Emerging Infections & Update in STIs

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Objectives

• Know the evolving epidemiology and risk of chikungunya & Babesia infection
• Recognize features of chikungunya infection and babesiosis and methods of diagnosis
• Review evolving diagnostic and treatment strategies for certain STDs

Disclosures: None
Chikungunya Virus

Family Togaviridae

- Alphavirus (29 SS RNA viruses)

  Old World: 6 cause human joint dz
  • O’nyong-nyong virus
  • Ross River virus
  • Mayaro virus

  New World: Encephalitis Viruses (EEEV, VEEV)

Reportable illness
Chikungunya Life Cycle
Evolving Profile of Outbreaks
(Simon Curr inf Dis Rep 2011;13:218)
Imported Chikungunya: France 2014
(Paty Euro Surveill 2014;19(28):20856)
U.S. Cases of Chikungunya 2015 (CDC)
43 cases (FL, NY > TX, PA, etc); 45 cases in territories
Aedes vectors in U.S.
Chikungunya: Clinical Illness

• Chikungunya = “that which bends up”
  Makonde (Tanzania)
• High rates of illness if infected (~95%)
• Incubation: 3-7 days
• Acute phase: abrupt fever, severe arthralgia & myalgias, prostration > rash
  High viral load  \([10^9] - 10^{12}\) copies/ml
• Chronic phase: Polyarthralgia>arthritis, enthesitis, soft tissue pain & fatigue x weeks to years
Chikungunya: Time Course
(Pialoux Lancet Inf Dis 2007 7:319)

Figure 6: Biological diagnosis of chikungunya
### Acute Chikungunya

(Pialoux Lancet Inf Dis 2007;7:319)

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**Table:** Frequency of clinical manifestations during the 1998 Malaysian epidemic and the 2005 Réunion epidemic.
Adult Skin Manifestations: Return from Reunion Island
(Simon Medicine 2007; 86(3):123)
Rash of Chikungunya in Children

Laboratory Findings: Acute Dz

- Elevated LDH, AST, ALT, GGT
- Elevated CK
- Mild thrombocytopenia
- No or mild leukopenia
- Elevated ESR and CRP in majority

Rare: marked cytopenia
Chikungunya vs Dengue

Epidemiology overlaps
Identical vectors
Dengue: differentiating features
  • Lymphadenopathy
  • Retro-orbital/ocular pain
  • Diaphoresis
  • Prominent back pain >> peripheral joint pain
  • Absent arthritis/tenosynovitis
  • Bleeding more common
Rare/Uncommon Complications

• Severe cytopenias
• Myocarditis
• Meningoencephalitis, GBS, flaccid paralysis
• Mild hemorrhage
• Neonatal infection (if mom viremic near parturition)
• Incidence of severe dz: < 0.02%
  more common w/ older age/co-morbidities
  (Reunion Island: mortality rate est 0.3-1%)
Acute Chikungunya

Diagnosis

• Serology (ELISA)
  
  IgM (usually present by Day 5-7 of illness) or
  
  IgG (us by 2 wk; 4x rise b/t acute/convalesc.)
  
  (caveats: x-reactive Ab, FN w/ cryoglob’s, persistent IgM x mos)

• Viral PCR of blood (or vesicle fluid)
  
  Through Day 7 of illness

• Viral culture: not routinely used (BSL 3)

**Treatment:** pain medications/NSAIDs; avoid ASA steroids effective but w/ rebound effect
Second Stage of Chikungunya (>10 days)

- Persistent/relapsing arthralgias and stiff joints
- Exacerbation of prior rheumatic conditions
- Tenosynovitis: usually > 2 sites (hypertrophic) wrists/hands and ankles
- Transitory vascular disorders (Raynaud syndrome) possibly 2\textsuperscript{nd} to mixed cryoglobulins
- Decreased strength
- Ocular: ant uveitis, retinitis, episcleritis, optic neuritis
- Chronic sx’s associated with:
  - Age > 60 yrs  High viral load
  - High [TNF-a] and [IL12] (Hoaru)
Joint Manifestations: Return from Reunion Island; > 10 d illness

(Simon Medicine 2007; 86(3):123)
MSK DZ of chronic CHIK (Simon Curr Inf Dis Resp 2011;13:218)
Babesiosis

• Emerging Infection, nationally reportable ’11
  Incr recog/# immunocompr; Changing ecology

• Apicomplexan (malaria, toxo); > 100 spp infect animals
  2nd most-common blood parasite in mammals (<tryps)

• Human infx: U.S.—B. microti

*Ixodes scapularis* vector; Mice/deer reservoir
  Rare: *B. duncani* (WA/CA) or *B. divergens*-like (KY/MO/WA)

Risk: Transfusion transmission
nejm babesia

Figure 1. Geographic Areas Where Human Babesiosis and Ixodes Tick Vectors Are Endemic.
Life Cycle of Babesia
(Hunfeld Int J Parasit 2008 38:1219)
Babesia: Pathogenesis and Burden in U.S.
(Lobo Curr Opin Hematol 2012 12:170)(CDC--graph)
Wide spectrum of clinical severity

**Sx’s**: 1-4 wks after bite; 1-9 wks after PRBCs
  - Gradual malaise, then fever/chills/sweat
  - Myalgia, cough, arthralgia, nausea >
    abd pain, photophobia, depression, conjunctivitis,
**Exam**: splenomegaly, OP erythema, jaundice
**Labs**: low hgb/hapto & plt’s; incr retic/LDH
Immune Competence & Babesiosis

**Immunocompetent:** 25% no sx’s
- If sx’s: 1-2 wks F/C, fatigue x mos
- A’sx parasitemia x months w/ tx; > 1 yr w/o tx

**Immunodeficient:** can see fulminant dz
- Splenect, CA, SOT, HIV, SC, a-TNF, X-age
- ARDS, DIC, CHF, coma, liver failure, AKI
- Fatality rate: up to 20% w/ immunosuppression
Diagnosis of Babesiosis

- Consider: any pt w/ febrile illness & residence in/travel to endemic area < 2 mos or blood transfusion < 6 mos
- Strong clinical suspicion required since no classic signs
- Automated blood counter will not detect
- Suspect co-infx w/ Lyme/Anaplasma if more severe disease/poor response to tx
Thin Smears w/ *Babesia microti*
Diagnostic Algorithm
(Vannier nejm 2012;366(25):2397)

Patient at risk for *Babesia microti* infection
- Lives or travels where babesiosis is endemic
- Blood transfusion within 6 mo
- Strong suspicion of babesiosis

Giemsa or Wright staining of thin blood smear

Negative
- If symptoms persist

Positive
- Antimicrobial therapy

If symptoms persist

Repeat blood smear

Negative
- Repeat testing if illness is severe

Positive
- Antimicrobial therapy

PCR or antibody assay

Negative
- Repeat testing if illness is severe

Positive
- Consider antimicrobial therapy
Transfusion-transmitted Babesia

- Most common & potentially morbid microbiologic threat of transfusion (Katz ‘14 Transfus)
  - CDC compiled cases transfused 1979-2009
  - Assume under-reporting and missed dx’s
  - 162 cases; donors implicated for 86%
  - PRBCs >>> plts; 18% all-cause mortality
  - All seasons; Many pts at risk of severe dz
  - 19 states, 87% in 7 main endemic states
- Tonnetti (‘09 Transfusion): 5/18 fatal cases
Transfusion-Transmitted Babesia Timeline
(Herwaldt Annals Int Med 2011 155(8):509)

Figure 2. Distribution of U.S. transfusion-associated Babesia microti index cases, 1979–2009.
Transfusion-Transmitted Babesia
(Herwaldt Annals Int Med 2011 155(8):509)

Figure 3. Box-and-whisker plots of the distributions of time from transfusion to various events for U.S. transfusion-associated Babesia microti index cases, 1979–2009.
Blood Supply & Babesia

• No FDA-approved screening test
• Regional risk: broad policy more challenging
• Current query of hx of babesiosis
• Assessed Serology or PCR:
• Unfavorable cost/benefit ratio in safety budgets
Treatment of Babesiosis  (Table: Vannier nejm)

No sx’s & immunocompetent: Tx if continued infx @ 3 months
Wks of tx depends on immunocompetence/relapse (1-2 wks vs 4+ wks)
High parasitemia: adjunctive RBC exchange
Poor tolerance w/ quinine regimen (cinchonism, N/V)
Monitor parasitemia load if severely ill until < 5%
Part 3: Update of STIs

• Recommended screening tests for populations
• Evolving aspects of NGU
• Evolving aspects of Tx of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea
Sexually Active MSM: Annual Screening Tests & Other Care

• HIV if pt/partner w/ > 1 partner
• Syphilis serology
• Urethral** Chlamydia/Gonorrhea (urine NAAT)
• Rectal** Chlamydia/Gonorrhea (rectal swab for NAAT)
• Pharyngeal** Gonorrhea (NAAT preferred)
  (STI screen q 3-6 months if ongoing multiple partners)
• Hep B sAg
• If HIV (+): Hep C Ab (Viral load if CD4<200 & incr ALT)
  (HPV vaccine if ≤ 26 yrs; Hep A/B vaccines if nonimmune)
  (**based on sexual practices/sites of exposure)
  (NAAT=nucleic acid amplification test)
Extragenital GC/CT Infection in MSM

MSM @ STD Clinic (Patton Clin Inf Dis 2014;58:1564)

GC: 8% pharyngeal, 10% rectal (at recent visit or prior year)
CT: 32% pharyngeal, 46% rectal

Graph: proportion of positive GC/CT tests w/ neg urethral tests
CT Screening and Women
(Gratrix Clin Inf Dis 2015;60:398) STI clinic: women screened rectally & GU

3055 women screened
Prevalence rectal CT: 12-13%
Rectal scrn: incr detection 44%
25% of rectal-only reported AI
N. gonorrhoea: Whom to Screen

Sexually active women < 25 yrs

Other women:
- New or multiple partners
- Prior gonorrhea or other STIs
- Commercial sex workers, illicit drug use
- Living in communities w/ high prevalence

MSM at high risk
(Not MSW)
Possible Causes Recurrent/Persistent NGU

*Mycoplasma genitalium:* azithro if objective urethritis
? TCN-resistant *Ureaplasma* (inconsistent data)

*Trichomonas vaginalis:* MSW

- Some ref labs: urine-based *T. vaginalis* NAAT
- NAAT more sensitive than culture
- In high-prevalence areas: presumptive metronidazole 2 g or tinidazole 2 g x 1 after failed 1\textsuperscript{st}-line tx for MSW

HSV
**Mycoplasma genitalium in STIs**

Cause of male urethritis (sole or co-infx)
- ~20% NGU; ~25% Non-CTU; 30% persistent urethritis

Less definitive cause of female STI
- Found in lower, upper genital tract, often a’sx
- Possible role in cervicitis, PID, pre-term delivery

Diagnosis: no FDA-approved test available
- Suspect: persistent/recurrent urethritis/cerv/PID

Tx: Doxy cure 31%; Azithro cure :85→40%
  Moxi 7-14D if failure w/ azithro
Chlamydia: Evolving Tx

- Doxycycline more effective than azithro (NGU per: Sena et al. J Inf Dis 2012;206:357)
  (CDC maintains Azithro or Doxy as 1st line for CT tx)
- Anorectal disease: azithro better than doxy
- Pregnancy: Amoxicillin moved to alternate list (b/c persistent organisms in vitro)
Gonorrhea—Percentage of Reported Cases by Sex and Selected Reporting Sources, United States, 2012

*HMO=health maintenance organization; HD=health department

NOTE: Of all cases, 11.7% had a missing or unknown reporting source. Among cases with a known reporting source, the categories presented represent 66.2% of cases; 33.8% were reported from sources other than those shown.
GISP: Percent of Neisseria gonorrhoeae isolates with resistance or intermediate resistance to ciprofloxacin, 1990–2005

Note: Resistant isolates have ciprofloxacin MICs ≥ 1 µg/ml. Isolates with intermediate resistance have ciprofloxacin MICs of 0.125 - 0.5 µg/ml. Susceptibility to ciprofloxacin was first measured in GISP in 1990.
Percentage of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Isolates with Elevated Cefixime Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (MICs) (≥0.25 μg/ml), Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP), 2005 – 2012

*NOTE:* Isolates were not tested for cefixime susceptibility in 2007 and 2008.
Percentage of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates with elevated azithromycin minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) (≥2.0 μg/ml), Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP), 2005 – 2012.
Penicillin, Tetracycline, and Ciprofloxacin Resistance Among *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Isolates, Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP), 2012

NOTE: PenR = penicillinase producing *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and chromosomally mediated penicillin-resistant *N. gonorrhoeae*; TetR = chromosomally and plasmid mediated tetracycline-resistant *N. gonorrhoeae*; and QRNG = quinolone-resistant *N. gonorrhoeae*.
Gonorrhea Treatment per Revised CDC Guidelines (2013 update of 2010 pub.)

- Ceftriaxone **250 mg IM plus**
  - Azithro (1 gm) or Doxy** (bid x 7 days)
- Cefixime: no longer 1st-line tx
  - If used: perform test-of-cure from site @ 1 wk
- Persistent infection: **culture w/ susceptibilities**
- 2nd line approaches:
  - If no ceftriaxone: Cefixime 400 mg + Azithro/Doxy
  - Severe cephalosporin allergy: Azithro 2 gm**
    - Perform **test-of-cure** 1 week (?) after treatment!
- Tx partner w/o office eval: cefixime/azithro
- Stay vigilant for cephalosporin tx failure (cx w/ suscept)
  - **see proposed 2014 changes**
Antibiotics for *N. gonorrhea* in U.S.

(Kirkcaldy Sex Transm Inf 2013;89:iv5-iv10)
2014 CDC Proposals for *N. gonorrhoea* Tx
(document seeking public comment)

Ceftriaxone 250 mg IM + azithro 1 gm (std)

If cephalosporin allergy:

• Gent 240 mg IM/azithro 2 gm  **or**
• Gemifloxacin 320 mg/azithro 2 gm  (~8% vomited)

Doxycycline no longer a 2*nd* agent to ceph’s

Azithromycin: mono-tx no longer recommended

If dual tx used: test-of-cure if w/ pharyngeal dz only

Cefixime and azithromycin for partner tx
Take-home points

• Int’l travelers have risk of chikungunya; potential for wider US transmission
• We have conditions for endemic babesiosis
• Transfusion recipients have risk of babesiosis
• Recommendations for screening populations for STIs are changing
• Tx rec’s for common STI organisms are changing; causative organisms expanding