



Prima Sessione: La Sorveglianza delle Arbovirosi

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Zanzare: un rischio per la salute
Il Piano regionale arbovirosi:
quali miglioramenti alla luce dell'esperienza 2018

Diagnosi sierologica e molecolare di arbovirosi: esperienza del Centro di Riferimento Regionale per le Emergenze Microbiologiche (CRREM)

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Research and diagnostic activities on emerging and re-emerging infections

- Arbovirus
- Malaria
- Leishmania
- Influenza/ MERS-CoV
- Invasive bacterial infections
- Multidrug resistant bacteria



Piano Nazionale di sorveglianza e risposta alle arbovirosi trasmesse da zanzare invasive (*Aedes sp.*) con particolare riferimento ai virus Chikungunya, Dengue e Zika - 2018.

Piano nazionale integrato di sorveglianza e risposta al virus West Nile e Usutu - 2018

Human surveillance of arbovirus infections in Emilia-Romagna region, 2013 - 2018

	2013-2017		2018	
	Suspected cases	% Pos	Suspected cases	% Pos
Chikungunya	120 - 330	1 - 9 %	220	0%
Dengue	120 - 310	5 - 20%	220	7%
Zika	310	3,5%	220	-
West Nile virus	260 - 450	3 - 10%	867	21%
Toscana virus	260 - 450	8 - 19%	867	6%
Usutu virus	450	0%	867	0,2%

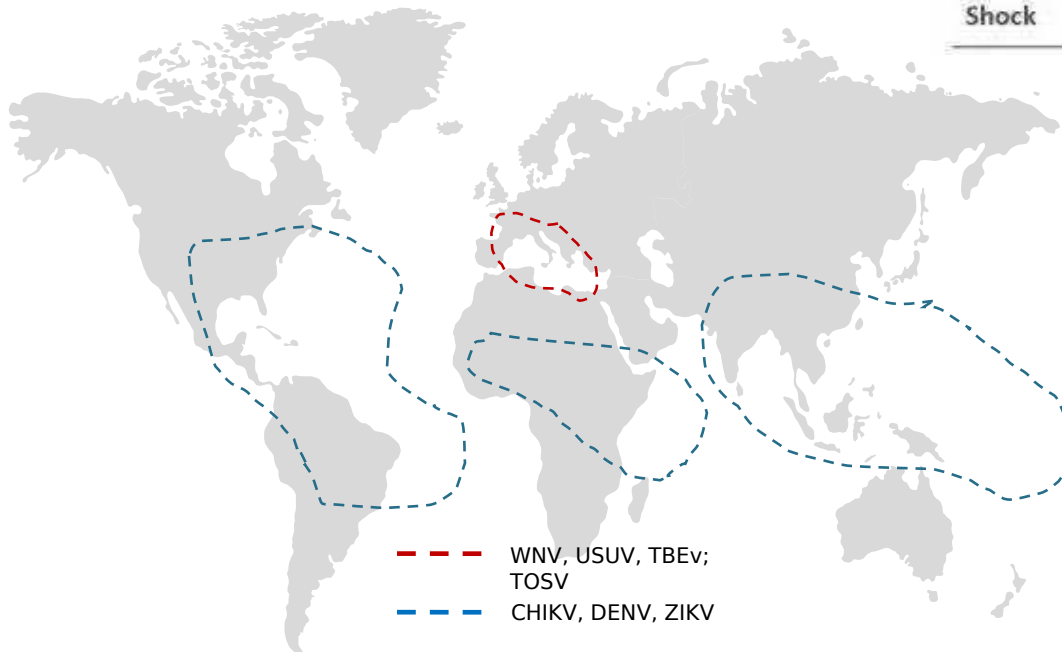
Many arboviruses display overlapping symptoms and geographical distribution

clinical manifestation

sindrome febrile
 artralgia, artrite, rash
 sindrome emorragica
 sindrome neurologica

Features	Zika	Dengue	Chikungunya
Fever	++	+++	+++
Rash	+++	+	++
Conjunctivitis	++	-	-
Arthralgia	++	+	+++
Myalgia	+	++	+
Headache	+	++	++
Hemorrhage	-	++	-
Shock	-	+	-

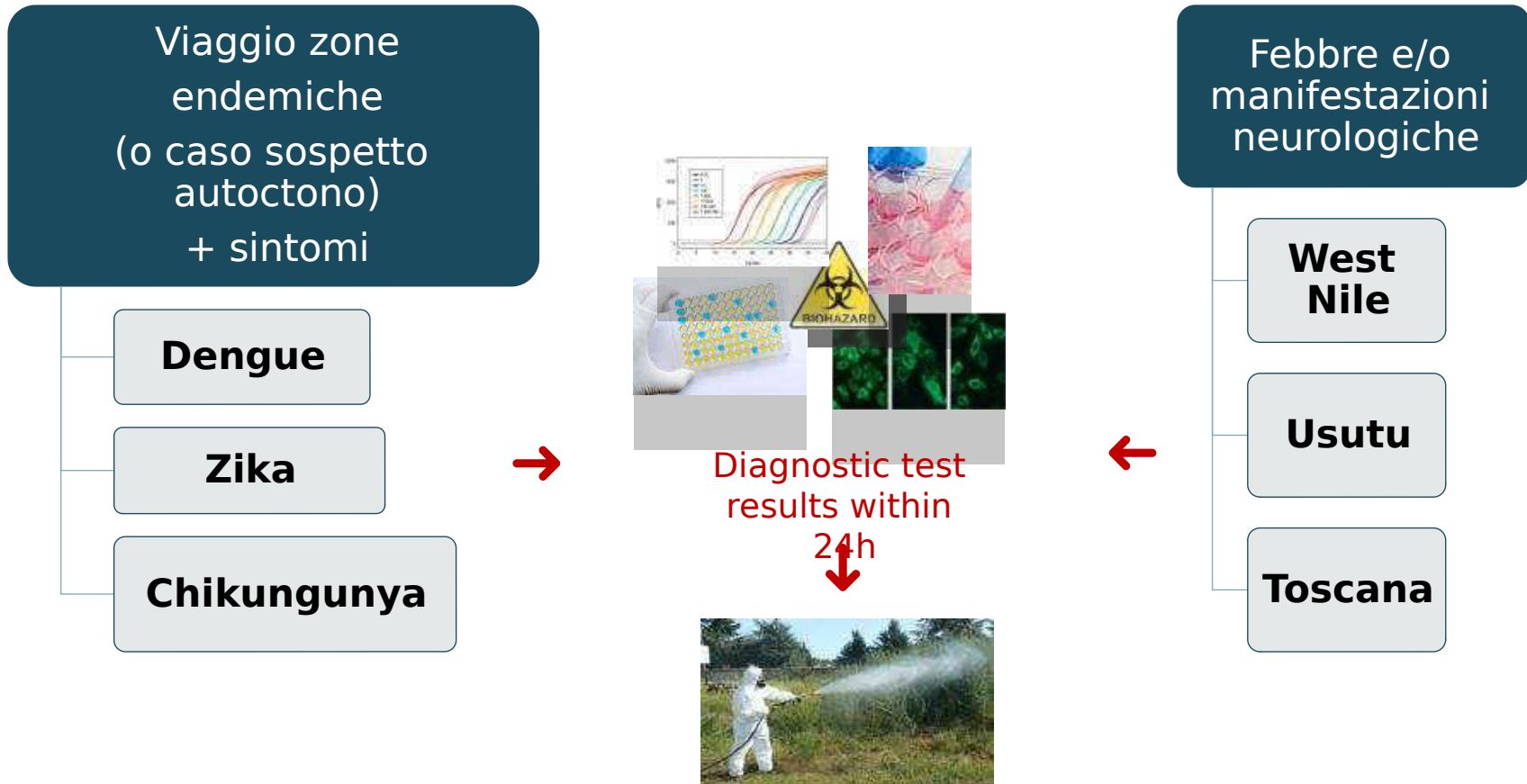
geographical distribution



Multiplex diagnostic algorithms - syndromic approach -

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Arbovirus diagnostics - important aspects

- ✓ **Travel history**
Where?
How long?
Date of return?
- ✓ **Onset of symptoms**
- ✓ **Clinical presentation**
- ✓ **Other risk factors** (medical conditions, pregnancy, immunosuppression,)
- ✓ **Vaccination history**



Allegato A6

SCHEDA DI SEGNALAZIONE DI CASO DI INFEZIONE DA WEST NILE VIRUS/USUTU VIRUS

IMPORTATO AUTOCTONO PROBABLE CONFERMATO

1. Regione Emilia-Romagna 2. Azienda Sanitaria/Ospedale _____

3. Servizio / Reparto _____

4. Dati relativi al paziente:
Cognome: _____ Nome: _____
Sesso: M F _____ Codice Fiscale _____
Luogo di nascita: _____ Data di nascita _____ (gg/mm/aaaa)
Domicilio abituale* _____
Via/piazza e numero civico _____ Comune _____ Provincia _____

Allegato A2

Scheda per l'invio al laboratorio di riferimento regionale (CRREM) di campioni biologici per accertamenti riguardanti Chikungunya, Dengue e Zika virus

Azienda Sanitaria _____ data inizio _____ (gg/mm/aaaa)
Reparto/ Servizio _____ data fine _____ (gg/mm/aaaa)

6a. Anamnesi positiva per **traffusione** di sangue o emocomponenti nei 28 giorni precedenti la diagnosi/segnalazione? _____
6b. Anamnesi positiva per **feccia** di sangue o emocomponenti nei 28 giorni precedenti la diagnosi/segnalazione? _____

7. Vaccinazione nei confronti di altri flavivirus: _____
8. Informazioni cliniche: _____
9. Presenza di condizioni di rischio preesistenti: _____
10. Donatore di sangue, emocomponenti, organi e tessuti? _____
11. Esami di Laboratorio: _____
12. Viaggi in zone tropicali in qualsiasi periodo della vita: _____
13. Vaccinato contro: _____
14. Gravidanza in atto: _____
15. Solo per Zika, rapporti sessuali con partner maschile: _____

Segni, sintomi edati di laboratorio

Febbre _____
Rash cutaneo _____
Astenia _____
Congiuntivite _____
Manifestazioni emorragiche _____
Trombocitopenia _____
Emoconzentrazione (HCT ≥20%) _____
Ascite _____
Altro (specificare) _____

Scoperto diagnosticco

Chikungunya Dengue Zika virus Altro (specificare) _____
Campioni prelevati il _____ (gg/mm/aa) per:
sierologia identificazione acido nucleico virale isolamento virale identificazione antigene virale di dengue

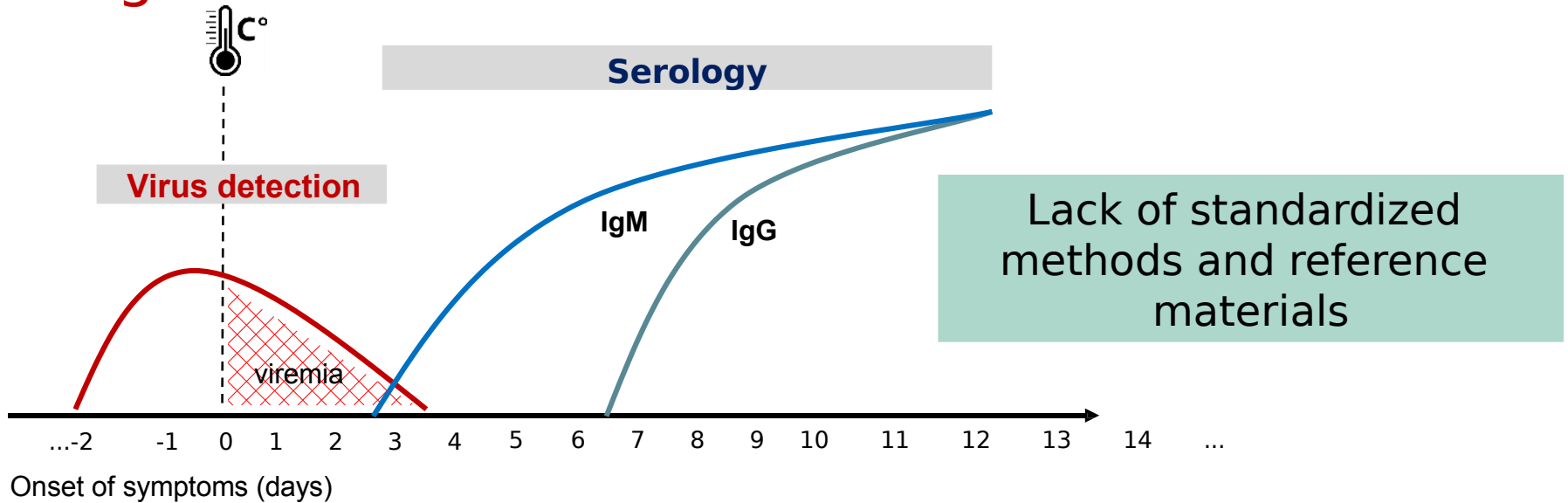
Materiali biologici inviati al Laboratorio di Riferimento Regionale

1. provetta 10 ml sangue in toto trattato con K-EDTA
2. provetta 5 ml con sangue coagulato
3. campione di urina
4. campione di saliva

Note: _____
Data _____ Sanitario _____
Telefono _____ telefax _____ e-mail _____

SCHEDA 2018

Opportunities, limitations & pitfalls in arbovirus diagnostic



Combination of Molecular and Serological tests

- **Direct virus detection**
- Viremic period of most arboviruses is short
- Viral load is low
- Peak for viremia before symptoms



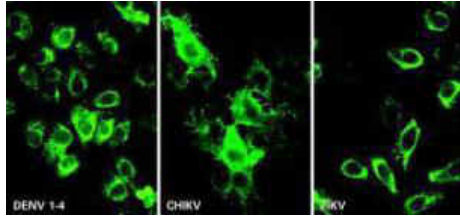
Testing multiple specimens can increase sensitivity

- **Serology**
- Cross-reactivity among flaviviruses and with vaccine Abs
- IgM is not always a reliable marker of acute infection



Sequential sampling

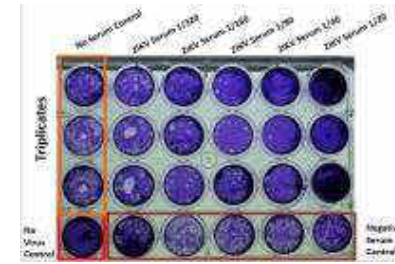
Arboviruses serology



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Flavivirus serology – a diagnostic dilemma
Definitive serological diagnosis is not always possible!

Confirmed acute Zika infection in a patient with previous Dengue infection

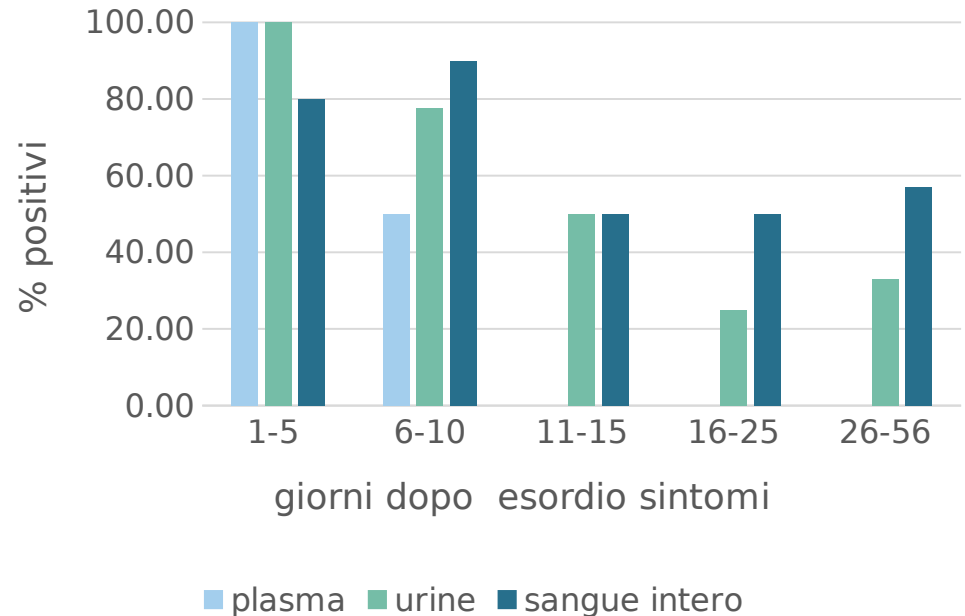
IgM Zika	IgM Dengue	PRNT-90 Zika	PRNT-90 Dengue 1	PRNT-90 Dengue 2
POS	POS	1:160	1:5120	1:320

courtesy from R.Lanciotti, CDC, 2017

cross-reattività è minima in pazienti senza precedenti infezioni da flavivirus
cross-reattività elevata in pazienti con precedenti infezioni da flavivirus (o
vaccinazioni)

Testing multiple specimens for ZIKV RNA → Overcoming the interpretation of serological assays

Laboratory testing	N.pos/N.tested (%)
RNA plasma +	12/21 (57)
RNA urine +	15/21 (71)
RNA whole blood +	16/21 (76)
RNA saliva +	5/11 (45)
Plasma Urine + Whole blood	19/21 (90)
<i>Time from symptoms onset to diagnosis, days, median (range)</i>	6 (2-48)



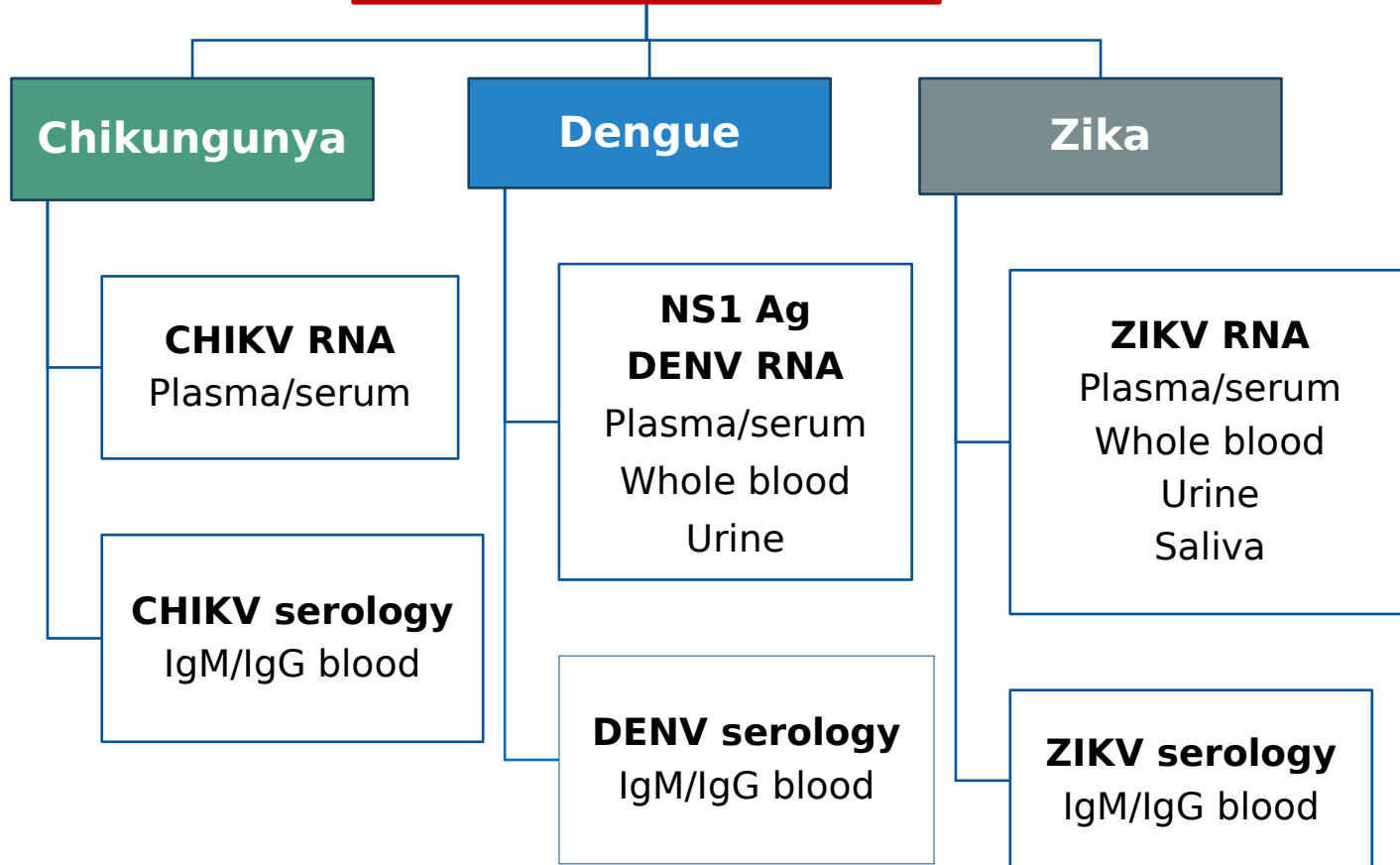
RNA + in plasma max 10 days

RNA + in urine e whole blood max 56 giorni

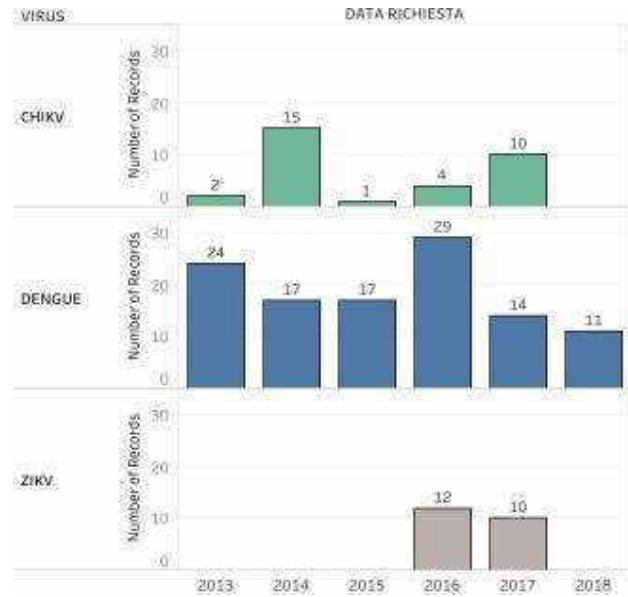
Diagnostic algorithm in Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika surveillance in Emilia

Romagna region

Viaggio zone endemiche
(o sospetto caso autoctono)
+ sintomi

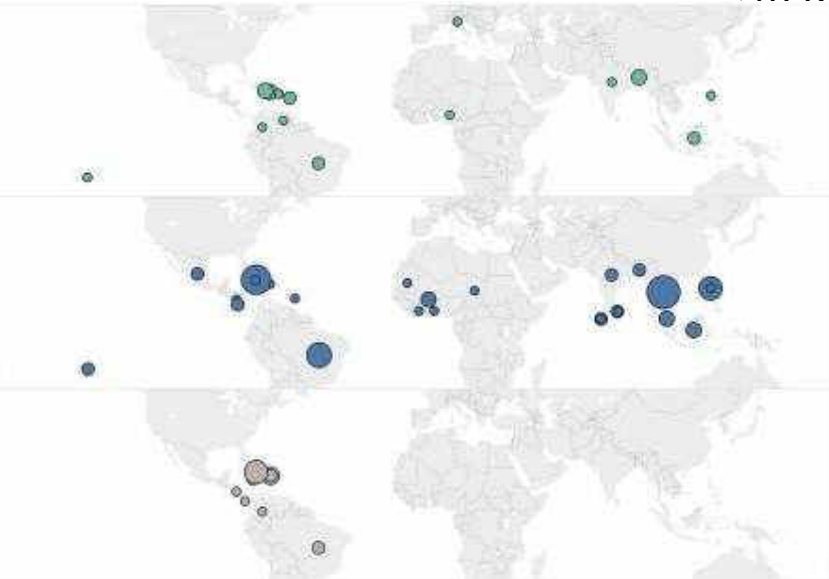
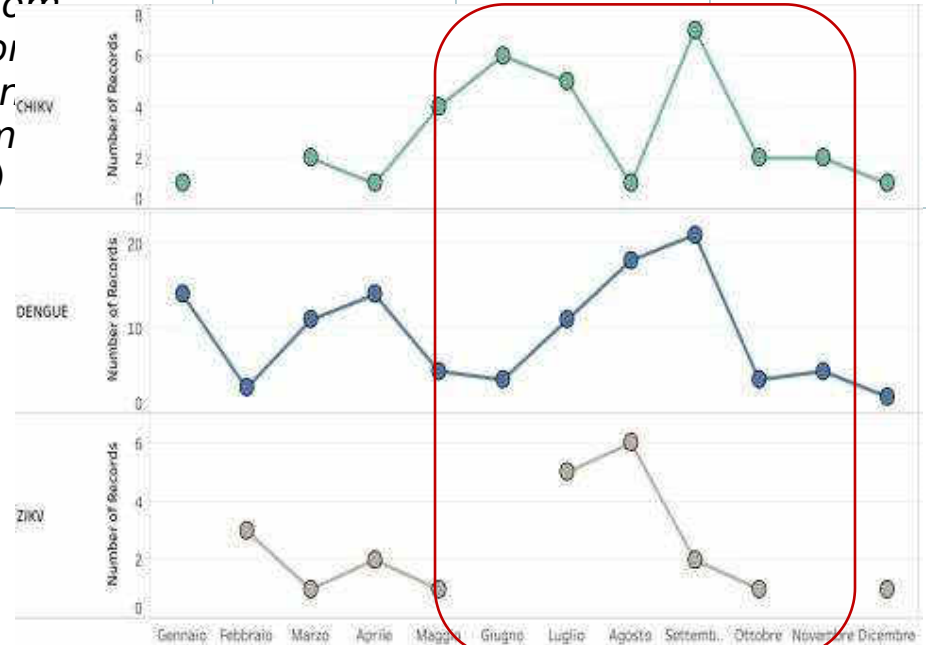


Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika imported infections, ER 2013-18: virological and serological findings



	CHIKV	DENV	ZIKV
RNA plasma +	15/32 (47%)	70/106 (66%)	12/22 (55%)
Antigen NS1 +	-	99/116 (85%)	-
Serology +	23/32 (72%)	68/113 (61%)	18/22 (81,8%)

Time from symptom to diagnosis (days, range)



Zika infection in pregnancy, Emilia-Romagna 2017

Donna gravida / partner
Donna / partner pre-concezionale



Esposizione all'infezione

(viaggio zona affetta o rapporto sessuale con persona che vive/ha viaggiato in zona affetta)

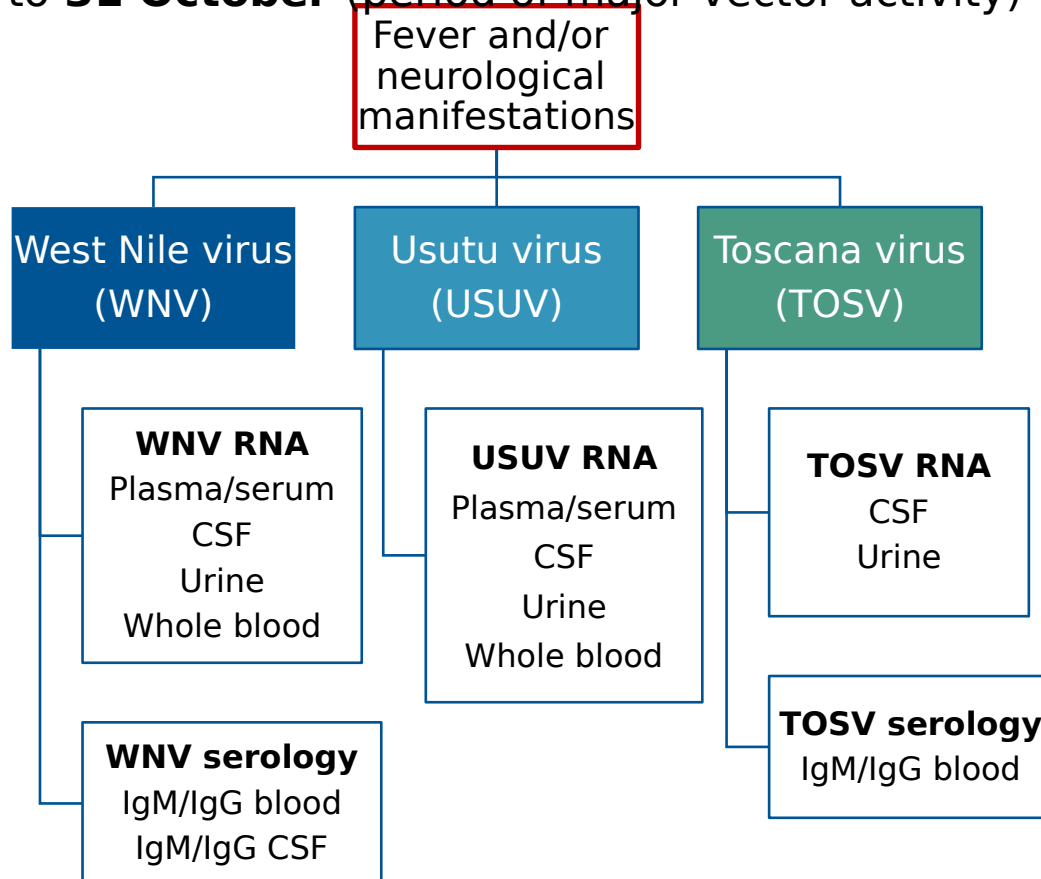
- Donna italiana
- 5° settimana gravidanza (feb '17)
- Panama 23 dic '16 - 10 gen '17
- 30/12/16: febbricola
- Vaccinata per YFV

	d +38 (post symptoms onset)	d +46 (post symptoms onset)	d +56 (post symptoms onset)
ZIKV IgM	POS	Reatt. Debole	Neg
ZIKV IgG	POS	POS	POS
ZIKV MNT	1:80	1:160	na
DENV IgM	Neg	Neg	Neg
DENV IgG	POS	POS	POS
ZIKV RNA sangue	POS	POS	POS
ZIKV RNA urine	Neg	POS	POS
ZIKV RNA saliva	Neg	Neg	Neg
ZIKV tamp. vaginale	na	Neg	na

Diagnostic algorithm in human WNV/USUV surveillance in Emilia-Romagna region

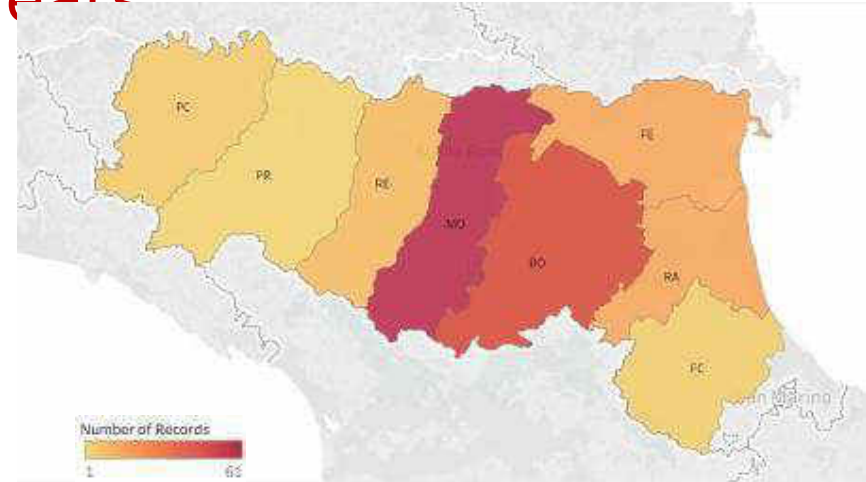
The surveillance of human cases is based on the clinical forms of **neuroinvasive disease (WNND)**

- **Fever** and **Neurological manifestations**: encephalitis, meningitis, polyradiculoneuritis (Guillain-Barré-like Syndrome) or acute flaccid paralysis.
- from **15 June** to **31 October** (period of major vector activity)

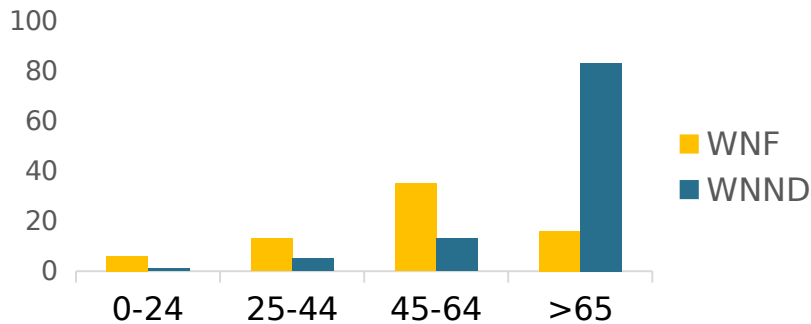


WNV in ER region, 2018: Higher number of WNND cases than in previous years

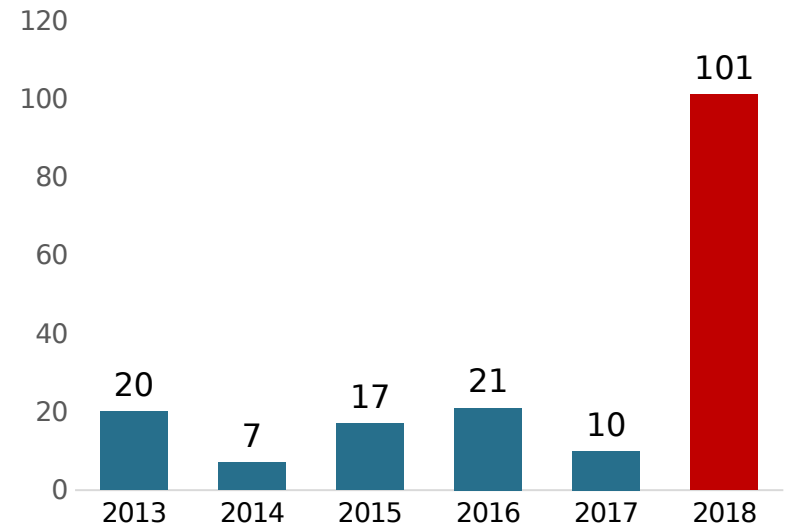
2018	WNND	WNF
Cases	101	70
Fatal cases	21 (20,8%)	-
Sex, male (%)	63,3%	43,3%
Age, years, median (range)	77 (17-94)	55 (19-91)



Age distribution of human WNV cases, ER 2018



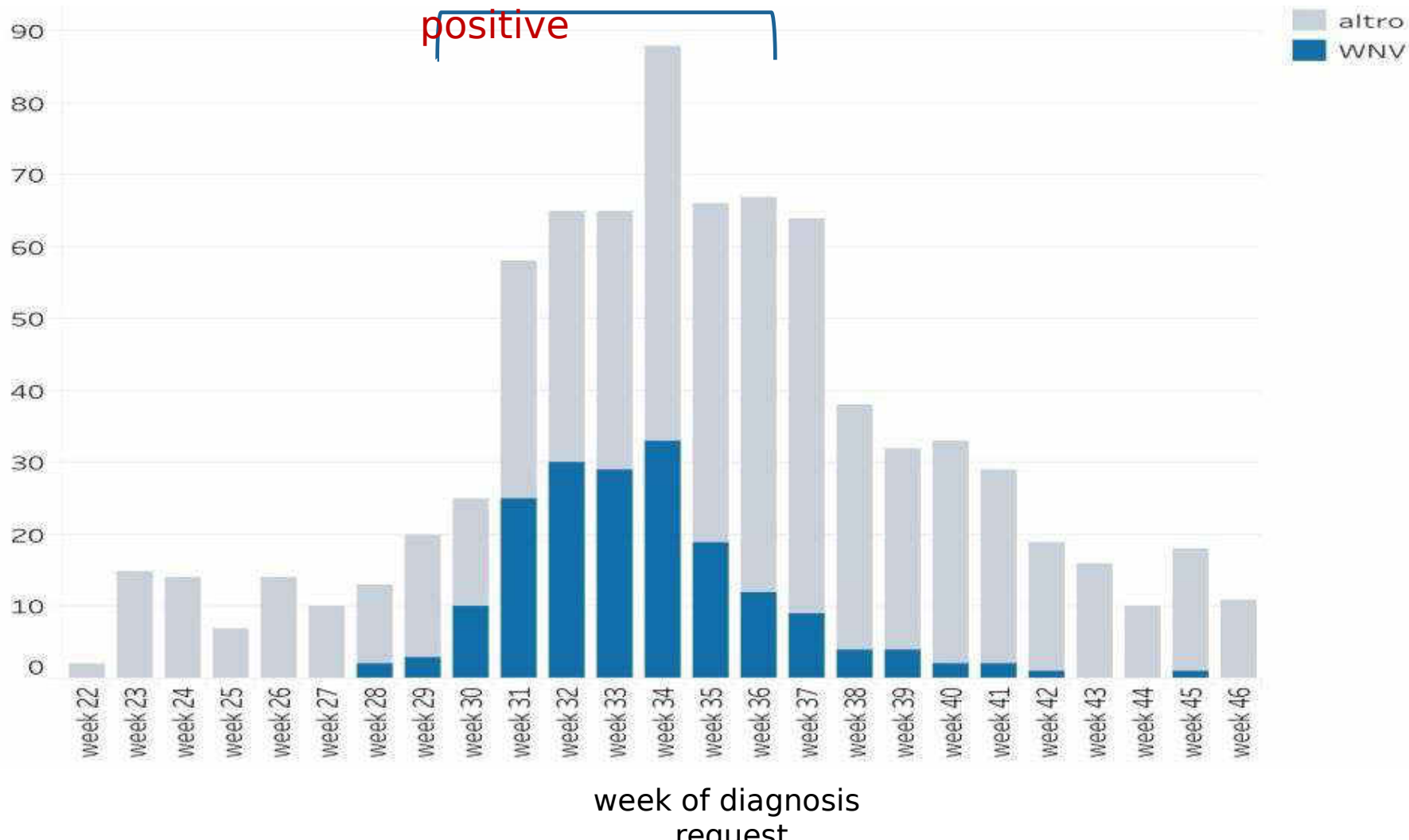
WNND cases, ER 2013-18



Human WNV infection and laboratory workload, ER region 2018

1st June - 15th November: **800** requests

19% - 46% WNV positive





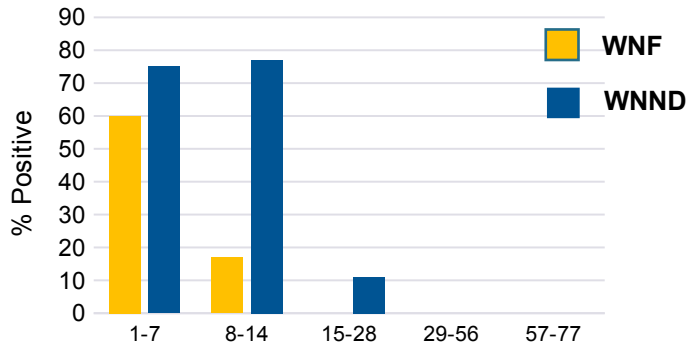
WNV RNA in body fluids during acute infection

	WNF N. Pos /N. tested (%)	WNND N. Pos /N. tested (%)
Serum	78/121 (64)	100/180 (55)
Urine	68/97 (70)	113/153 (74)
Whole blood	37/57 (65)	64/89 (72)
CSF	-	35/138 (25)
Parallel testing multiple specimens		
Plasma / Whole blood / Urine	47/54 (87)	64/79 (81)
<i>Time to diagnosis, days median (range)</i>	5,5 (0-35)	6,5 (0-36)

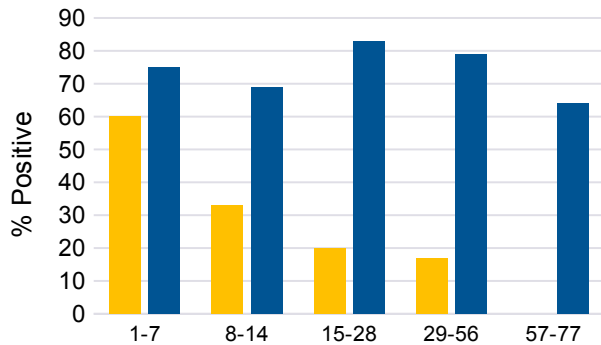
Parallel testing of multiple specimens greatly improves the overall clinical sensitivity of molecular methods in acute stage of WNV infection

Kinetics of WNV RNA in body fluids

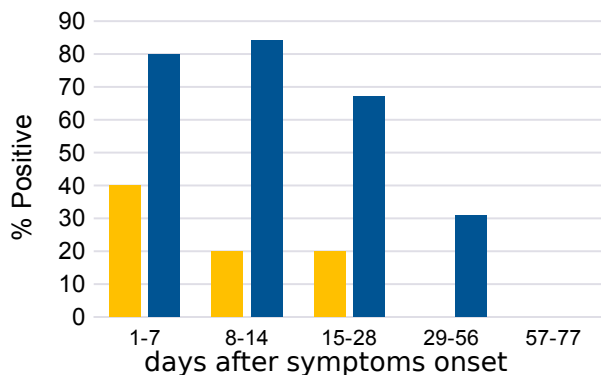
Serum



Whole blood



Urine



18 WNND and **6 WNF** patients
 plasma, urine and whole blood samples collected longitudinally at 7, 15, 30, 60 and 180 days after initial diagnosis

Testing WNV RNA in whole blood and urine
 → widening the window for viral RNA detection

→ direct diagnosis at late times after symptoms onset

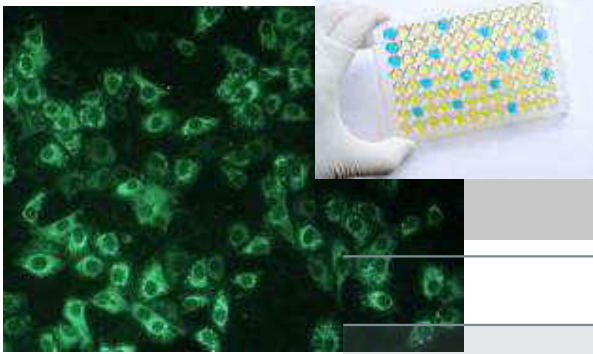
days

	WNF	WNND
plasma	10	18
urine	25	44
whole blood	40	74

In each body fluid:

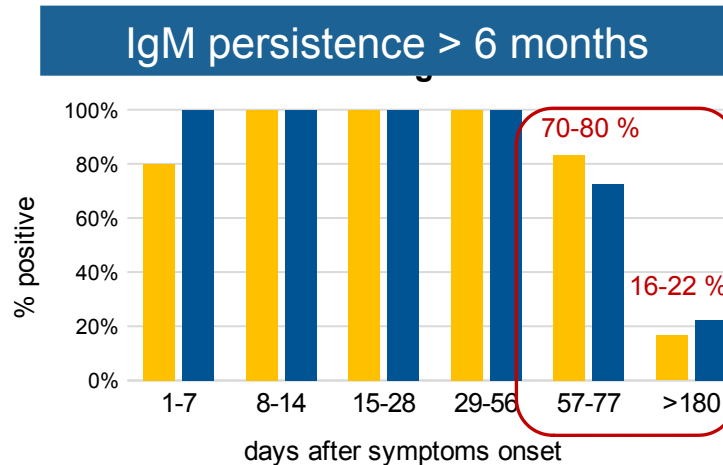
- the detection rate of WNV RNA was higher in WNND than in WNF patients
- WNV RNA persisted longer in WNND than WNF patients

→ viral RNA persistence in body fluids might be associated with the clinical outcome of WNV infection

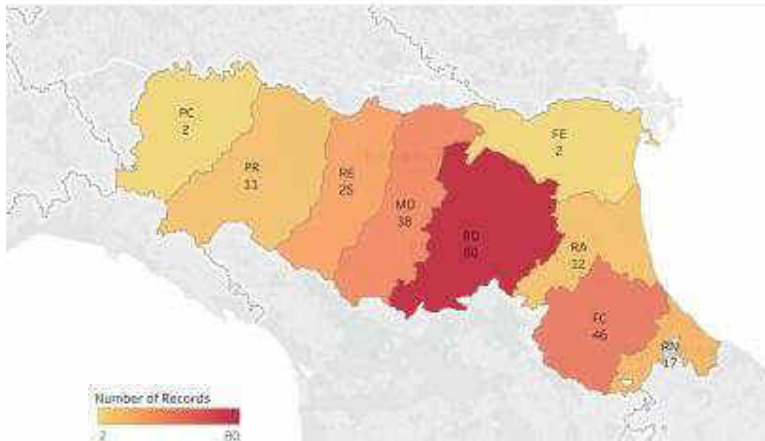


WNV-IgM and -IgG during acute infection

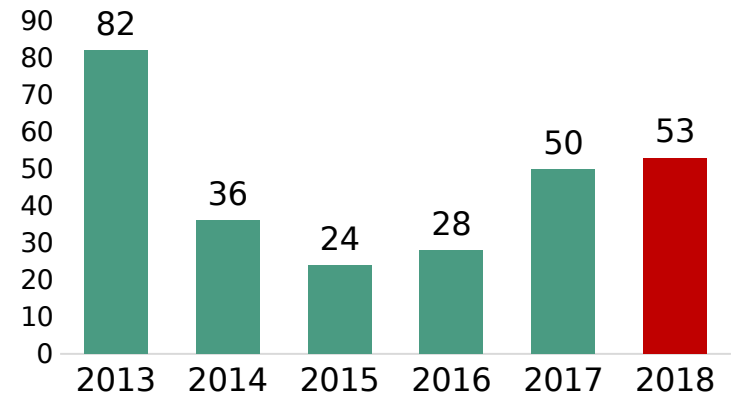
	WNF	WNND	
	blood	blood	CSF
IgM - / IgG -	42/122 (34%)	18/180 (10%)	23/137 (17%)
IgM + / IgG -	5/122 (4%)	8/180 (4%)	8/137 (6%)
IgM + / IgG +	68/122 (56%)	149/180 (83%)	95/137 (70%)
<i>Time to diagnosis. median days (range)</i>	5,5 (0-35)	6,5 (0-36)	



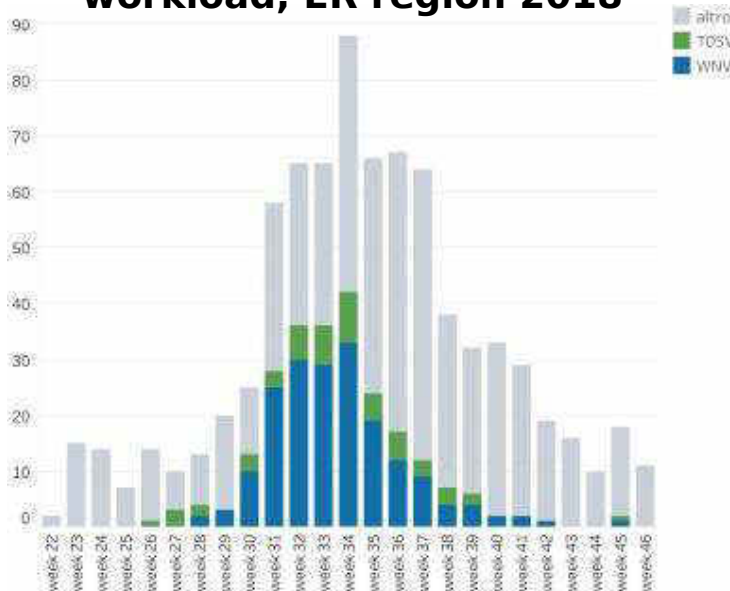
Toscana virus infection in ER region, 2013-18



TOSV cases, ER 2013-18



TOSV infection and laboratory workload, ER region 2018



Virological and serological findings in acute TOSV infection

	No./No. tested (%)
RNA+ in CSF	221/231 (95,6%)
IgM+/IgG-	6/265 (2,3%)
IgM+/IgG+	239/265 (90,2%)
IgM-/IgG-	12/265 (4,5%)
RNA+ in Urine	56/129 (43,4%)

Human Usutu virus infection, ER 2018

	Case N. 1	Case N. 2
Province	Modena	Forlì
Sex	F	M
Age	41	26
Clinic	Encephalitis	Fever
USUV RNA blood	POS	NEG
USUV RNA CSF	NEG	-
USUV RNA urine	NEG	POS
WNV IgM/IgG	NEG	POS

Arbovirus: Diagnostic Challenges

- Sovrapposizione distribuzione geografica e presentazione clinica
- “Multiplexing diagnostic”
- viremia è di breve durata e spesso già non rilevabile al momento della diagnosi
- testare differenti materiali biologici
- Interpretazione dei test sierologici è complessa
- Scarsa standardizzazione delle procedure
- Difficoltà di reperimento di materiale di riferimento
- Network nazionali e internazionali

Continuo aggiornamento delle metodiche diagnostiche

Continuo aggiornamento sull'epidemiologia

Necessità di ampliare la capacità diagnostica sulle arbovirosi



<http://www.evd-labnet.eu>

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