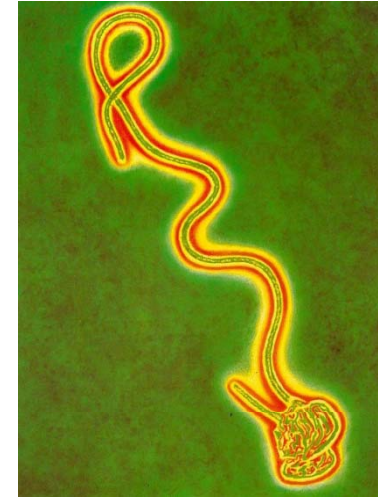


# **Ebola Virus Disease**

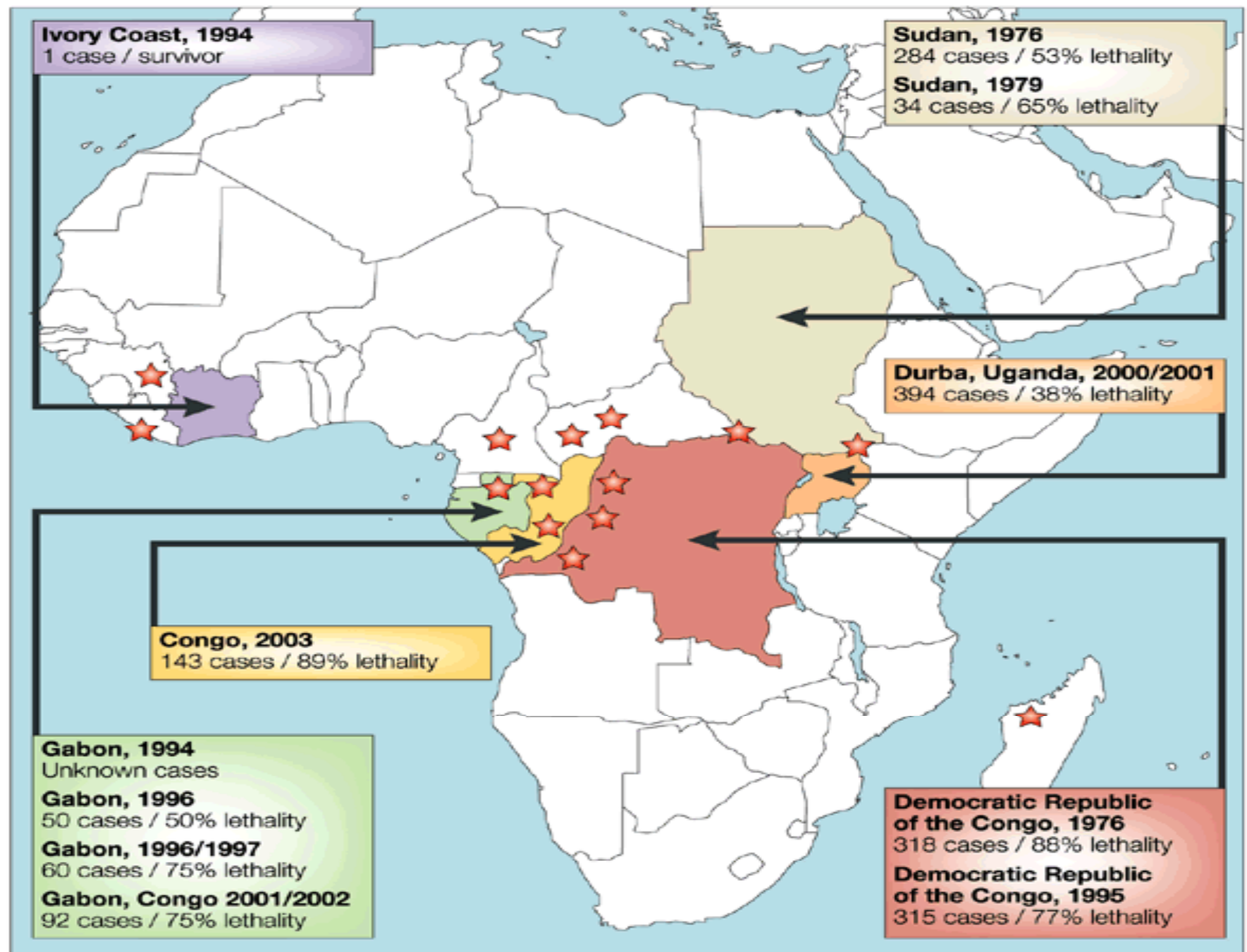


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# What is Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

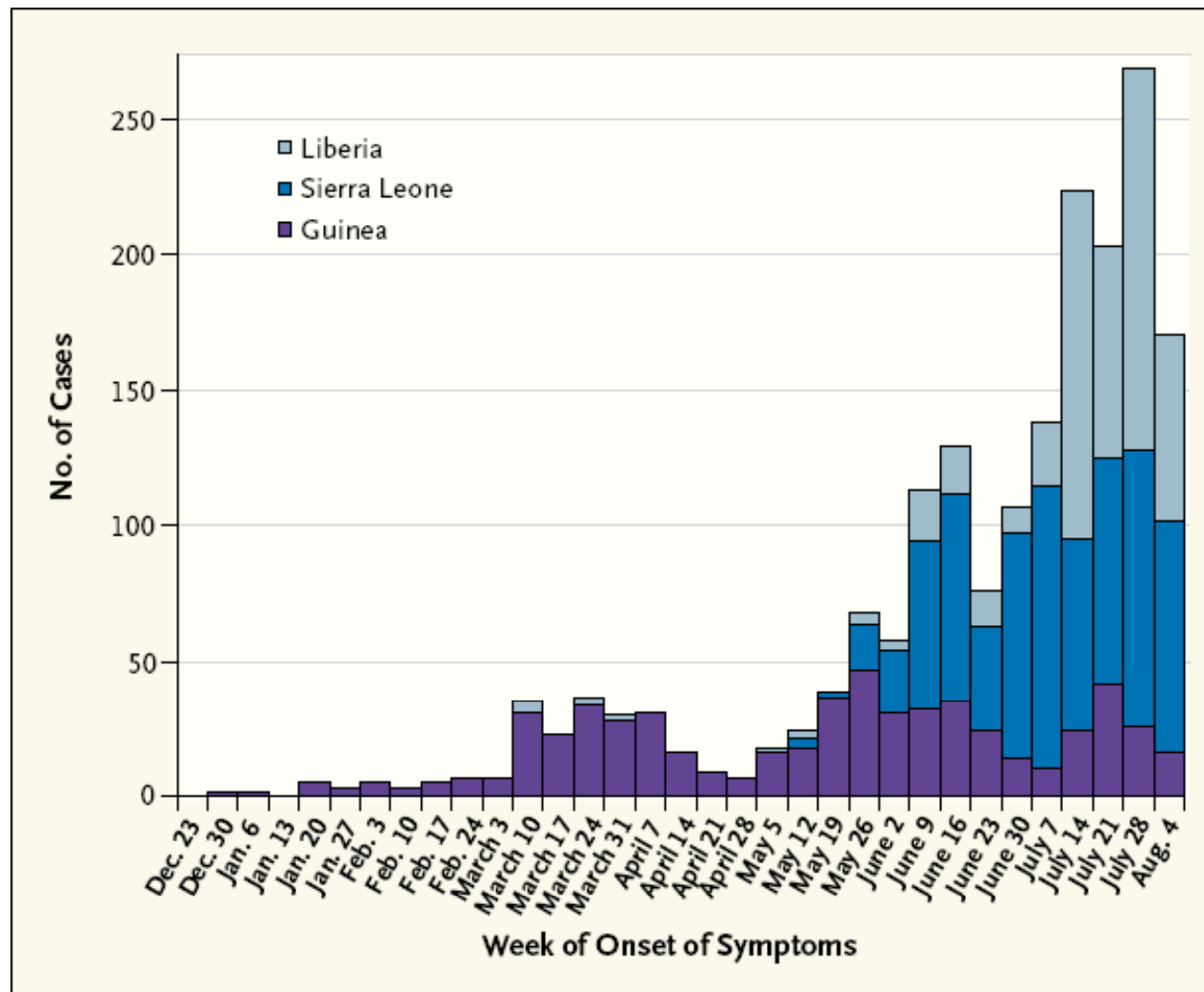
- Previously known as Ebola Hemorrhagic fever
- Viral infection – RNA virus
  - Filoviridae family (filovirus)
  - Has 5 distinct species
  - 3 of these associated with large outbreaks
- First appeared in 1976 in 2 outbreaks
  - Sudan
  - Democratic Republic of Congo
- In Congo occurred in a village near the Ebola river
- More than 20 outbreaks in Africa since then



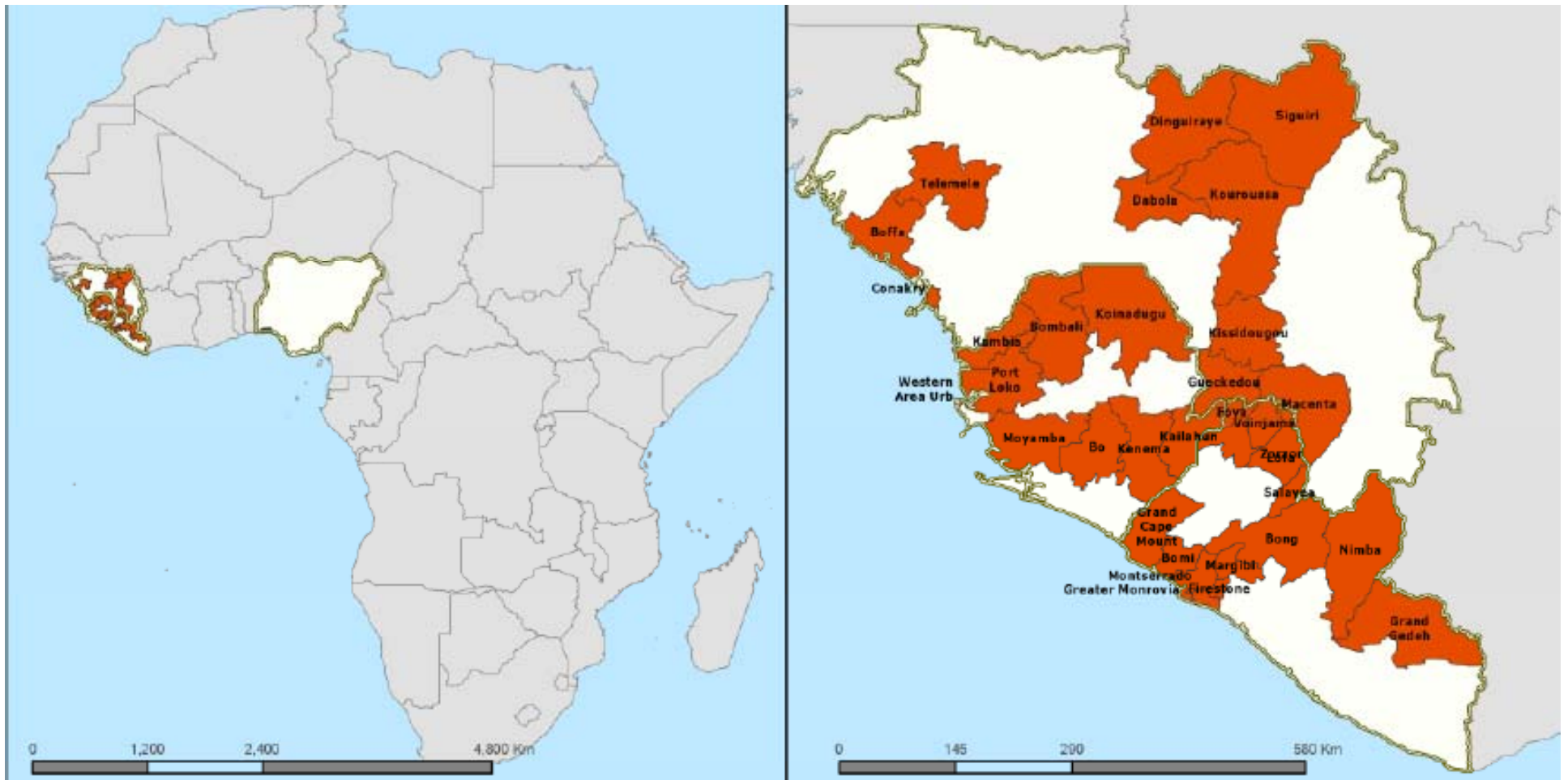
## So why the concern now?

- No previous Ebola outbreak has been as large and as prolonged as this one
- No previous outbreak has spread beyond East and Central Africa
- The number of cases from this outbreak exceeds the number from all previous outbreaks combined
- The world is getting smaller – air travel has increased tremendously over the last 15 years

# Increasing cases in 3 countries



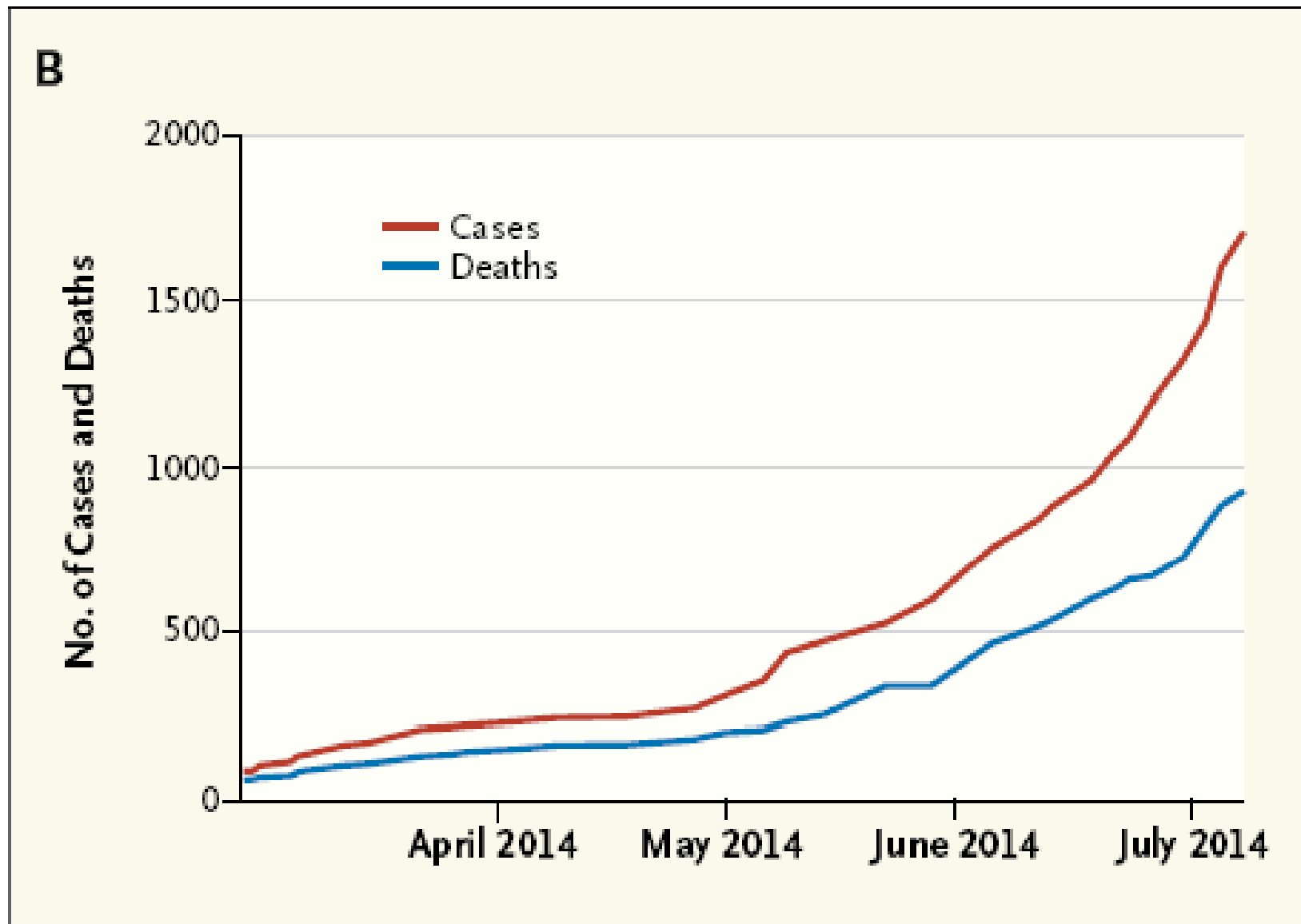
Numbers of Confirmed and Probable Ebola Cases Reported Weekly from Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia from December 23, 2013, to August 11, 2014.



**Current situation 2014**







**Ebola – Current situation**



# Current situation

As of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2014

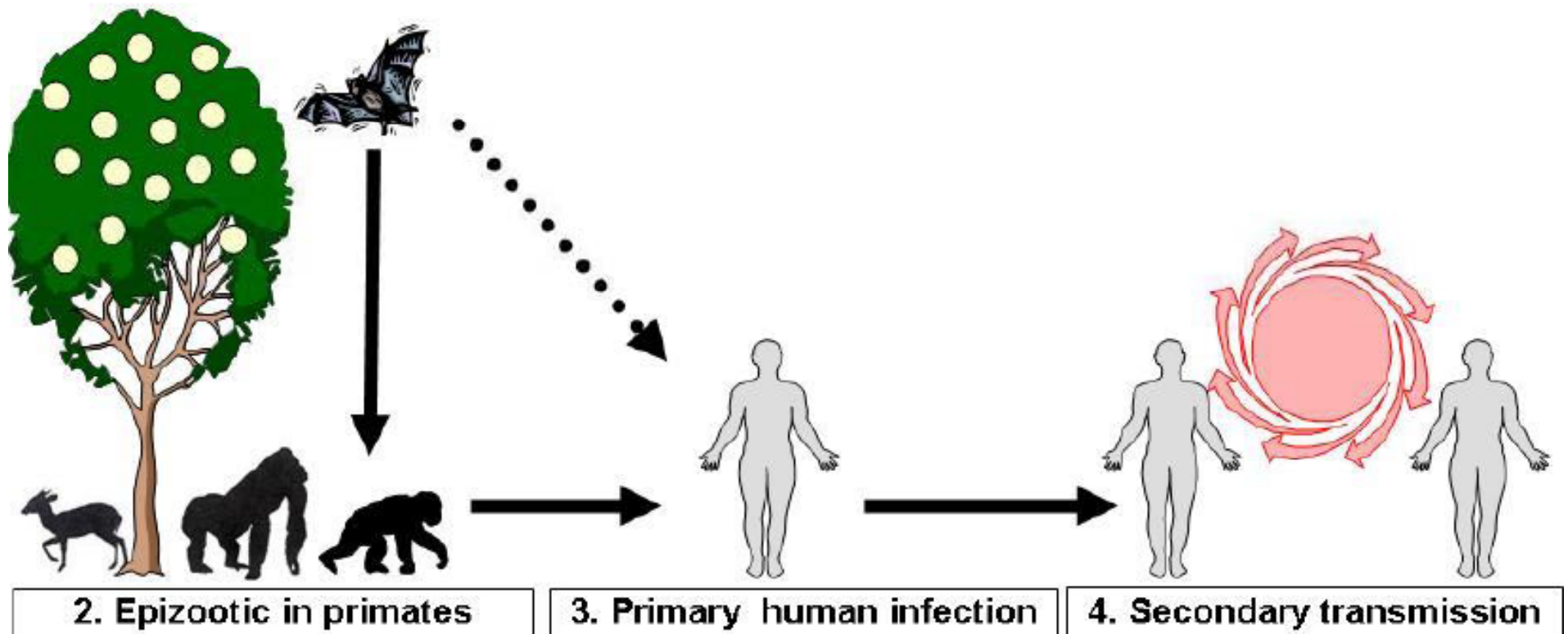
- 2240 cases (confirmed, probable or suspect)
- 1229 deaths
- From Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone
- No confirmed case from India

**HOW DOES IT SPREAD ?**

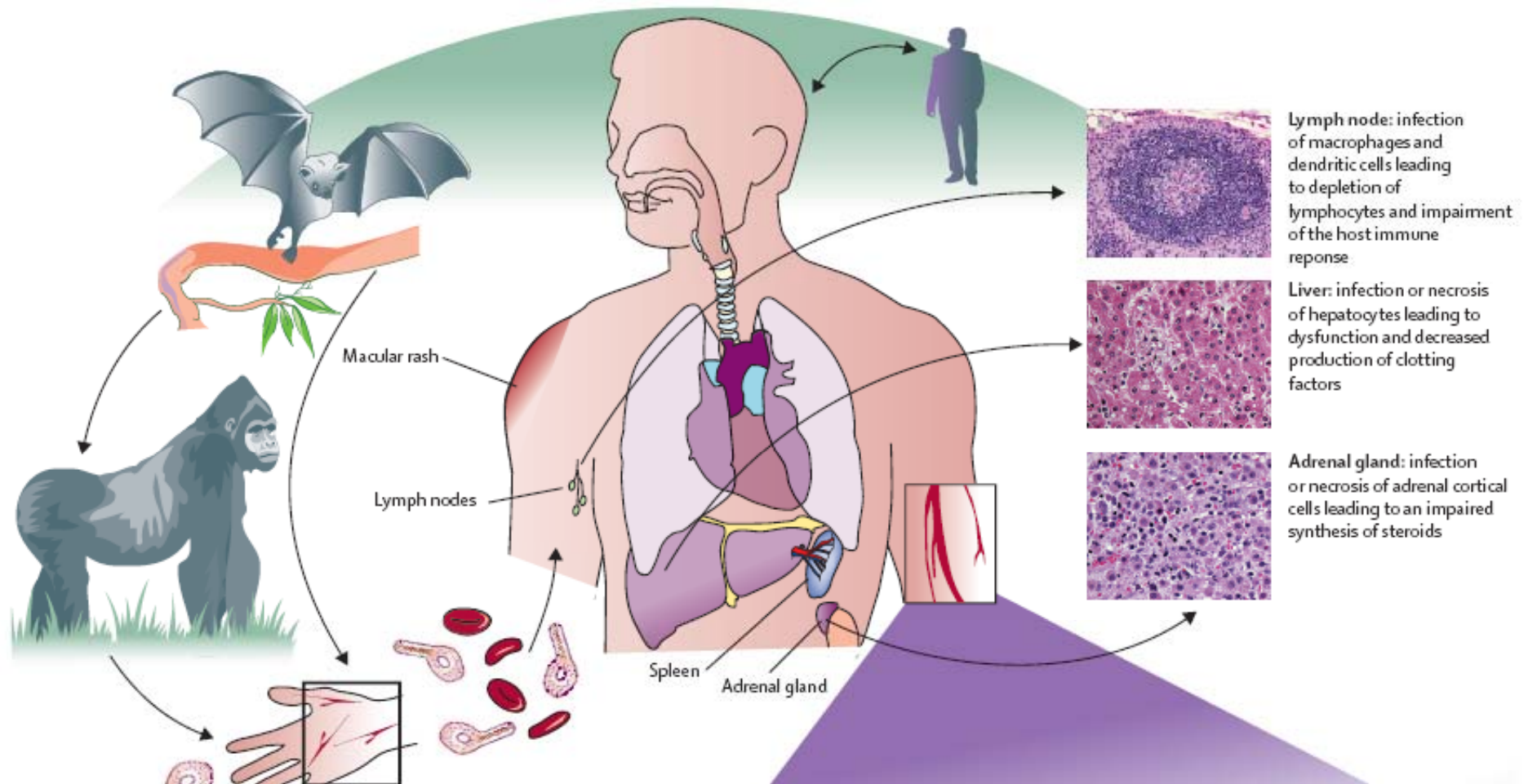
**1. Virus reservoir :  
Fruit bats**

The virus maintains itself in fruit bats. The bats spread the virus during migration.

# EBOLA




# Ebola : spread and it's effects



# Spread of Ebola

- Enters human population through close contact with blood, secretions, organs and body fluids of infected animal –chimpanzee, monkeys, fruit bats, gorillas etc.
- Spreads in community through human to human contact
  - Direct contact (through broken skin& mucus membrane) with blood, secretions, organs or body fluids
  - Indirect contact with environment contaminated with such fluids
- Close contact and health care workers get frequently infected while treating the patient

Type of contact	Type of contact
Very low or no recognised risk	Casual contact with a feverish, ambulant, self-caring patient. Examples: sharing a sitting area or public transportation; receptionist tasks.
Low risk	Close face-to-face contact with a feverish and ambulant patient. Example: physical examination, measuring temperature and blood pressure.
High risk	Close face-to-face contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (including eye protection) with a patient who is coughing or vomiting, has nosebleeds, or who has diarrhoea. Percutaneous, needle stick or mucosal exposure to virus-contaminated blood, body fluids, tissues or laboratory specimens in severely ill or known positive patients



You can't get Ebola  
through food

**You can get Ebola from touching body fluids of a  
person who is sick with or has died from Ebola,  
or from exposure to contaminated objects like  
needles**

**There is currently no significant risk of Ebola  
infection in India**





# Clinical Features

- Incubation period – 2 to 21 days
- No risk of transmission during incubation period
- Initial symptoms
  - Sudden onset fever
  - Weakness
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat



- Followed by
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Rash
  - Impaired kidney and liver functions
  - Internal and external bleeding -30 to 40%
  - May develop septic shock like picture



**Frequency of Symptoms Reported in 103 Cases  
of Ebola Virus Disease in Kikwit, Democratic  
Republic of Congo, in 1995.\***

<b>Symptom</b>	<b>Percent of Patients with Symptom</b>
Fever	≥90
Weakness	80–90
Diarrhea	80–90
Nausea and vomiting	70–80
Abdominal pain	60–70
Headache	50–60
Sore throat, odynophagia, dysphagia	50–60
Arthralgia or myalgia	50–60
Anorexia	40–50
Rash	10–20
Bleeding	
Any type	40–50
Gingival	10–20
Hematemesis	10–20
Melena	0–10
From puncture sites	0–10
Hemoptysis	0–5

- People are infectious as long as their blood and secretions contains the virus
- Has been isolated in semen even after 61 days of the onset of illness

# When to suspect Ebola infection ?

- Symptoms can mimic many illnesses
  - Suspect Ebola infection -
    - In patients with clinically-compatible symptoms
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- A history of travel or residence in affected areas in the 21 days prior to symptom onset, or contact with known confirmed or probable cases in the 21 days

# Suspected Case

- Inform authorities
- Isolate person in a single room
- Take personnel protection precautions
- Patient to shifted to a designated isolation facility till diagnosis confirmed or ruled out

# Laboratory test to confirm the diagnosis

Timeline of Infection	Diagnostic tests available
Within a few days after symptoms begin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Antigen-capture enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) testing</li><li>- IgM ELISA</li><li>- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)</li><li>- Virus isolation</li></ul>
Later in disease course or after recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- IgM and IgG antibodies</li></ul>
Retrospectively in deceased patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Immunohistochemistry testing</li><li>- PCR</li><li>- Virus isolation</li></ul>



# Vaccine and Treatment

- No licensed vaccine – several vaccines being evaluated
- Treatment is mainly supportive
  - Volume and electrolyte management
  - Intravenous nutrition
  - Fever medication
  - Medication for GI distress
  - Management of secondary infection/ shock
- Newer drugs being evaluated

# Emerging treatments

- ZMapp (*Mapp Pharmaceuticals*)
  - Combination of 3 monoclonal antibodies that bind to the protein of the virus
  - Labeled as '*secret serum*' by media
  - Experimental drug - not been tested in humans
  - Tested in infected monkeys – 43% survival
  - Given to 2 American infected with Ebola
  - Antibody grown inside tobacco plants

# Emerging treatments

- TkM- Ebola (*Tekmira Pharmaceuticals*)
  - Cocktail of small interfering RNA which when given prevents the production of key viral proteins
  - FDA has now allowed testing of this drug in patients
  - Encouraging results in macaques
- BCX4430 (*Biocryst Pharmaceuticals*)
  - Works by terminating RNA synthesis
  - Preclinical studies in monkeys have shown it to be effective
- AVI-7537
  - Targets EV protein

# Take Home messages

- EVD is a serious illness with a high mortality
- There have been no cases in India
- Concern is there about cases coming from Africa
- Contact with the body fluids of an infected person is the only way the disease can spread
- Currently there is no vaccine or proven drug against the disease



*Thank You*

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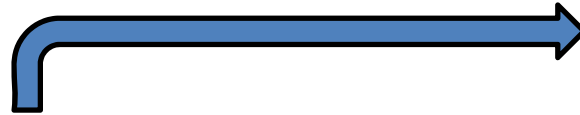




# Transmission between species



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# Geographical distribution

