه الدكتور ونقرأ كامل	<b>Classic CJD</b>	<b>Variant CJD</b>
Median age at death	68 years	28 years
Median duration of illness <b>Before death</b>	4-5 months	13-14 months Max 2.5 years
Clinical signs and symptoms	Dementia; early neurologic signs	Prominent psychiatric/behavioral symptoms; delayed neurologic signs; hallucinations
Specific changes on MRI	Often present	Often present
Specific changes on EEG	Often present	Often absent
Immunohistochemical analysis of brain tissue	يتختلف من شخص لآخر Variable accumulation of the PrP <sup>Sc</sup>	Marked accumulation of the PrP <sup>Sc</sup>
Presence of agent in lymphoid tissue الها نوت بسلايد 47	Not readily detected	Readily detected
Presence of amyloid plaques in brain tissue	Often present	Often present

الدكتور سأل كيف ممكن نفرق بين ال classic و ال variant و هاي كانت الاجابات :

## 1 ال (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) mad cow disease :

Mad cow disease is a severe neurological disease seen in cows. It causes damage to their brains and spinal cords.

usually People cannot get mad cow disease. But in rare cases they may get a human form of mad cow disease called variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) by Eating food contaminated with infected animal meat

و يعتبر ال prion resistant للحراره فلو كانت ال raw or well contaminated meat cooked حنتنقل عادي

fatal. Over time vCJD destroys the brain and spinal cord.

## 2 عند الكبار بالعمر بصير ال classic و اللي السبب بانوا اغلب الحالات sporadic :

ال prions يوجد بجسمنا طبيعي و هو كبروتين مش معروف شو وظيفته بالزبط لكن there is a chance of introduction of mutation in prions with increase in age

بالتالي once ما يصير في mutation بال prions حيصير فيه structural and functional changes اللي الطبيعي ال structure يكون a-helix ف بس يصير abnormal بصير B-sheets

## Presence of agent in lymphoid tissue

حکینا انو ال prions لو انتقلو من بعد اکلنا ل steak 🍖 هون ال prions  
حیدخلو جسمنا و ییلشوا یعمل aggregates واللي اصلاً resistant to  
Proteases طیب احنا بنعرف انو اي بروتین عشان یعاد امتصاصه لازم نکسره  
لاجزاء صغیره حتی نقدر ناخده طیب کیف ممکن هاي ال aggregates توصل  
الدماغ و هي اصلاً ما قدرنا نعيد امتصاصها ؟ وجدوا انو بننقل through the  
lymphatics towards the CNS عشان هیک حنلاقيه بال lymphatic عند  
ال vCJD

هاي نوت زياده لما ننسى انو ال prions مثل بس  
موجوده بالدماغ :

Normal prion protein is widely distributed throughout the body, but has its highest concentrations in brain, nerve, and related tissue.

# Fatal familial insomnia

Inherited



- **Cause:**

- There is a mutation in PRNP (codes for prion protein) on chromosome 20. This mutation makes the protein insoluble.
- When it converts, the protein causes plaque to form in the thalamus, which is the region responsible for regulation of sleep.

- **Inheritance:**

- The dominant gene responsible for FFI has only been found in 28 families worldwide.
- 5 of these are in the U.S.
- If only one parent has the gene, the offspring have a 50% chance of getting the disease.



# Fatal familial insomnia



بصير عندهم ارق شديد

- **Symptoms/Signs of the Disorder**

- Four stages:

1. **Increasing insomnia**, paranoia, phobias (4 months)
2. Hallucinations (5 months)
3. **Complete inability to sleep**, rapid weight loss (3 months)
4. Dementia; person becomes unresponsive/mute (6 months)
5. Death occurs between 7 to 36 months from onset.

- **Treatment/Prevention:**

- **There is no cure for Fatal Familial Insomnia.** مهم هاي النقطة بحيث they tried modulating the gene but it was unsuccessful
- **Gene therapy has been unsuccessful so far.** ↗ gene but it was unsuccessful
- **Sleeping pills don't help**; they can actually speed disease progression.
- Some scientists believe that a cure could be found in the next 10-15 years.

- **Prognosis**

- **Life expectancy ranges from 7 months to 6 years; with an average of 18 months**

# Gerstmann–Sträussler–Scheinker syndrome

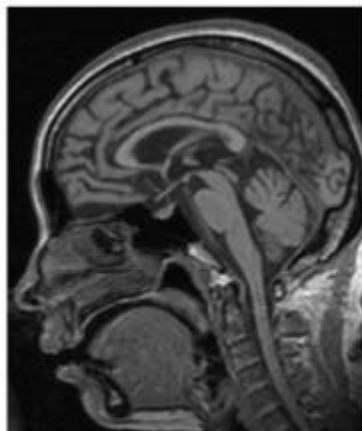


- Cause:
  - There is a mutation in PRNP (codes for prion protein) on chromosome 20.
- Inheritance:
  - Autosomal-dominant gene
  - found in few families worldwide.
- Symptoms/Signs of the Disorder
  - slowly developing dysarthria (difficulty speaking)
  - cerebellar truncal ataxia (unsteadiness)
  - Progressive dementia
  - Loss of memory can be the first symptom of GSS.
  - Many patients also exhibit nystagmus (involuntary movement of the eyes), visual disturbances, and even blindness or deafness.

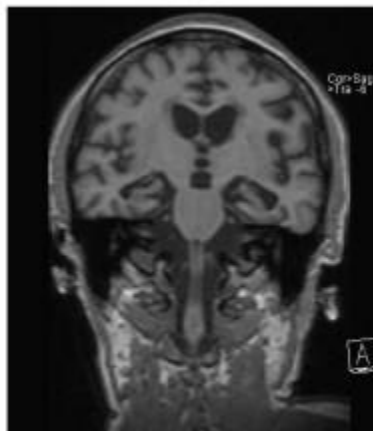
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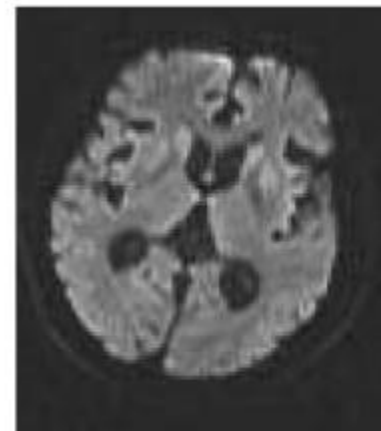
- Diagnosis
  - Genetic testing to detect the mutated gene at certain codons.
- Treatment/Prevention:
  - There is no cure for GSS.
- Prognosis
  - Duration of illness can range from 3 months to 13 years with an average duration of 5 or 6 years



A



B



C



# Diagnosis

- Gold standard: brain biopsy (histopathological examination and immunostaining for PrP<sup>Sc</sup>)
- CSF: elevated protein 14-3-3 and S100
- CT and MRI: Normal, if abnormal not diagnostic
- EEG: abnormal pattern in 2/3 of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease



# Therapeutic strategies

We have no ttt or cure or vaccine  
all the pt will eventually die

all these are therapeutic strategies, some of them are not realistic and they did not make any progress towards doing farther research or to become applicable

1. Compounds can be designed to specifically disrupt the replication cycle of the PrP<sup>Sc</sup>

Design of such compounds had proven successful in cell-based models but must now be extended to animal models and human clinical trials

لو عرفنا شو اول منطقه ممكن يرتبط فيها ال abnormal مع ال normal و نعملها block ف بنقل ال progression in the early stages of disease

2. Vaccine design: The abnormally folded proteins expose a side chain of amino acids which the properly folded protein does not expose. Antibodies specifically coded to this side chain amino acid sequence stimulate an immune response to the abnormal prions

لما يتحول البروتين من a-helix ل B-sheets تنكشف مناطق كانت مخبئه فيه ف اذا قدرنا نحدد هاي الاماكن اللي صار لها expose حنقدر نعمل AB specific لالههم و بالتالي نتخلص منهم

3. Design of peptides that break the  $\beta$ -sheet structures

هاد ممكن كمان بس مشكلته انو ال B-sheets توجد ببروتينات تانيه بالتالي it might affect other proteins as will

4. Gene therapy: modification of the prion gene

**Genetic engineering research:** cattle lacking a necessary gene for prion production - thus theoretically making them immune to BSE

(December 2006)

ملخص للأفكار التي حكيناها

# Summary

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The prions are proteins that carry information for self-reproduction  
the central dogma of modern biology)

The prions are expressed in cells of healthy humans and animals; their  
abnormal conformations ( $\text{PrP}^{\text{Sc}}$ ) are insoluble, resistant to digestion and  
aggregate

The  $\text{PrP}^{\text{Sc}}$  attacks the native prion  $\text{PrP}^{\text{C}}$ , changes its conformation into an  
abnormal form and causes an exponential production of insoluble proteins;  
they aggregate and form the fibrillar structure

Prion disease are rare fatal degenerative disorders; a portion of them can be  
transmitted; this mechanism is not clear (e.g. transmission of BSE to human)

One part of the prion protein can cause apoptosis, or programmed cell death

Prions induce no immune reactions within the human