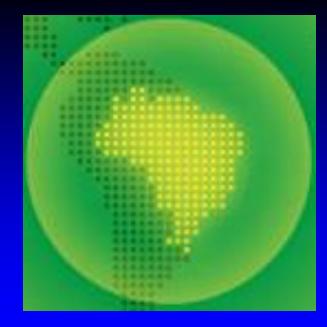
Epidemiology of HDV in Brazil and Latin America



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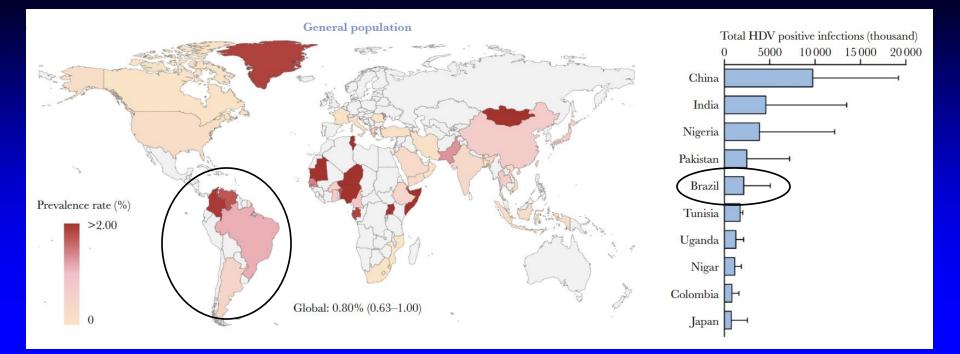
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 Brazil is one of the top 5 countries in the world regarding HDV prevalence among general population

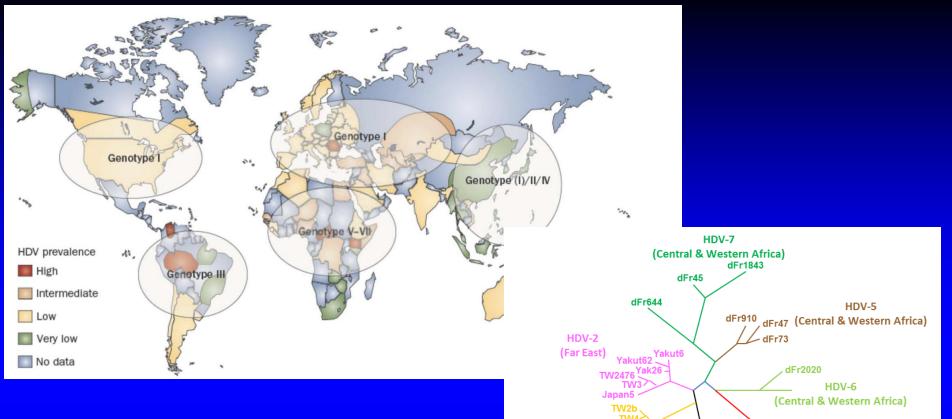
Miao et al, 2020

HDV

- Hiperendemic in the western Amazon Basin
 Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia
- Uncomon in the east
- Absent in the non amazon regions of Brazil







HDV-4

(Taiwan, Miyako)

Italy-A20

Cagliari -

HDV-1

(Worldwide)

USA2

USA1

Somalia

- Both genotype 1 and 3
- Genotype 3
 - Most divergent
 - Exclusive to the Amazon region
 - More prevalent in rural population
 - Not included in the clinical trials
 - Most aggressive (?)

(Wedemwyer & Manns, 2010; Radjef et al 2004)

Ethiopia

Peru1

Braz1

Braz2

Vnz83

Vnz8349

- Vnz86

HDV-3

(Amazonia

Nauru

China

Lebanon

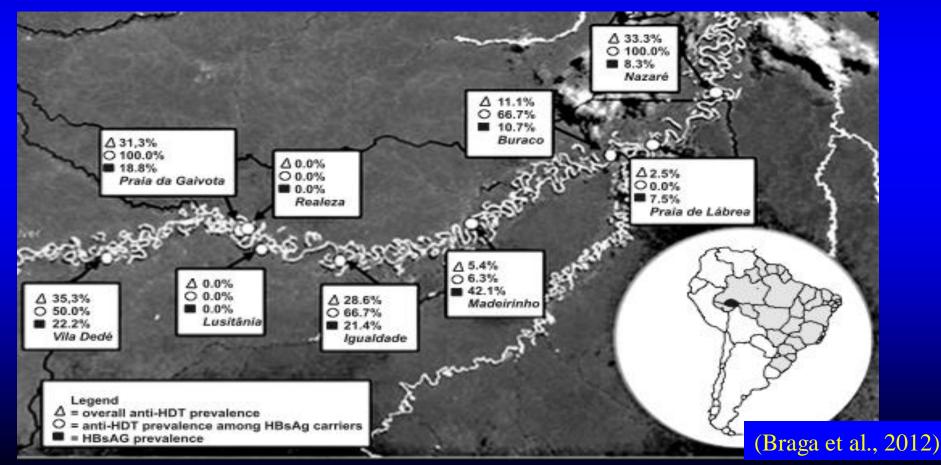




- Mainly intrafamilial horizontal non-sexual transmission during early childhood
- Large families in small and overcrowded houses
- Challenges in accessing isolated locations



- Prevalence of anti-HDV in HBsAg + patients
 - Mean: 13,5%
 - As high as 67% in some rural communities
 - Remarkable heterogeneity in the distribution even within the same river



Challenges

- Assure uninterrupted supply of HDV tests in endemic areas
 - Not incorporated into the Brazilian National Health
 System up to the States
- Implement reflex test in the Amazon basin
- Implement active HDV surveillance in rural communities of Amazon basin
- Monitor the spread of HDV to the non-Amazon regions
- Access better treatment options

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