

Viral hepatitis surveillance in mediterranean countries

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Description

Objective: In order to determine the public health impact of hepatitis C (HCV) and E (HEV) in Mediterranean countries(MC) (Algeria, Egypt, Palestine Authority, Tunisia and Turkey), research groups from MC and collaborating countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands) will 1/develop a sentinel surveillance system to monitor the changes in HCV infection prevalence and genotype distribution 2/establish a community based cohort for longitudinal surveillance of HCV infection incidence and risk factors, morbidity and mortality in the country with the highest HCV prevalence (Egypt) 3/estimate, through mathematical modelling, the national and regional impact of HCV infection in MC 4/determine the role of HCV and HEV in the occurrence of acute andfulminant hepatitis S/improve the methods of serological diagnosis of HCV and HEV genotypes circulatingMC 6/monitor early immunological response to HCV and HEV 6/identify animal reservoirs for HEV; investigate the genomic patterns of animal versus human strains. These approaches will allow to understand better the epidemiology of HCV and HEV and contribute to the optimisation of prevention strategies.

Achievements:**General information:**

Project Details

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