

# Malattie diffuse e migrazione

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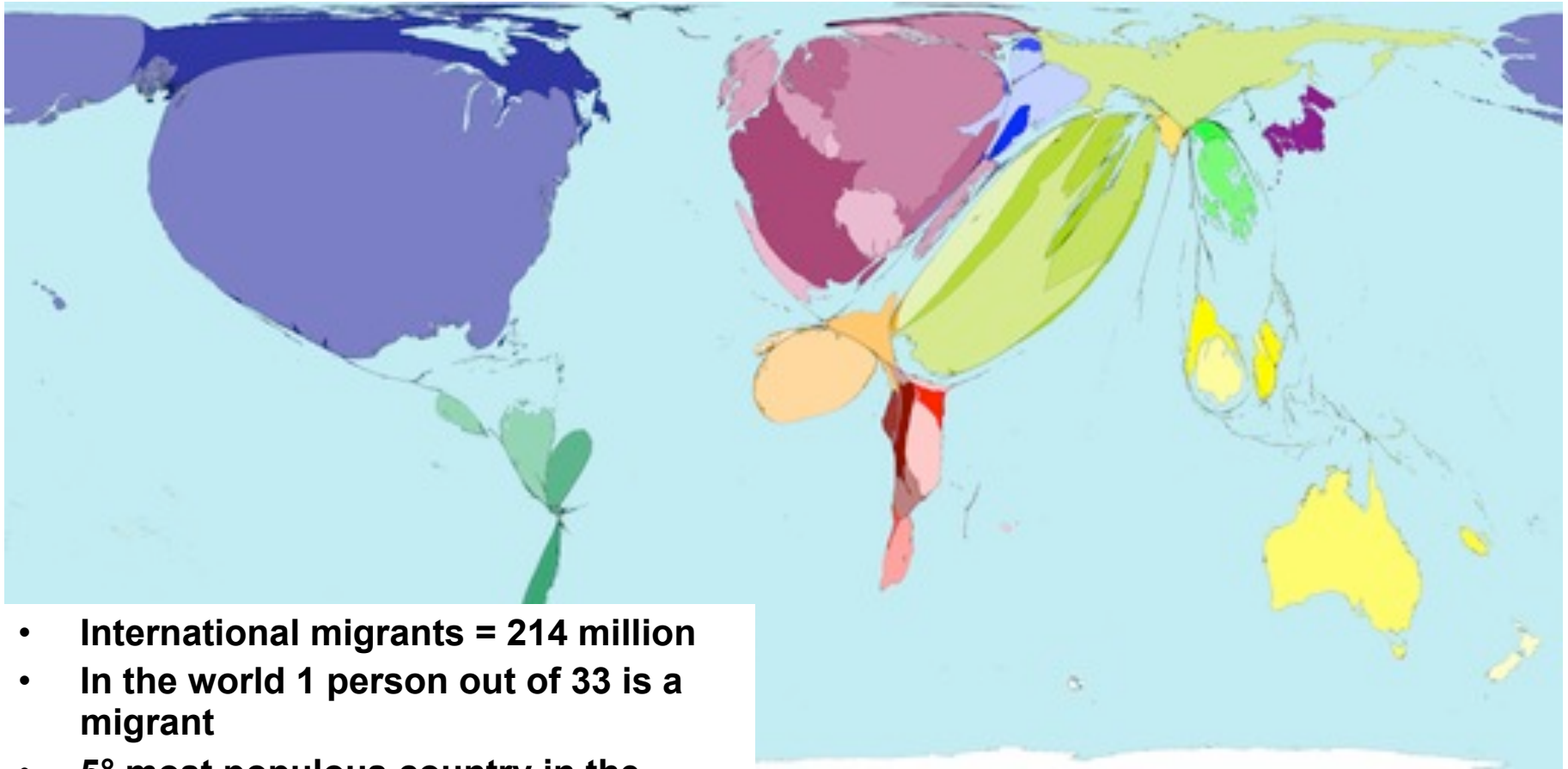
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- **International migrants = 214 million**
- **In the world 1 person out of 33 is a migrant**
- **5° most populous country in the world**

Territory size shows the relative levels of net immigration in all territories (immigration less emigration).

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# Are migrants too many?

**Table 1: Perceived and actual percentage of the population made up of migrants, in four transatlantic countries, 2010**

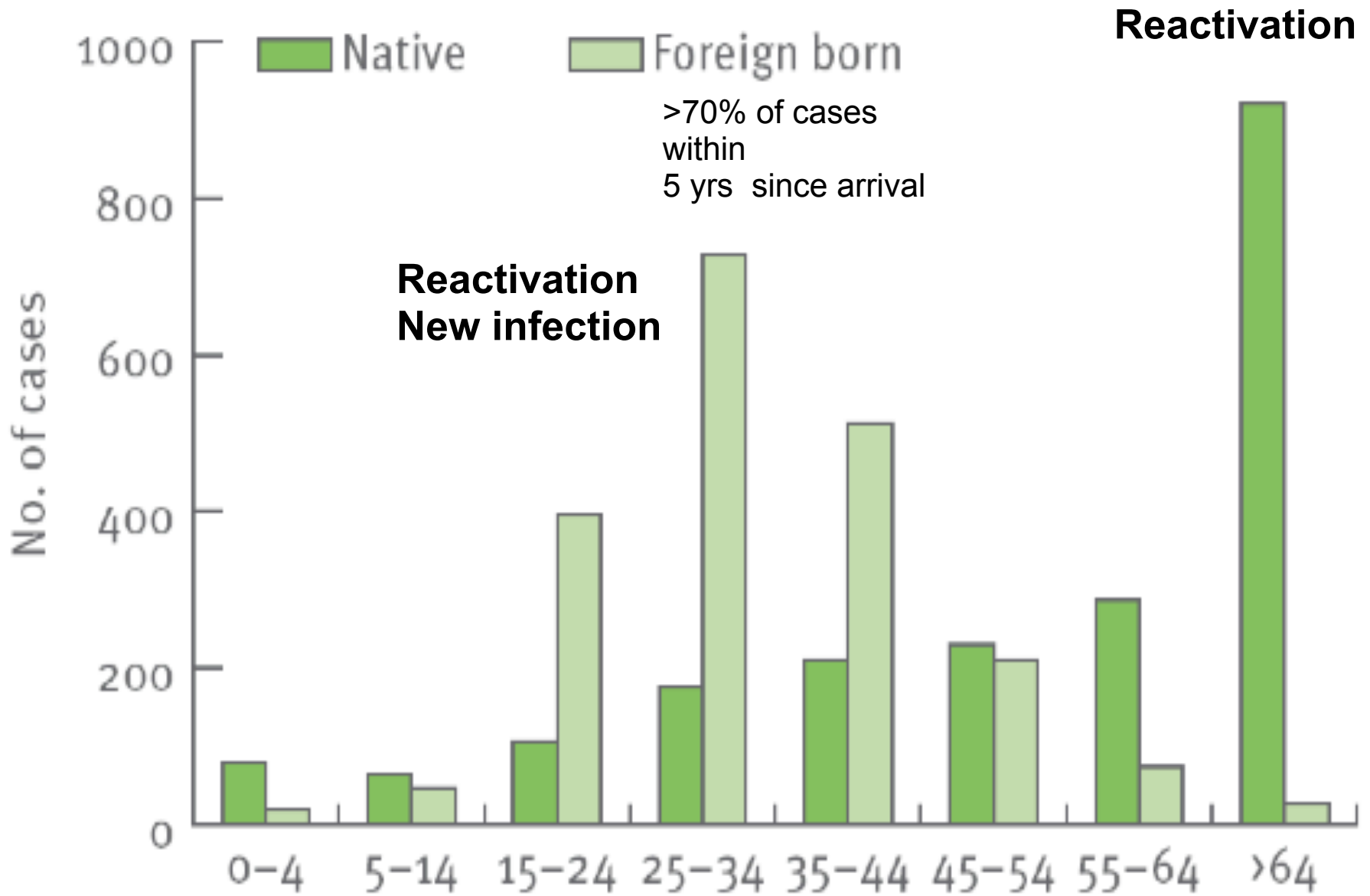
Country	Perceived	Actual
Italy	25	7
Spain	21	14
United States of America	39	14
Canada	39	20

Source: Transatlantic Trends, 2010: 6.

# Migratory process & Health

PHASE	HEALTH RISK FACTORS
<b>Pre-departure</b>	Biological characteristics, Local chronic disease patterns and pathogens, Environmental factors, Political and personal circumstances, Depletion of healthcare workers...
<b>Travel</b>	Transports and travel circumstances, Epidemiological characteristics of crossed areas, Sexual violence, Human trafficking...
<b>Interception</b>	Poor living conditions affecting both physical and mental health, Human rights abuses, Inadequate medical care
<b>Destination</b>	Socio-economic conditions, Access to care, Refugee or irregular status, Occupational risks...
<b>Return (e.g. VFR)</b>	Poor medical assistance, Reduced immunity against local pathogens

# Tuberculosis cases by age group, 2008



# Clustering of TB among foreign borne persons in Italy

Clusters are more common among Senegalese than among Italians (OR=5.9, CI 1.4-23.9)

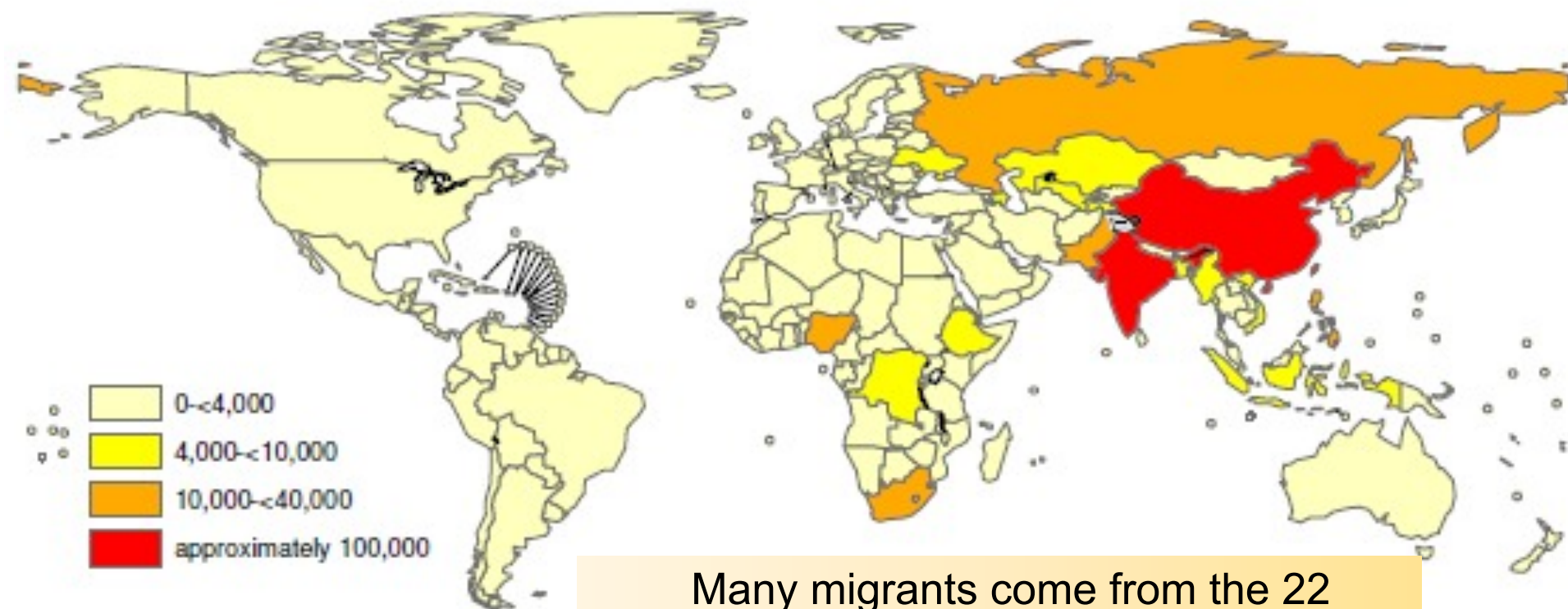
Among senegalese clusters are associated to area of residence (OR=3.5, CI 1.3-9.3)

Only 3 mixed clusters identified: in two of them the index case was likely to be Italian

# Pattern of drug resistance among new TB cases by country of birth, Italy, 1998-99

	IMM		ITA		P value	RR	95% CI
	N°	%	N°	%			
Primary mono H	13/ 207	6.3	7/ 476	1.5	0.0014	2.22	1.58-3.13
Primary any H	16/ 207	7.7	22/ 476	4.6	0.14	1.42	0.96-2.10

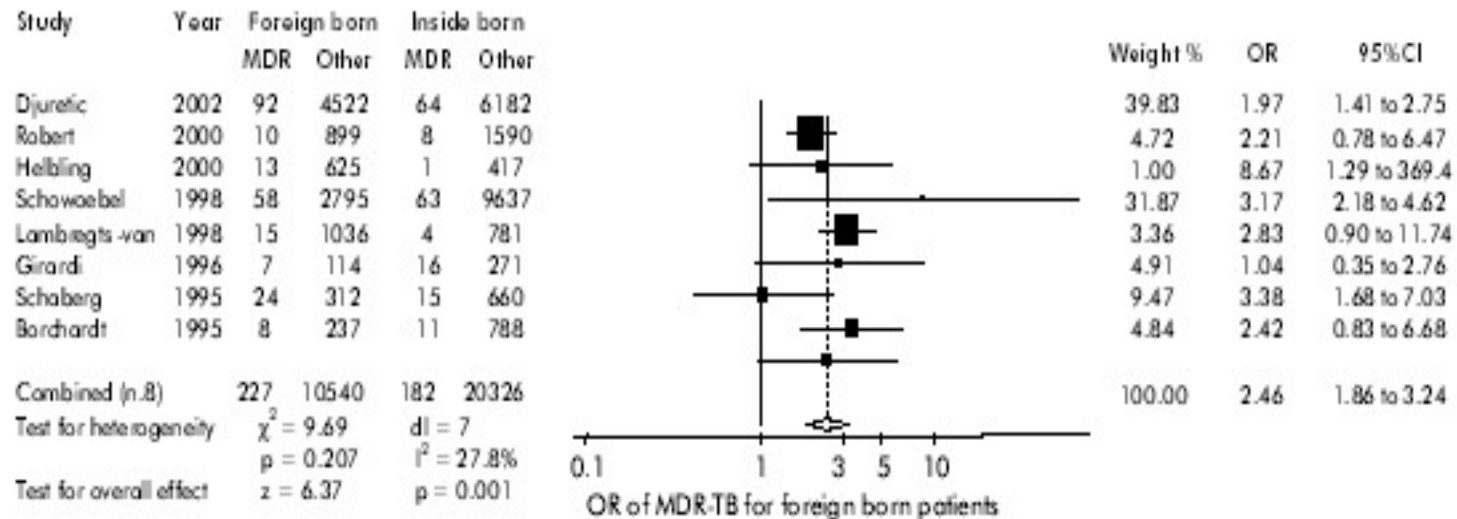
# Estimated absolute number of MDR-TB cases, 2009



Many migrants come from the 22 countries with highest TB-disease burden which make up 80% of global TB cases and a substantial proportion of MDR and XDR TB cases



# MDR-TB and immigration



**Figure 3** Odds ratio (OR) of multidrug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) for foreign born patients.

Faustini et al., Thorax. 2006;61;158-163;

MDR-Tb represented 2.7% of new cases in Italy in 2008

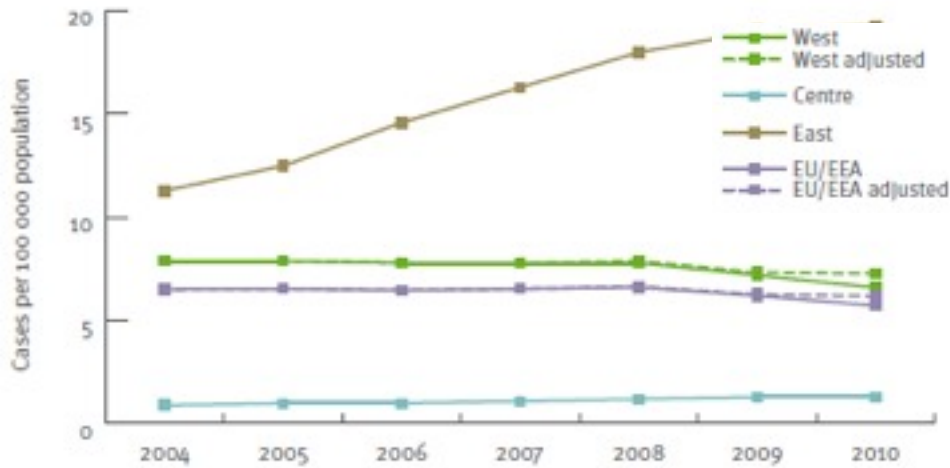
MDR-tb was 5-times more likely to present in migrants

Daniela Cirillo, WHO-Collaborating Center, Milan, Italy (personal communication)

# What is the risk that immigration will increase transmission of MDR ?

More than 30 000 former Soviet citizens arrived in Norway since 2001. Only four of these were diagnosed with multidrug resistant tuberculosis on arrival, and their infections were not transmitted to other people in Norway

# HIV infection rates by geographical area, WHO European and EU/EEA, 2004-2010



No data from Austria, Monaco.  
Data from Russia not included.



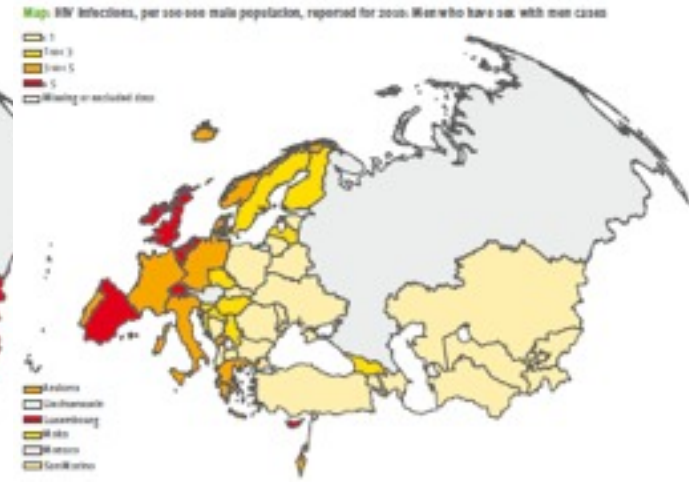
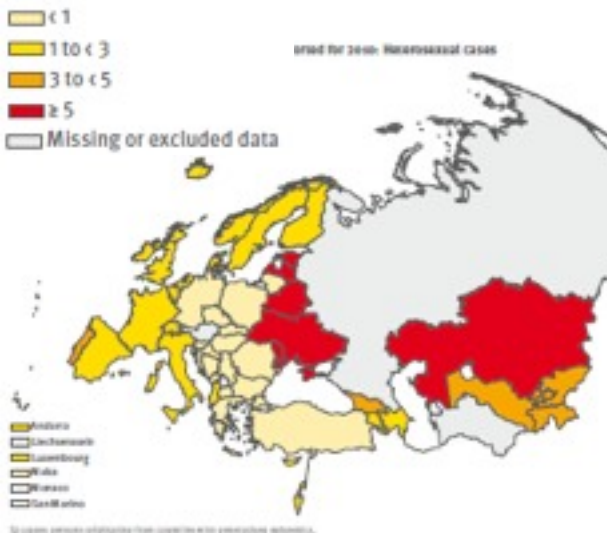
# Sexually Transmitted Infections:

- HIV infection
- Resistant STIs

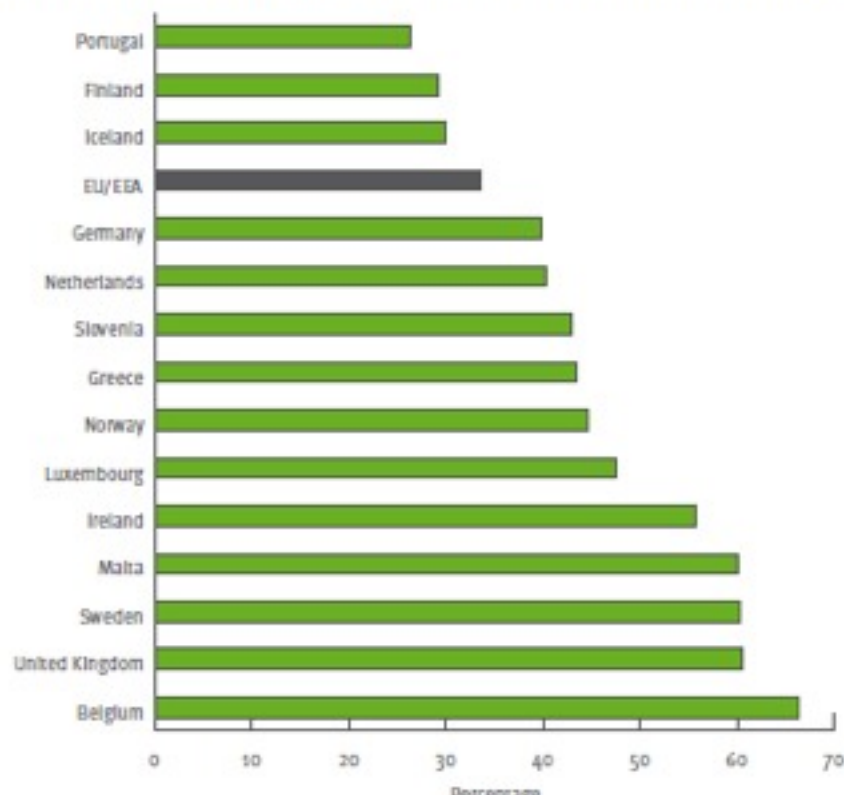
## Heterosexuals

## IVDU Users

## MSM



**Figure B:** Distribution of percentage of persons originating from countries with generalised epidemics among all cases reported as heterosexually acquired, EU/EEA countries with percentages >25%, 2010



**Table B:** Total number and proportion of newly diagnosed cases of HIV infection and cases from countries with generalised epidemics, by mode of transmission in the WHO European Region, 2010

Reported HIV cases	Transmission mode							Total*
	Heterosexual	IDU	MSM	Mother-to-child	Use of blood products/transfusion	Nosocomial	Unknown*	
Cases from countries with generalised epidemic	4116 (17%)	16 (0.1%)	165 (1.5%)	125 (19%)	24 (32%)	9 (25%)	305 (4%)	4760 (9%)
Number and proportion of cases and excluding cases originating from countries with generalised epidemics	19964 (39%)	12763 (25%)	10836 (21%)	521 (1%)	51 (0.1%)	27 (0.1%)	7137 (14%)	50994 (100%)
Total number and proportion of HIV reported cases	24080 (43%)	12779 (23%)	11001 (20%)	646 (1.2%)	75 (0.1%)	36 (0.1%)	7137 (13%)	55754 (100%)

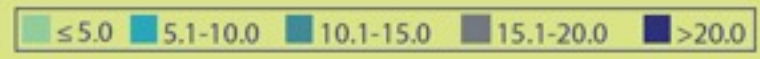
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ITALIAN DATA ABOUT HIV INFECTION  
AND AIDS CASES 1982-2010

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Institute Superiore di Sanità, Rome



Area geografica di provenienza	Less than 6 months		More than 6 months	
Italia	9.426	39,6	14.367	60,4
Estera	2.613	71,0	1.066	29,0
Non nota	170	64,6	93	35,4
<b>Totale</b>	<b>12.209</b>	<b>44,0</b>	<b>15.526</b>	<b>56,0</b>

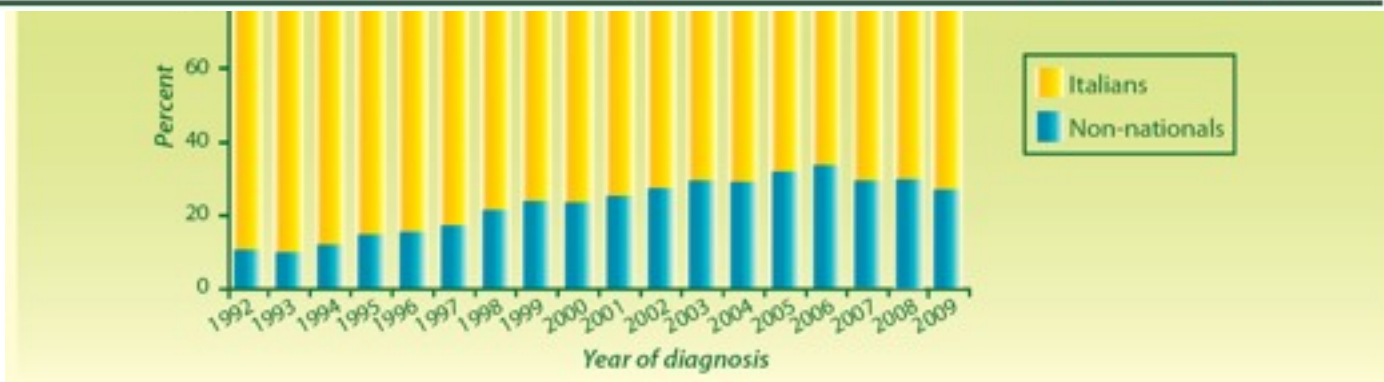
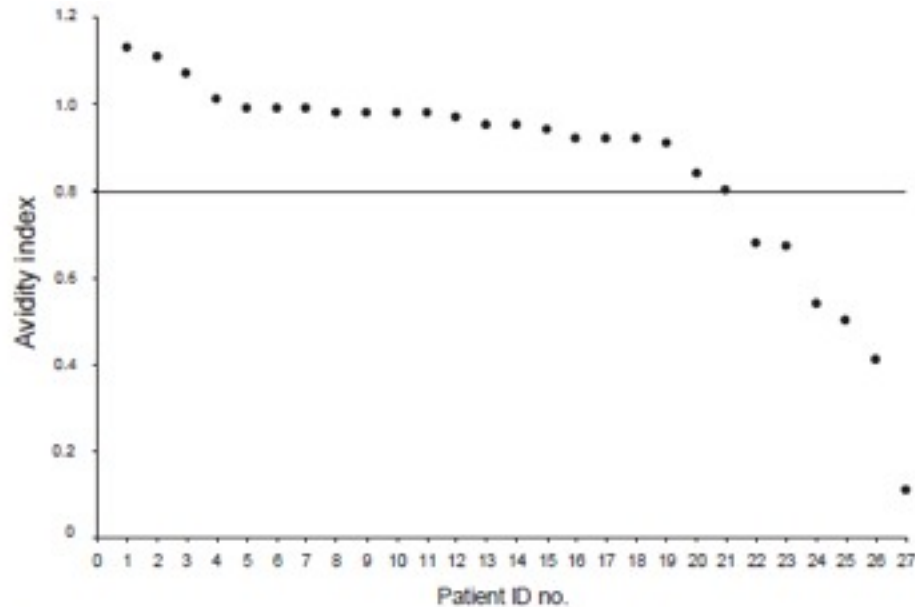


Figure 3 - Percent distribution of new HIV diagnoses among Italians and non-nationals, by year of diagnosis

# HIV Infection among Illegal Migrants, Italy, 2004–2007

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To determine HIV prevalence and place of exposure for illegal migrants in Italy, we tested 3,003 illegal adult migrants for HIV; 29 (0.97%) were HIV positive. Antibody avidity index results (indicators of time of infection) were available for 27 of them. 6/27 (22.2%) presumably acquired HIV after migration.

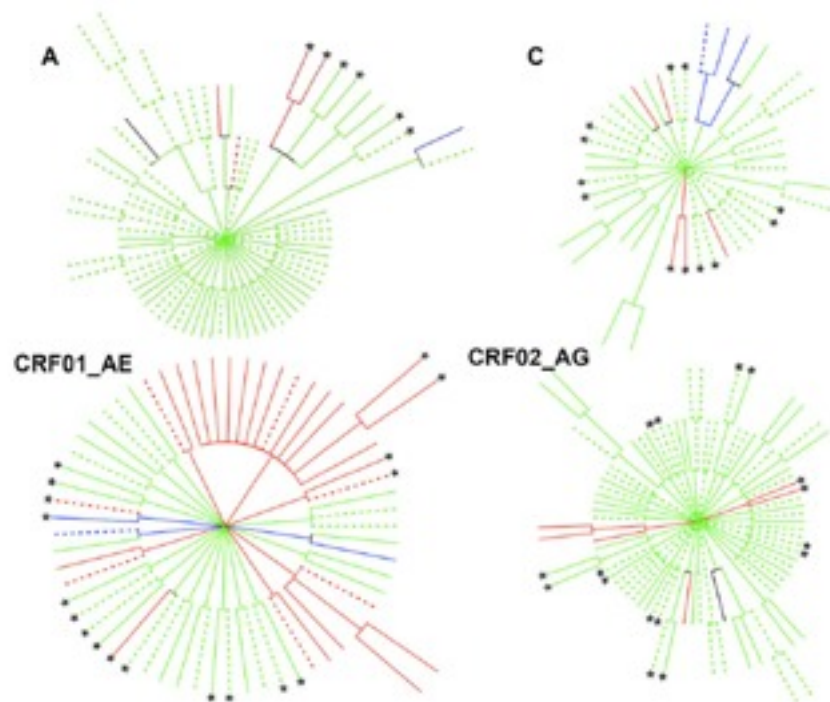
Figure. Antibody avidity indices for 27 HIV-infected migrants, Italy, 2004–2007. Horizontal line indicates the cutoff value. ID, identification.

Table 2. Likely time and place of infection for 27 HIV-infected migrants, Italy, 2004–2007

Time of migration	Antibody avidity index $\leq 0.8$ (infection acquired in past 6 mo), no. (%)	Antibody avidity index $> 0.8$ (infection acquired $> 6$ mo earlier), no. (%)
Past 6 mo	1 (3.7) (place of infection is undetermined)	4 (14.8) (likely place of infection is country of origin)
$> 6$ mo before HIV testing	6 (22.2) (likely place of infection is Italy)	16 (59.3) (place of infection is undetermined)

# The Role of Migration and Domestic Transmission in the Spread of HIV-1 Non-B Subtypes in Switzerland

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**Figure 2.** Swiss-specific subepidemics for subtypes A and C and CRFs AE and AG. Only tips belonging to Swiss patients in a Swiss transmission cluster are depicted. Each edge emerging from the center corresponds to one transmission cluster. Colors indicate the transmission group (green: heterosexual, red: MSM, blue: IDU, turquoise: unknown transmission group). Dashed lines indicate patients of nonwhite ethnicity. Stars indicate possible transmission pairs.

**Conclusions.** Of all non-B infections diagnosed in Switzerland, <25% could be prevented by domestic interventions. Awareness should be raised among immigrants and Swiss individuals with partners from high prevalence countries to contain the spread of non-B subtypes.

# The European gonococcal antimicrobial surveillance programme, 2009

Euro Surveill. 2011;16(42)

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## *Neisseria gonorrhoea* resistance

	Number of isolates	Resistance			
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## The Emerging Threat of Untreatable Gonococcal Infection

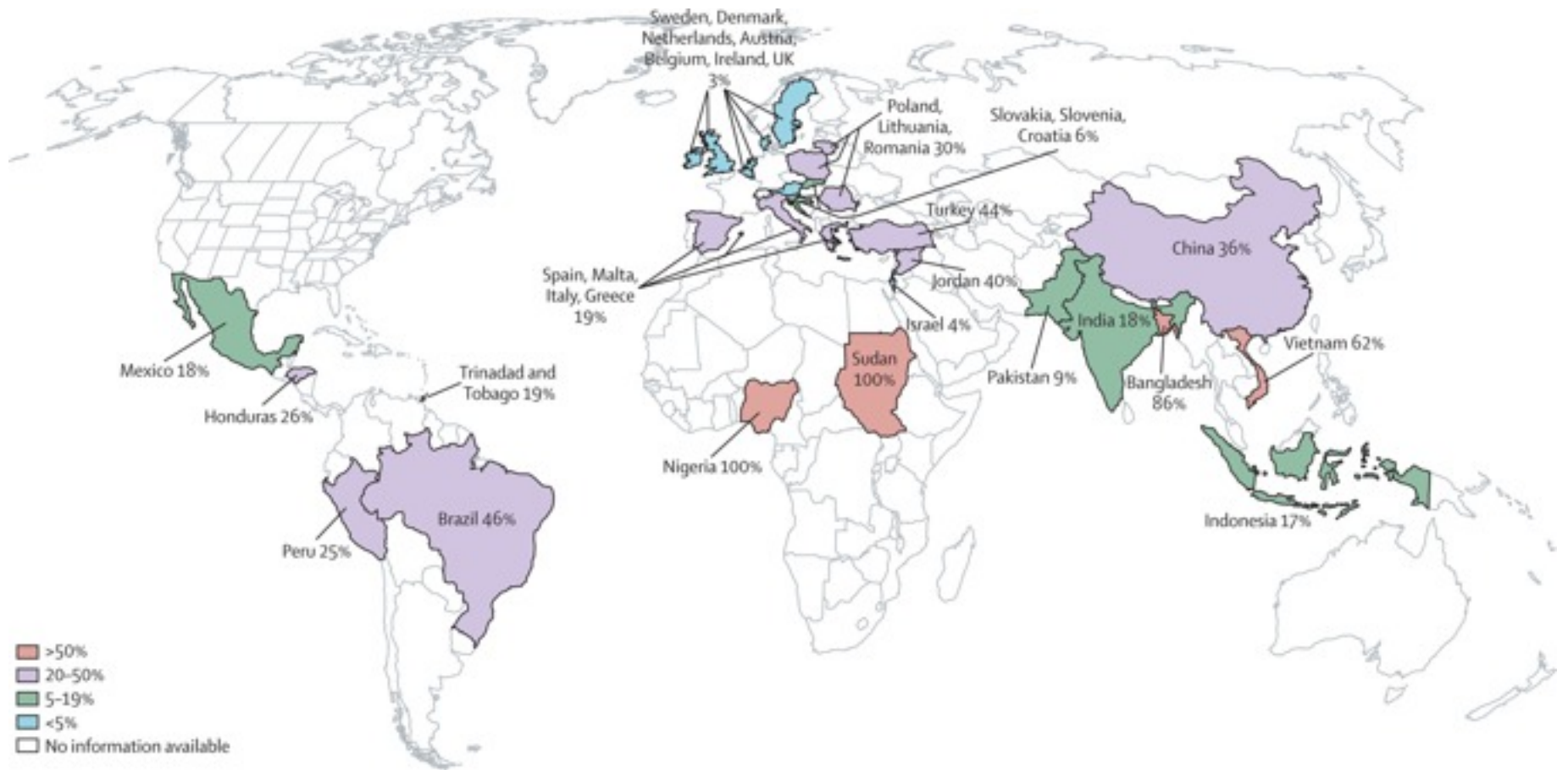
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Country	n	0	1 (11)	2	3 (39)
Malta	22	1 (5)	20 (91)	0	0
The Netherlands	114	3 (3)	56 (49)	5 (4)	58 (51)
Norway	110	2 (2)	88 (80)	41 (37)	14 (13)
Portugal	79	0	27 (34)	13 (16)	46 (58)
Slovakia	15	1 (7)	15 (100)	1 (7)	0
Slovenia	24	2 (8)	19 (79)	3 (13)	3 (13)
Spain	103	6 (6)	67 (65)	7 (7)	33 (32)
Sweden	108	11 (10)	77 (71)	37 (34)	25 (23)
United Kingdom <sup>b</sup>	120	5 (4)	42 (35)	7 (6)	76 (63)
Total	1,366	180 (13)	857 (63)	172 (13)	459 (34)
95% CI		(11.4–15)	(60.2–65.3)	(10.8–14.4)	(31.1–36.1)



Prevalence of decreased susceptibility to cefixime among *Neisseria gonorrhoea* isolates from 10 EU/EEA countries, 2009 (n=908)

Country (total number of isolates tested)	Isolates with DS-cefixime Number (%)
Austria (104)	22 (21.2)
Italy (70)	13 (18.6)
Denmark (119)	18 (15.1)
Slovenia (24)	2 (8.3)
Belgium (110)	7 (6.4)
Sweden (108)	3 (2.8)
Germany (45)	1 (2.2)
France (104)	2 (1.9)
The Netherlands (114)	1 (0.9)
Norway (110)	1 (0.9)



# The state of hepatitis B and C in Europe: report from the hepatitis B and C summit conference†

## Hepatitis B

### Persons born in geographic regions that have hepatitis B surface antigen prevalence of at least 2%

Infants born to infected mothers

Household contacts of persons who have chronic HBV infection

Sex partners of infected persons

Injection-drug users

Sexually active persons who are not in long-term, mutually monogamous relationships (for example, more than one sex partner during previous 6 months)

Men who have sex with men

Health care and public safety workers at risk for occupational exposure to blood or blood-contaminated body fluids

Residents and staff of facilities for developmentally disabled persons

Persons who have chronic liver disease

Haemodialysis patients

Travellers to countries that have intermediate or high prevalence of HBV infection

## Travel-related imported infections in Europe, EuroTravNet 2009

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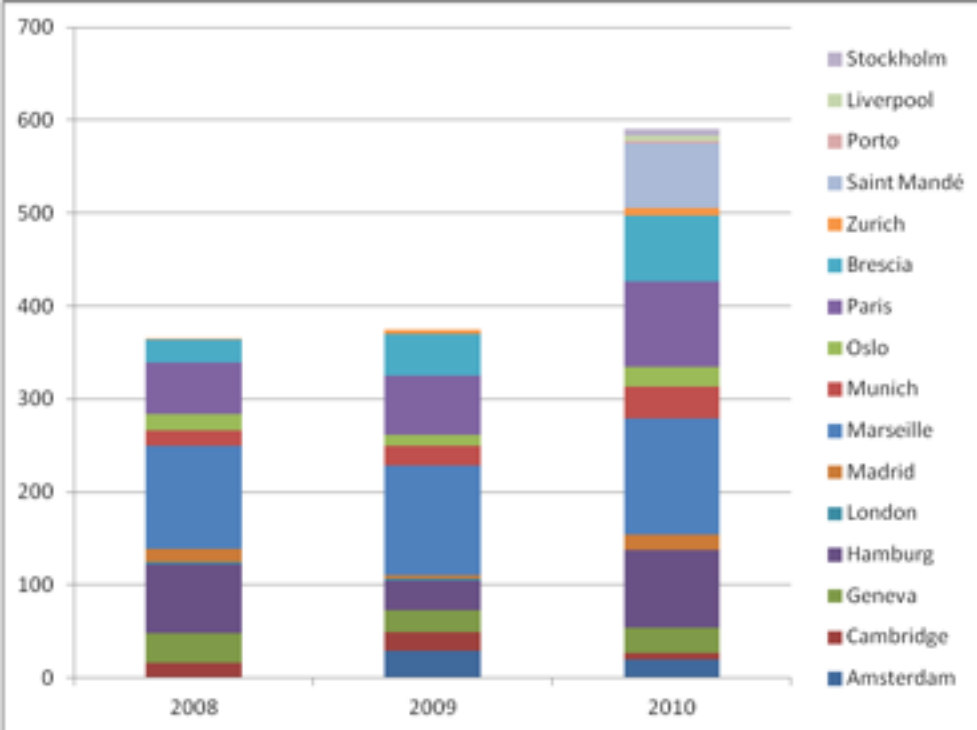
**TABLE I.** Demographic characteristics of travellers

Site	2008	2009	p-value	
Gender (%)				
Female	48.9	50.3		
Travel reason (%)				
Business	10.5	11.0	<0.001	
Immigration	9.4	7.7		
Medical tourism	0.1	0.4		
Military	0.6	1.0		
M/V/AW/R	22.6	20.0		
Student	1.3	2.5		
Tourism	43.5	45.0		
VFR	11.9	12.5		
Risk level (%)				
Expatriate	6.9	8.6		<0.001
Pre-arranged or organized travel	22.6	26.6		
Risk travel <sup>a</sup>	69.8	63.7		
Missing	0.8	1.2		
Clinical setting (%)				
Immigration only	9.4	7.7	0.001	
Seen after travel	82.0	84.4		
Seen during travel	8.5	7.9		
Inpatient	11.0	14.6	<0.001	
Pre-travel advice (%)				
Yes	45.4	43.2	<0.001	
No	22.4	26.1		
Do not know	32.2	30.7		

During the last few years, the number of imported malaria cases in Europe has decreased, possibly reflecting malaria control activities in endemic countries [4,5]. However, malaria in Europe remains an important travel medicine issue, given the large number of imported cases [6]. Moreover, there is potential for the reappearance of malaria in countries where it was previously eradicated, and limited outbreaks do occur in Europe, where *Anopheles* mosquitoes are still present, mainly in the Mediterranean area [7], making the slight, although not statistically significant, increase observed in our dataset in 2009 a phenomenon that requires attention. In August 2006, one case of indigenous *P. vivax*

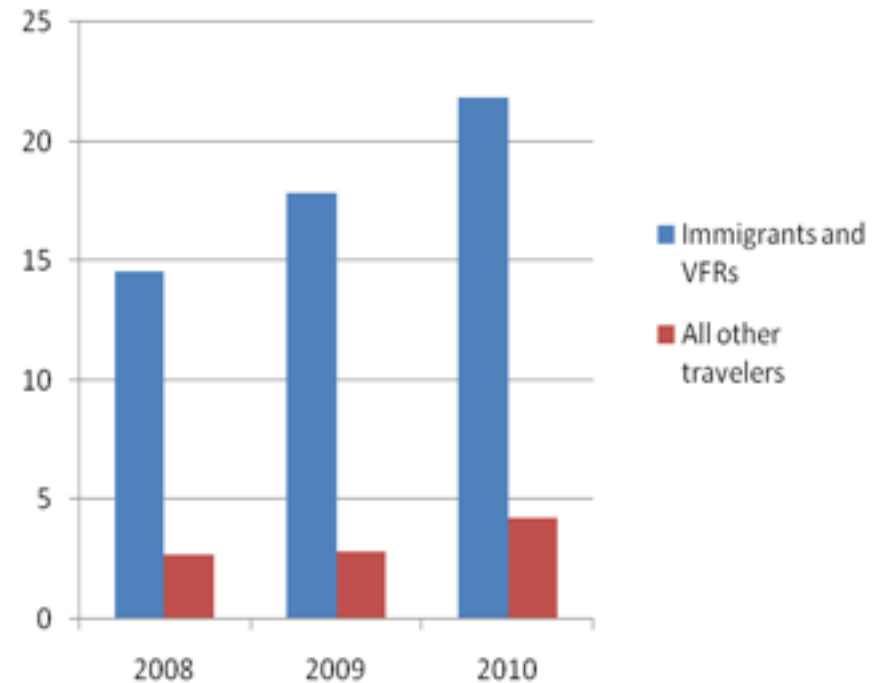
## Travel-related imported infections in Europe, EuroTravNet 2010

Gautret P. et al, under submission



Number of malaria cases per year reported by EuroTravNet sites. Malaria (all cases) by reporting site.

Proportion of immigrants/VFRs and other travelers with malaria among all immigrants/VFRs and other travelers returning to EuroTravNet sites

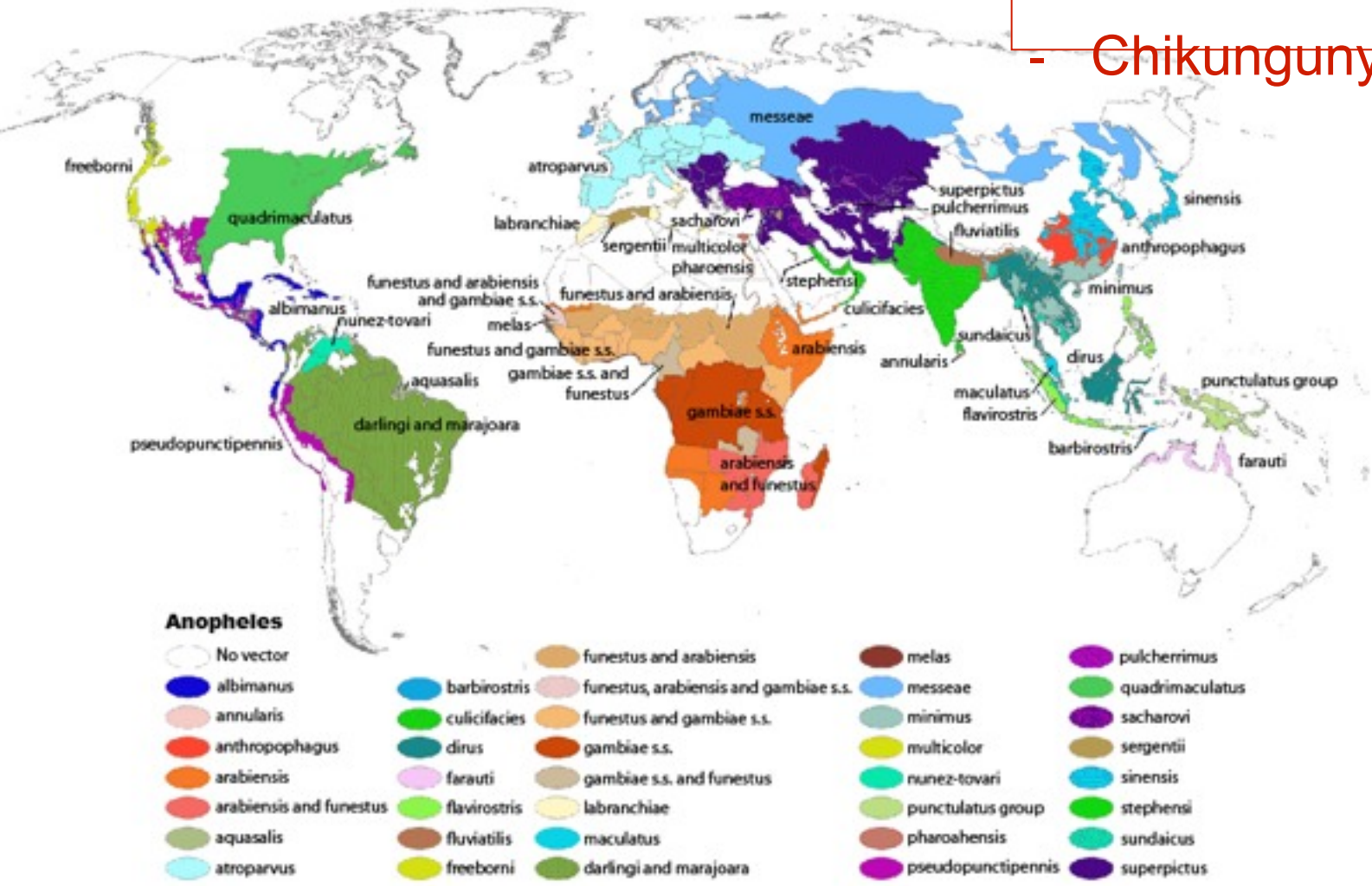


# Global Distribution (Robinson Projection) of Dominant or Potentially Important Malaria Vectors

From Kiszewski et al., Am. J. Trop. Med. Hyg., 2004; 70:486-498.

**Vector borne infections:**

- Malaria
- Chikungunya



# Autochthonous *Plasmodium vivax* malaria in Greece, 2011

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## FIGURE 1

Place of residence of reported malaria cases, Greece, May–September 2011 (n=36)



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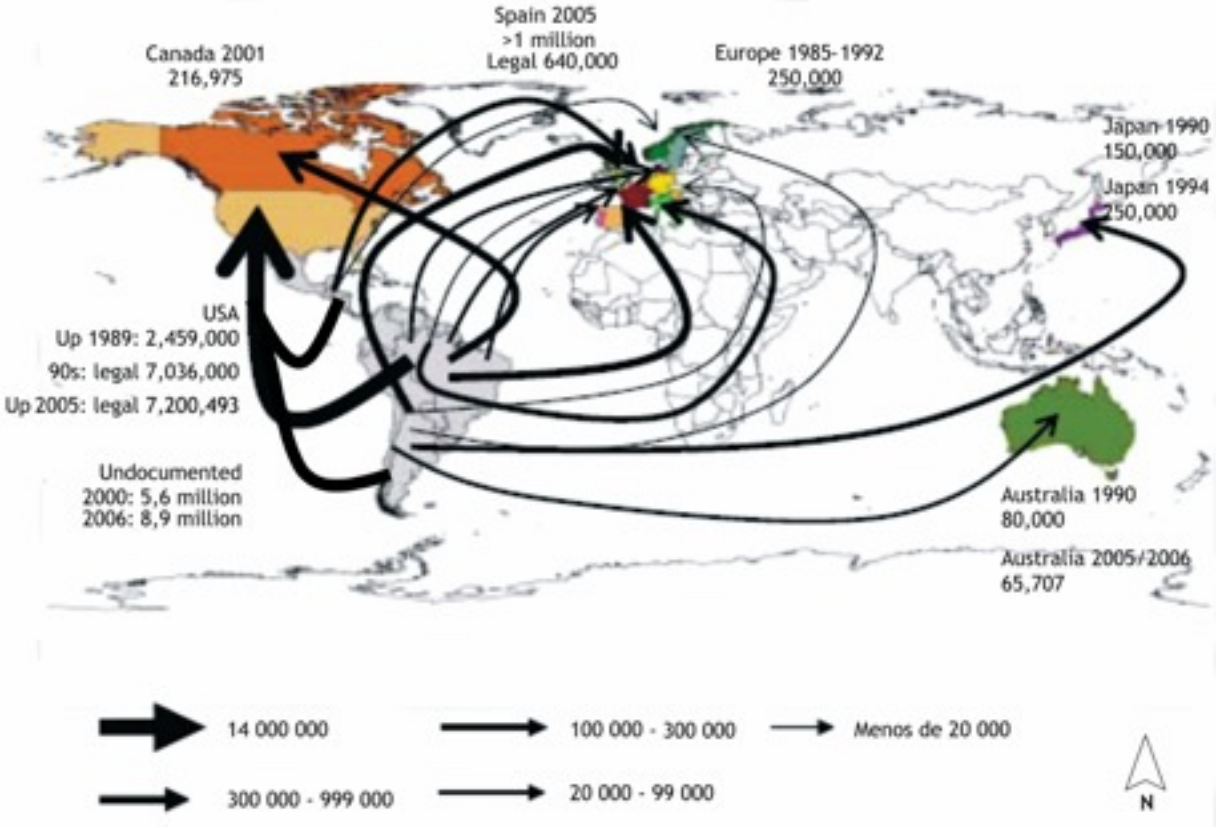
### Autochthonous plasmodium vivax malaria in a Greek schoolgirl of the Attica region

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In non-endemic countries, malaria cases are mostly imported (from travelers or immigrants), but blood transfusion malaria, or malaria in transplant recipients, or even cases of “airport malaria” can occasionally be seen [1]. Greece has been malaria free since 1974. However, rare cases of autochthonous malaria are occasionally reported. Recently, in August 2011, an announcement was posted by European Centres for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and American Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that six autochthonous malaria cases were reported in southern Greece [2,3]. An autochthonous case in a schoolgirl in the Attica region in 2009 is hereby described.

## Vertically transmitted infections:

- Chagas disease
- (rubella, HBV, etc.)



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## Expert Commentary

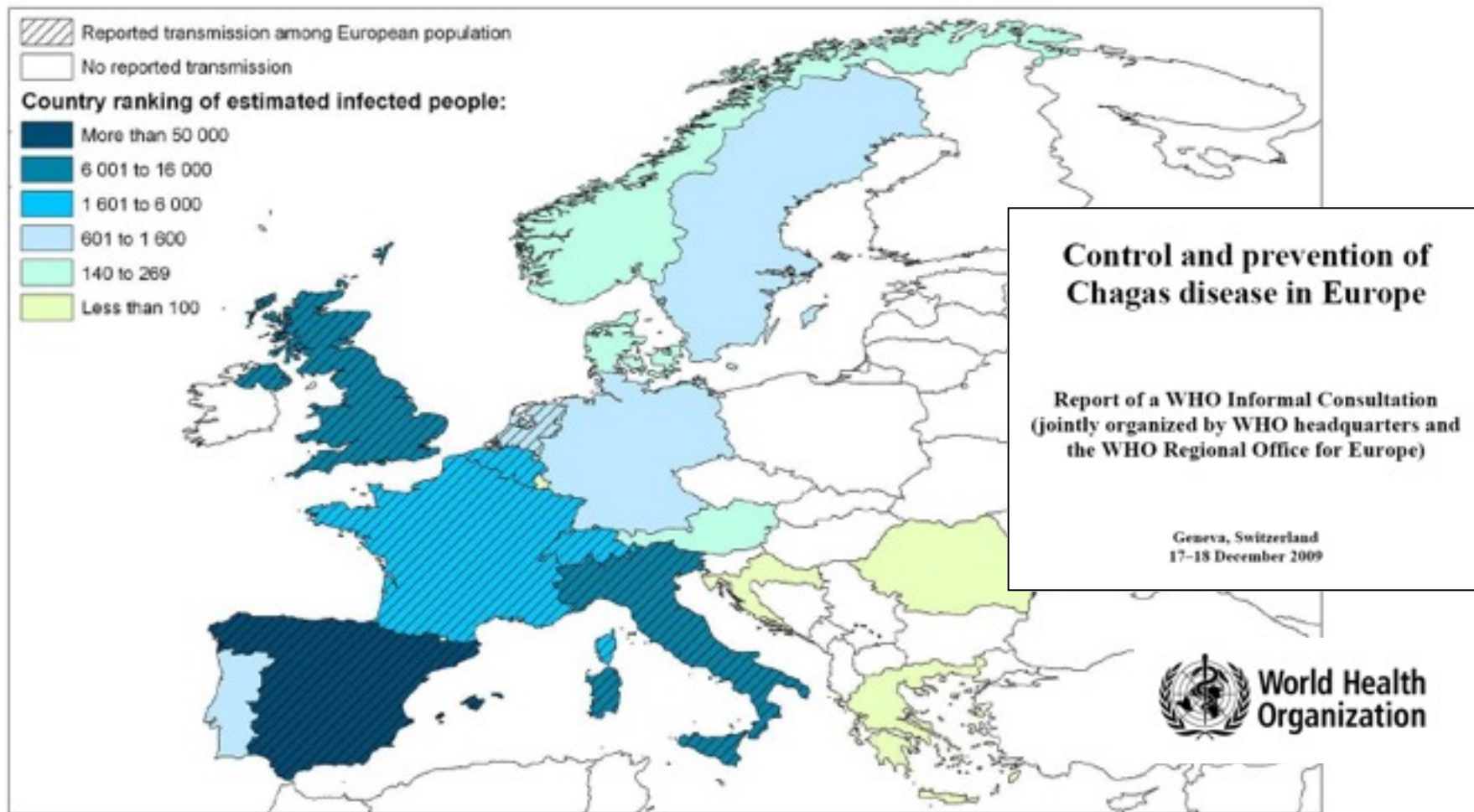
# Chagas Disease Has Now Gone Global

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**Map A3. Distribution of cases of *Trypanosoma cruzi* infection in Europe by country, and reported transmission (autochthonous, transfusional or congenital transmission of infection acquired among European travellers to disease-endemic areas) among the European population (data reported to WHO as of December 2009)**



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# Congenital Chagas disease

**Respiratory Distress: 25% in Bolivia**



**Hepatosplenomegaly**

**Muscle hypotonia**

**Fever**

**Seizures**

**Jaundice**

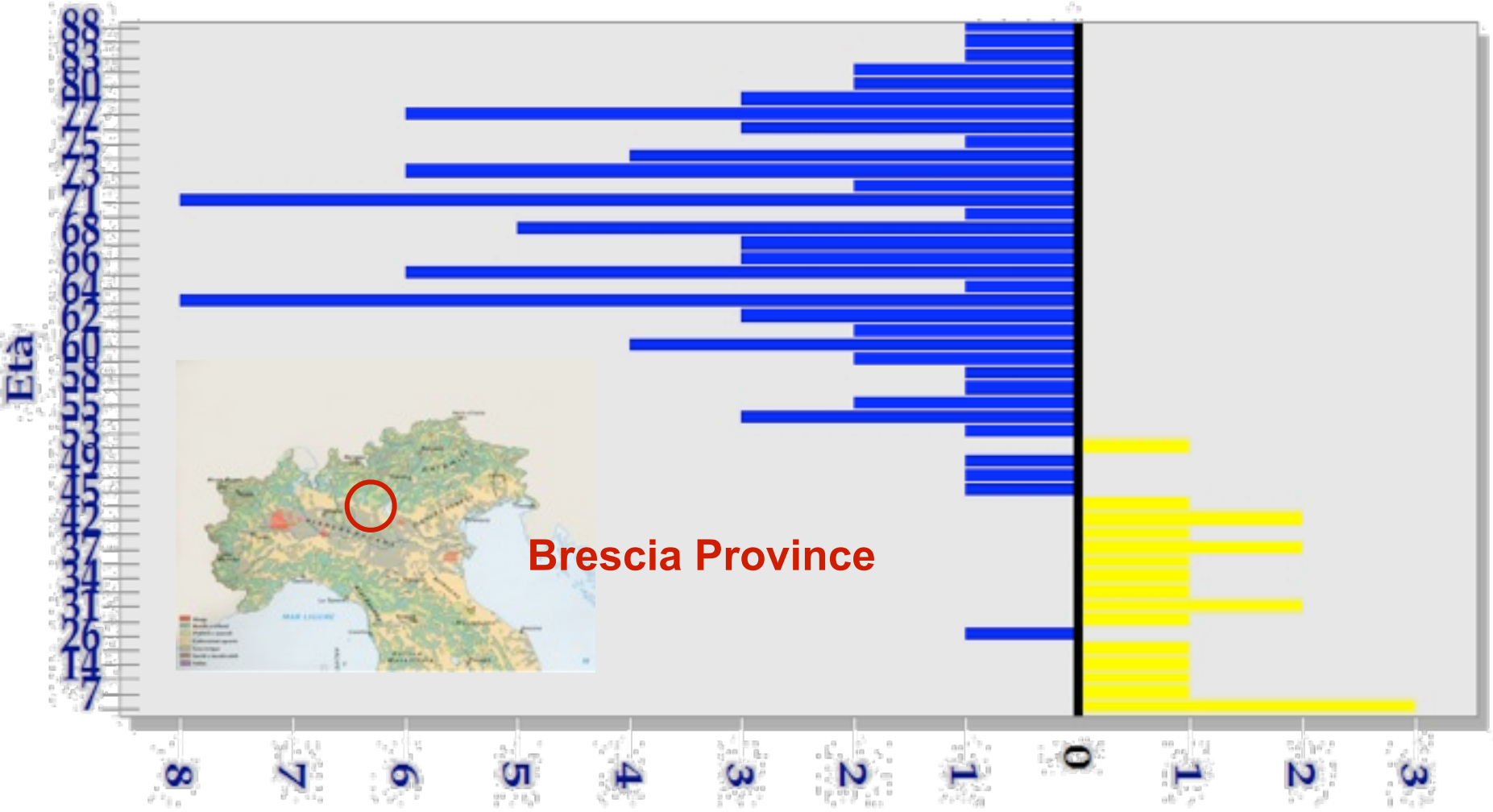
**Anasarca**

**Meningoencephalitis**

**Tachicardia**

**Heart failure**

# Patients with strongyloidosis in Brescia Age distribution by origin



# Considerazioni conclusive

- Migrazione è una componente essenziale della mobilità umana e può contribuire significativamente alla mobilità delle infezioni
- Numerose infezioni latenti possono indurre malattia anche molti anni dopo la migrazione
- La conoscenza della storia migratoria è un elemento importante dei sistemi di sorveglianza
- Favorire l'accesso dei migranti alle cure mediche aiuta a prevenire la diffusione delle infezioni in una comunità
- La tubercolosi è una epidemia globale che deve essere affrontata globalmente