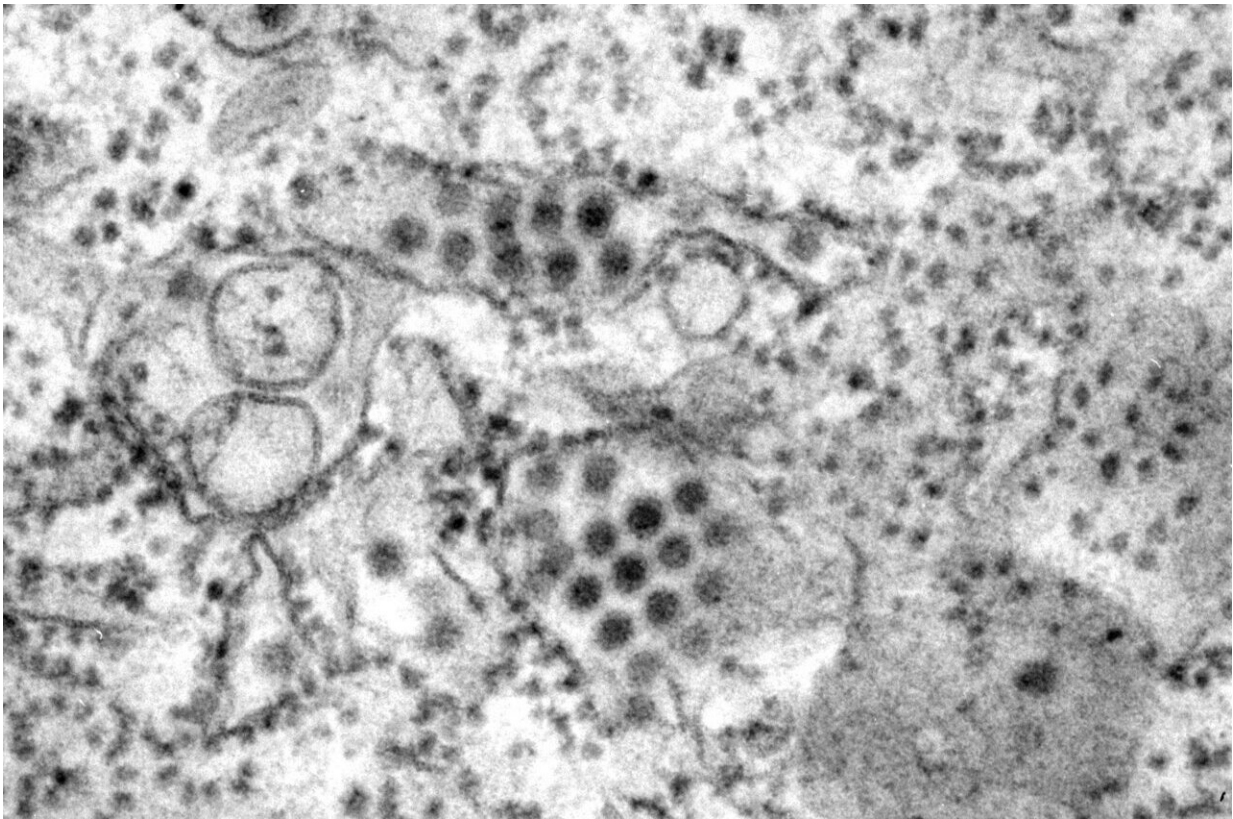


C.Africa records 'unprecedented' dengue outbreak

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This transmission electron microscopic (TEM) image depicts a number of round, Dengue virus particles that were revealed in this tissue specimen. Credit: CDC/ Frederick Murphy

Authorities have recorded an "unprecedented" 13 dengue cases in Central Africa's capital Bangui and the surrounding area since July, the

country's health minister Pierre Somse said.

Dengue is a common virus in hot countries and spreads in urban and semi-urban areas through [mosquito bites](#).

The World Health Organization (WHO) says there are between 100 million and 400 million dengue cases a year.

"The Health and Population ministry has recorded an unprecedented level of dengue cases," Somse said in a Facebook post on Tuesday.

"In 2024, from July to September, the Pasteur Institute in Bangui confirmed 13 cases."

Like malaria, which is also spread by mosquitoes, dengue provokes a strong fever but rarely death.

There is no specific treatment for dengue, according to the WHO, and early detection is the key to lowering the fatality rates of severe dengue.

Last month, Central Africa, and in particular Bangui, was grappling with an mpox outbreak.

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