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Review Article

NIPAH VIRUS – THREAD TO PREGNANCY

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ABSTRACT:-

Nipah virus is a type of zoonotic virus. Which cause serious respiratory nervous problems along with serious fever it get easily transmitted to one infected person to another person. Nipah virus is a great thread to mankind. Nipah virus belongs to the family of Paramyxoviridae. Nipah virus positive person is called as NiV positive pigs various birds are also affected by the virus badly. So the study and proper knowledge about Nipah virus should be their.

Key words:- Zoonotic, Virus, Nipah, Inflammation, Health, *Pteropusrufus*, Transmission, *Paramyxoviridae*.

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INTRODUCTION

Nipah virus is generally known as Zoonotic virus. It belongs to the family the family paramyxoviridae and it is also a member of genus Henipa. Due to its highly morbificity it is classified as (BSL-4) agent and relative new findings. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases have classified Nipah virus as a Category C main concern microorganisms. The name Nipah virus derives from Sungai Nipah (Nipah River Village), where the first separate were acquire¹. The natural reservoir of the virus has been Materialise from the Bats belonging to genus Pteropus. NiV happens naturally as viruses of fruit bats generally known as ‘flying foxes’, Nipah virus swept through countless piggeries in Malaysia and killed 1100 people during the period from 1998 through 1999². NiV has consisting of an outer layer of filamentous nucleocapsids, it consists of a single-stranded Ribose nucleic acid which is approx 18.2 kb. The major genome is encodes for six major structures of proteins: nucleocapsid (N), phosphor protein (P), matrix protein (M), fusion protein (F), glycoprotein (G), and large protein or RNA polymerase (L)³. The natural basin for NiV is pteropid fruit bats⁴, and instantly bat to human transmission can take place, frequently as a result of expenditure of date tribute sap which contaminated by saliva or urine from infected bats. NiVin Malaysia has been isolated from the spinal fluid and brain of victims⁵ and also has been isolated from ecological samples of partially eaten fruits and urine of bats⁶. Madagascar

(*Pteropusrufus*, *Eidolon dupreanum*)⁷ and Ghana (*Eidolon helvum*)⁸ indicating awide geographic distribution of the viruses in which antibodies to Henipa virus is also present. In Cambodia, Thailand or Africa no infection of humans or other species has been observed. In Malaysia and Singapore NiV was recognized as the etiological mediator liable of an outbreak, in pigs and humans. Transmission may be occur by consumption of contaminated or infected food by secretion of bats or contact with spoiled pigs and other way can be human-to-human mode of transmission. Since 1998 in Bangladesh and India there have been various cases of infections, the lethality rate sometimes excess of 70% in hundreds of cases⁹. Nipah included in first list i.e, the priority list of most emerging diseases of WHO that could be cause a global pandemic, along with various other disesse¹⁰. In Malaysia, when first case was reported of Nepah virus it was observed that the transmission was due to an amplifying host in which transmission occurred due to close contact with infected domesticated swine¹¹. About 1.1 million pigs eventually culling Between September 1998 and April 1999 in Malaysia the peninsular major outbreaks of disease in pigs and humans resulted the death of 105 humans¹². The diseases in pigs and human infectious and signalised by critical fever with respiratory attachment and sometimes nervous signs in all age classes. Sows and boars occasionally died per critically¹³. The main clinical syndrome in humans was inflammation in brain rather than respiratory with unsympathetic symptoms including fever, headache, myalgia,

drowsiness, and disorientation sometimes proceeding to coma within 48h¹⁴. The predominance of human occurrences history of direct contact with live pigs. Mostly were the pig farmers. Between 2001 and 2007, It was estimated that Nipah virus 50% of cases of human-to-human transmission in Bangladesh. NiV can be detected by testing sample of human urine, saliva, nasal

and oropharyngeal secretions and epidemiological data suggest that direct contact with these secretions of Nipah virus spreaders resulted in greater risk of Nipah virus infection. Three potential modes of human-to-human transmission of Nipah virus could be transmission via fomites, direct get in touch with or aerosol¹⁵.

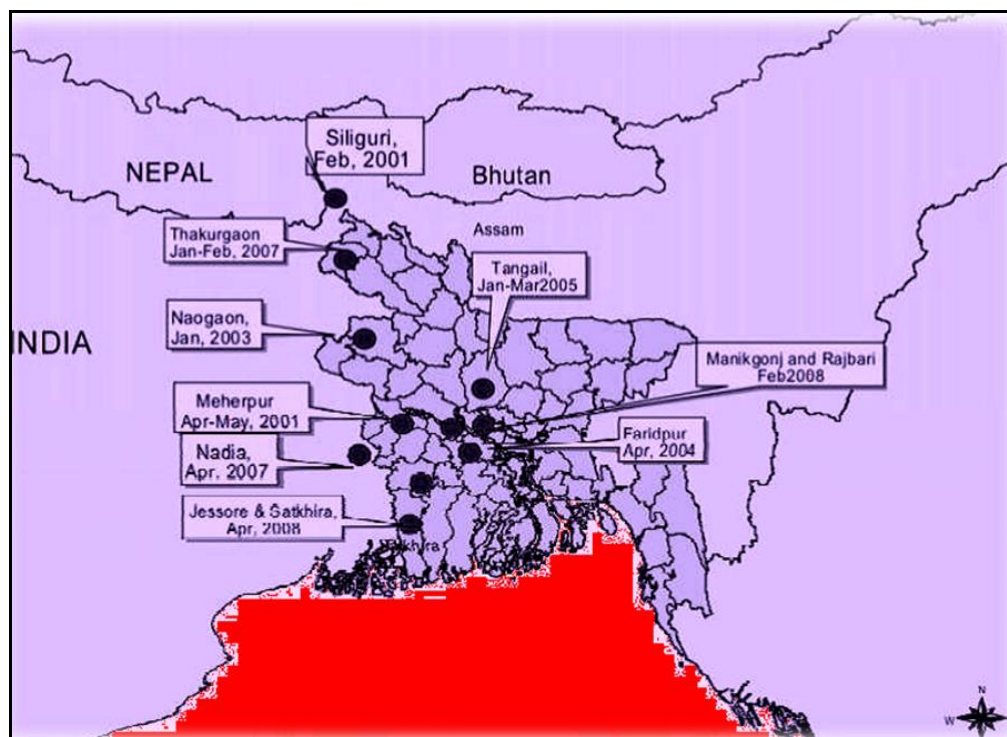


Figure. 1: Structure of Nipah Virus Infection (NiV)

WAY OF TRANSMISSION:

NiV disease is an emerging contagious disease spread by secretions of infected bats. It can spread to humans through close contact with infected humans or through eating infected fruit or came into direct contact with infected animals¹⁶. In Malaysia and Singapore the Nipah virus is spread by direct contact with sick pigs or their infected tissues. This transmission is occurred by respiratory globule, In keeping contact with throat or nasal secretions from the pigs, or keeping contact with the tissue of a sick animal. While in Bangladesh and India, infection is spread by using of fruits or fruit products (such as- date palm or its juice) which is infected with urine or saliva from contagious fruit bats was the most likely source of disease causes organisms¹⁷. It is reported that Nipah virus spread directly from human-to-human through close contact with people's secretions and excretions during the later outbreaks in Bangladesh and India. The possible perfunctory transmission by rhythmic use of same needles or equipment without further sterilization after each use for health involvement and simulated insemination and sharing of boar semen within a farm were also concerned. The possible role of communication by infected dogs and cats found in the affected farm could not be excepted¹⁸. Transmission also occurs from direct contact to ruined bats. A common example is using up of raw date palm sap contaminated with transmissible bat excretion,

Serologically positive dogs, cats, bats, horses and goats were found in the infected areas. To date, serum samples from rats attentive in infected area shear all been negative. Testing will also be conducted on blood from cattles (such as goats, sheep, squirrels, wild boar, wild birds, poultry and ostrich)¹⁹. Experimentally contagious pigs have shown capability to expel NiV as early as 4 days post-infection from the oropharynx, and NiV can also be shack in nasal secretions²⁰. Direct contact with infected pigs was recognized as the major mode of conduction in humans when it was first recognized in a large outburst in Malaysia in 1999.90% of the infected people in the 1998-1999 outbreaks were pig farmers or had get in touch with pigs²¹. During the Bangladesh outbreak the virus is recommended to have been transmitted either directly or indirectly from infected bats to humans. Strong proof symptomatic of human- to-human transmission of NiV was found in Bangladesh in 2004²².

DIFFERENT DIAGNOSIS:

A variety of laboratory test exists to test for confirmation of NiV virus. It is significant to note that NiV disease has human health implications and all field investigations should take essential safety measures to prevent infection .Presence of any respiratory or neurological disorder in swine in an area known to have *Pteropid* bats, should consider Nipah as a exclude also among swine; deaths of

suckling pigs and piglets; Nipah results in unexpected death in boars and sows or abortions and other reproductive dysfunction respiratory diseases with harsh, non-productive coughing and cases with encephalitis (inflammation in brain) manifestations of wobbly, muscular in organization and myoclonus primary to lateral recumbence.

Laboratory Diagnosis:

Procedures for the laboratory analysis of NiV contain serology, histopathology, and PCR and virus isolation. Serum Neutralization Test, ELISA, RT-PCR are used for laboratory verification. Most countries in the South-East Asia area do not have sufficient amenities for diagnosing the virus or on ways of overprotective it. Bangladesh, India and Thailand have developed laboratory capability for diagnostic and research purposes. Nipah virus is classified internationally as a bio security level-4 agent and also Bio security level- 2 facilities are sufficient if the virus can be first inactivated during sampling collection²³.

Virus Isolation:

Virus isolation is an important most important diagnostic move towards for NiV infections. □ NiV cultivate well in Vero cells, and the range of specimens elastic isolates in either natural or experimental cases. Brain, lung, kidney and spleen should always be submitted. Tissues are handled under disinfected conditions for preparing of 10% suspensions in cell culture media and are clarified by centrifugation and the supernatant used for immunization of cell cultures. A CPE usually develops within 3 days, but two 5-day passages are suggested before judging the effort ineffective. □ originally after low diversity infection of cell mono layer, the CPE is manifested by the configuration of syncytia that may contain up to 20 or more nuclei. Consequently syncytia lift from the substrate, leaving interrupt holes in the cell monolayer. The syncytia formed by NiV in Vero cell mono layers are significantly larger than those shaped by HeV in the same time period. □ fascinatingly, the sharing of nuclei differs between NiV-induced syncytia and can be used to distinguish between the two viruses (see Hyatt et al. in this Current focus for more details). Identification methodologies for virus isolates comprise immune staining of fixed, infected cells, neutralization with specific antisera, PCR of culture supernatants, immune electron microscopy and electron microscopy. The later techniques are useful for initial description of the separate since HeV and NiV have separate especially structural features²⁴.

By Electron Microscopy:

- NiV grows in cultivated cells to titres as high as 108 TCID₅₀ or PFU/ml.
- Apparition of viruses in the intermediate of infected cells by negative contrast electron microscopy and recognition of virus-antibody connections by immune electron microscopy quickly provide important information on virus structure and antigenic reactivity, even during primary separation of the virus.
- Other ultra structural techniques such as grid cell culture, in which cells are grown, infected and visualized on electron microscope grid and recognition of

replicating viruses and inclusion bodies in thin sections of fixed, fixed cell cultures and contaminated tissues complement the diagnostic attempt²⁴

Virus Effective in The Case of Pregnancy:

In utero mother-to- foetus transmission of viruses is of particular interest, because it contains elements of both— transmission within an infected host and spread to other hosts. On the one hand, viral spread occurs within the body of the mother through permanent close contact between infected maternal tissue and susceptible foetal tissue. In utero mother –to-mother foetus transmission of viruses can happen within the host and also can be transmitted to other host.

There are two possible ways of transmission to foetus happen, if the pregnant mother is infected with Nipah virus.

- Mother to foetus in-utero transmission
- Transmission during delivery

Placental barrier is a barrier between mother and foetus which allow only highly lipid soluble drugs to pass through it. If there is any complication in between the placental barrier then there is a possibility of transmission to infected maternal tissue. The infection can be occurred due to two reason i.e, by mother to foetus or during delivery of child. In most of the cases, however, only observed pathological changes in the foetus are accepted as evidence for infection of the foetus with utilisation of other approach in utero transmission has been conducted for some viruses, which including cytomegalovirus, varicella-zoster virus, rubella virus, poliovirus, Japanese encephalitis virus, coxsackie virus, echovirus, measles virus, mumps virus, and hepatitis B, C, and E viruses²⁵. It is always seen that the infection causes pathological changes in foetus with infection in foetus. In some of the cases the infection in the time of pregnancy leads to more severe condition- example; women infected with hepatitis E virus²⁶. This mechanism of in utero transmission of Nipah virus remain same and is also occur by trans cytosias has been shown for hepatitis B virus²⁷. This transfer of virus in pregnant lady was first hypothesized after the discovery that the index case of the 1994²⁸. Now, in this issue of the *Journal*²⁹⁻³⁷ report the results of a detailed investigation of in utero NiV transfer & provide the 1st experimental evidence that NiV, like HeV, can be vertically transfer in cats. Cats are naturally infected & consistently exhibit characteristic disease pathology even at a low MOI³⁸. Isolated sufficient range of infectious NiV from placental fluid (1_105TCID₅₀/ml) as well as from placental tissue. Evidence was also provide for higher levels of viral replication in several tissues of a pregnant adult cat and in foetal tissues, suggesting both vertical and horizontal transfer of this virus—a finding that has important implications for the epidemiology of NiV infection as well as for the testing of inhibitors & vaccines in this animal model and to understand disease mechanisms. The pathology of cats are common as several features seen in human. Interestingly, temperature increase (as a measure of the development of infection) was initially the same for the pregnant cat and the infected non pregnant control cat during the first 5days; this was followed by a rapid increase for the control cat

(figure 1 in Mungall et al.), whereas the infected pregnant cat showed a slight drop in temperature followed by a largely constant period until day 12. Person can hypothesize that the pregnancy can be delayed by this virus affect and thus the disease in the "secondary" infection in the foetus, In which the infection continued unchecked by maternal defence (immune) systems. It can be represents a unique example of protection (although partial in this case) as a result of pregnancy. One can further speculate, as the Mungall et al. did, that such protection could be due to hormonal changes that occur during pregnancy. (The data from this study were based on only two cats , and required to confirm this observation). They also suggest a possible role for cats in HeV and NiV outbreaks that has never been fully investigated, even though cats were observed at the sites of both HeV and NiV outbreaks³⁹⁻⁴⁵. Finally, the similarity in major pathological features between this cat model of disease and human infection could help to develop novel treatments, for example, by identification of maternal pregnancy factors that could delay progression to disease.

Prevention and Control:

NiV is a viral infectious diseases cause organisms which can transmit through secretion, saliva and by eating a fruits which has been partially eaten by fruits. It also can transmit from human to human. Currently, neither vaccines nor medicines have been proven to be effective in treating NiV infection. However, health care providers may offer supportive therapy to manage symptoms. At this time duration of fever and severity of diseases can be reduce and also may alleviate the symptoms of nausea, vomiting, and convulsions by ribavirin . A recombinant

sub-unit vaccine formulation which protects against lethal NiV challenge in cats. ALVAC Canary poxes vectored Nipah F and G vaccine appears to be a shows potential vaccine for swine and has potential as a vaccine for humans⁴⁶⁻⁴⁷. Diseases which may cause by NiV can be prevented by such manners-

- Avoiding direct contact with infected animals,
- Avoid partially eaten fruits and unpasteurised fruit juice,
- Boil freshly collected date palm juice before consuming ,
- Maintain self and child's hygiene,
- Cover household properly,
- Wear NH95- grade and higher masks,
- Regularly wash hand with soap ,
- It will be necessary to establishing appropriate surveillance system so that NiV can be detected quickly and appropriate control measures initiated.

CONCLUSION:

Nipah virus widely affecting pregnant women it may cause serious mortality and morbidity in pregnant women. This virus can be detected by blood sample, serum, urine, tonsil swabs etc. Pregnant women should take protection measures against this virus by protecting her from infected animals (like bat, monkey, cow, pig etc.) Maintain hygiene, avoid eating bitten or fallen fruits or wash fruits thoroughly in salt water. Avoid raw meat of pigs, to travel use N95 mask, avoid drinks made near palm tree etc. for the future outlook antibodies to nipah virus have been found in the fruit bats in India, Indonesia. So the vaccine will be made in future for (NiPV) Nipah virus which will shows potential protections in infected humans.

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