



Introduction

A parasitic disease caused by 4 protozoan parasites with asexual phases: *Plasmodium falciparum*, *Plasmodium vivax*, *Plasmodium ovale* and *Plasmodium malariae*.

The incubation period is approximately 9 – 14 days for *P. falciparum*, 12 – 18 days for *P. vivax* and *P. ovale* and 18 – 40 days for *P. malariae*. Some strains of *P. vivax*, mostly from temperate areas, may have incubation period of 8 – 10 months and longer.

Infections with the 4 human types of malaria can present symptoms sufficiently similar to make species differentiation impossible without laboratory studies. The fever pattern of the first few days of infection resembles that in early stages of many other illnesses (bacterial, viral and parasitic).

Mixed infections are frequent in endemic areas.

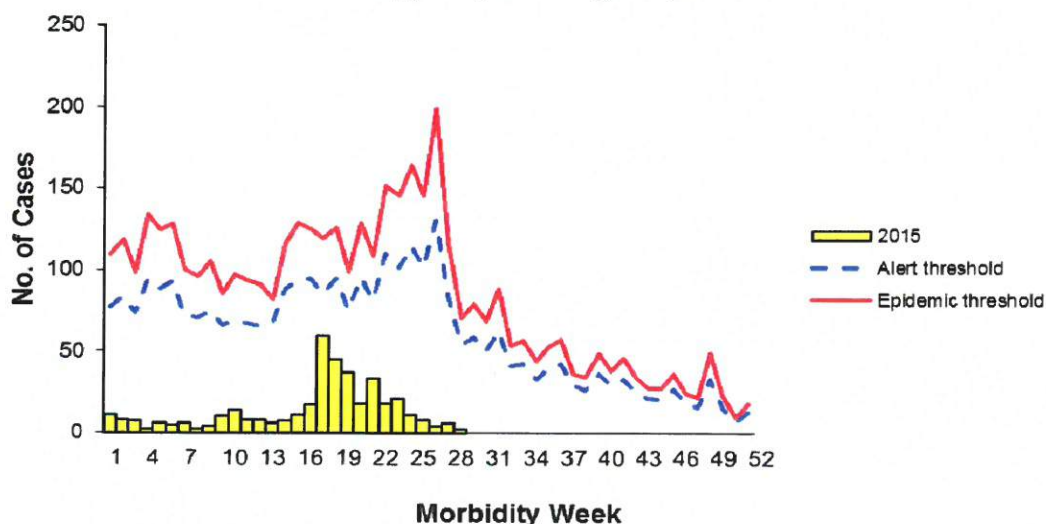
Signs and Symptoms

- Chills
- High-grade fever
- Severe headache
- Vomiting

Trend in the Philippines

A total of **394** suspect malaria cases were reported nationwide from January 1 to August 1, 2015. This is **18.43%** lower compared to the same time period last year (**483**).

**Fig. 1 Distribution of Suspected Malaria Cases by Morbidity Week
Philippines, as of August 1, 2015**



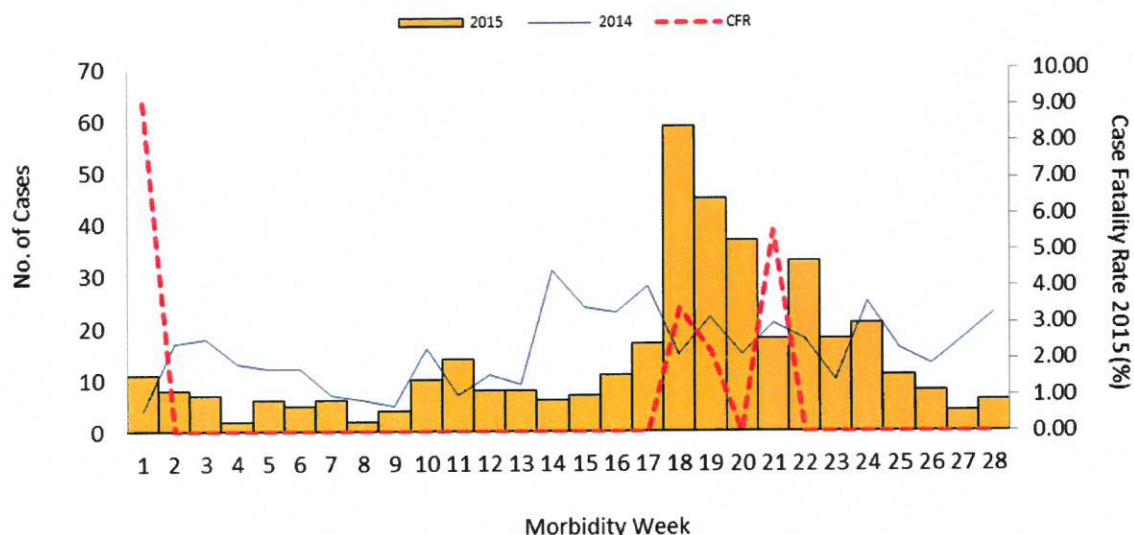
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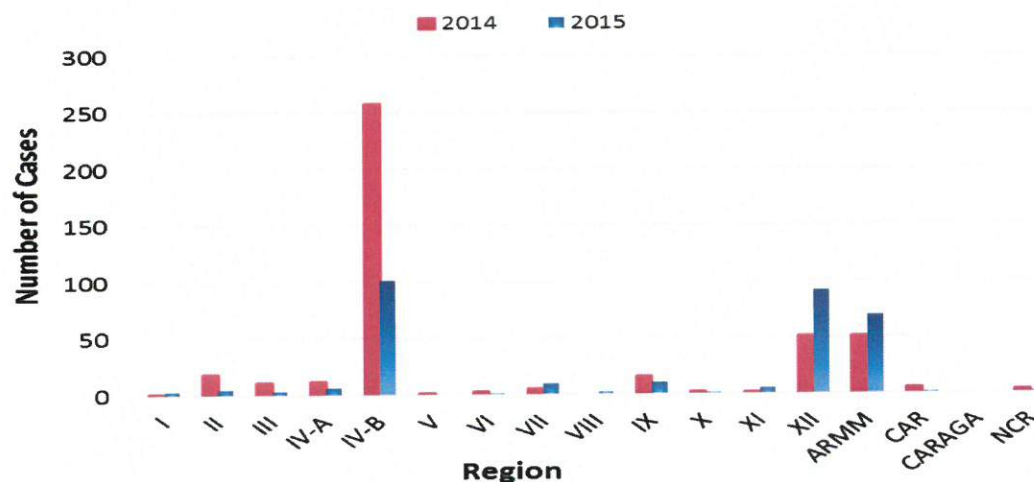
Fig. 2 Suspect Malaria Cases by Morbidity Week, Philippines, as of August 1, 2015
2015* vs 2014 (N=394)



Geographic Distribution

Most of the cases were from the following regions: **Region IV-B (35.8%)**, **ARMM (27.9%)**, **Region XII (23.4%)**, **Region IX (3.0%)** and **Region VII (2.3%)**.

Fig. 3 Suspect Malaria Cases by Region Philippines, 2015 vs 2014



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Fig. 4 Suspect Malaria Cases as of January 1 to August 1, 2015

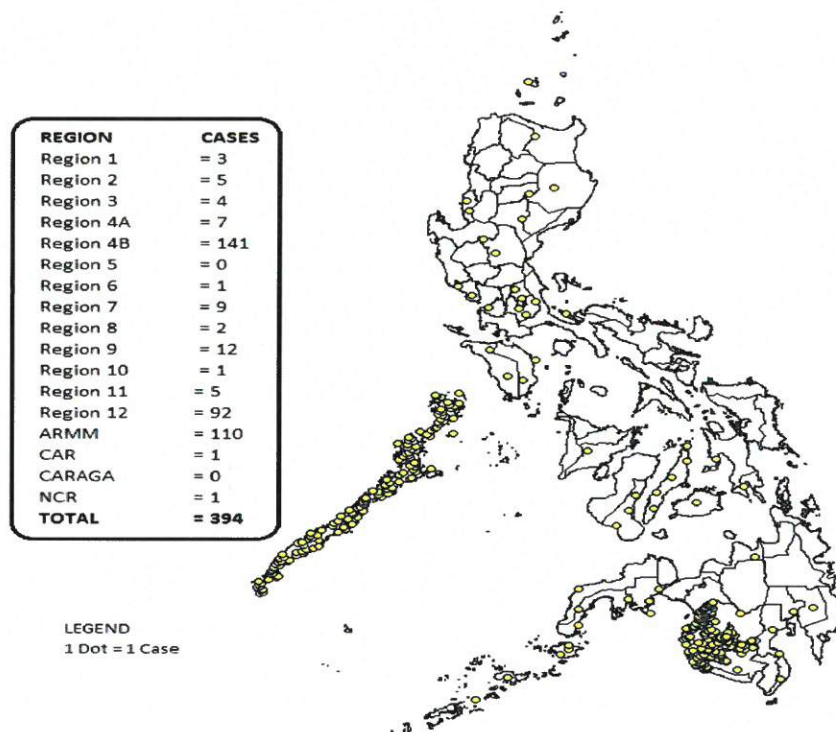
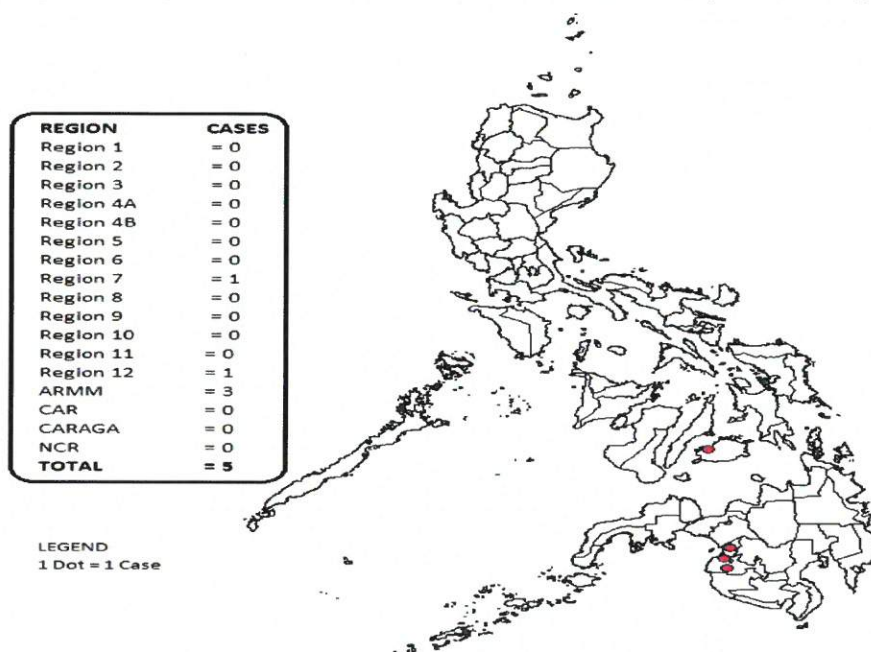


Fig. 5 Suspect Malaria Deaths as of January 1 to August 1, 2015



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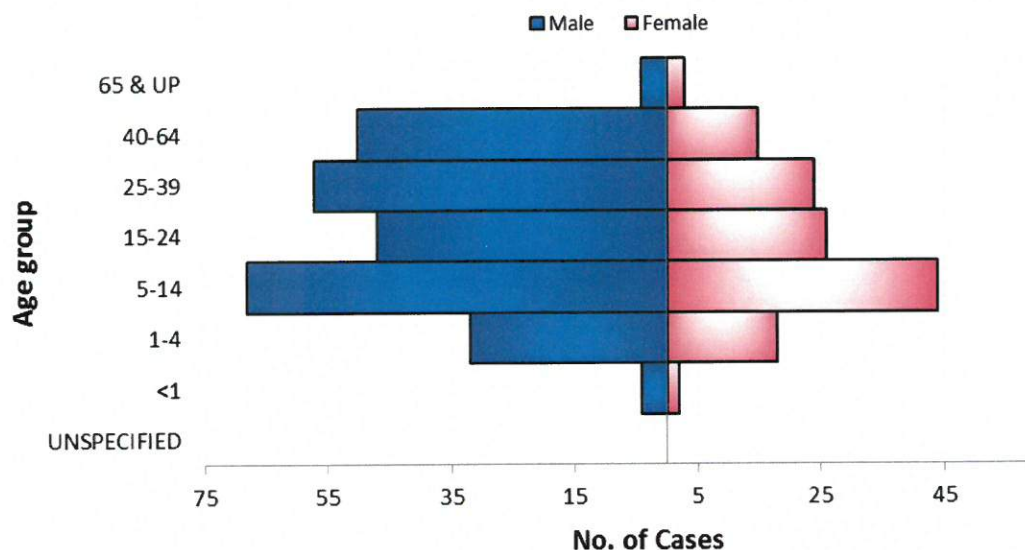
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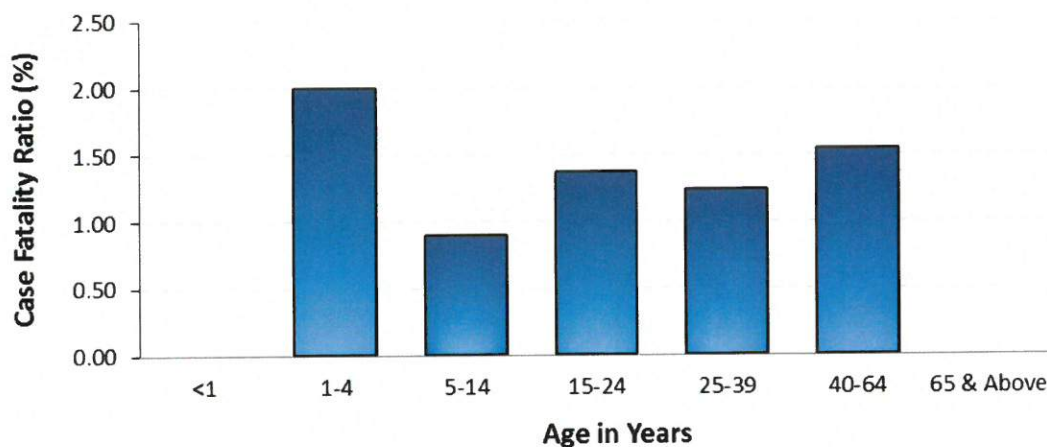
Profile of Cases

Ages of cases ranged from less than 1 year old to 79 years old (median = 18 years). Majority of cases were male (66.5%). Most (28.4%) of the cases belonged to the 5 to 14 years age group (Fig. 3). There were 5 deaths (CFR = 1.27%).

**Fig.6 Suspect Malaria Cases by Agegroup and Sex
Philippines, as of August 1, 2015 (N= 394)**



**Fig. 7 Suspect Malaria Case Fatality Rate (CFR) by Age Group,
Philippines, as of August 1, 2015**



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Malaria Parasite Distribution in the Philippines

Out of 394 suspect cases, 371 were confirmed. Three of the protozoan parasites were present from January 1 – August 1, 2015. The predominant parasite is *P. falciparum* (78.2%) followed by *P. malariae* (8.6%). Most of the parasites detected were in Region IV-B (37.7%).

Fig. 8 Malaria Cases by Region and Parasite Philippines, as of August 1, 2015 (n= 371)

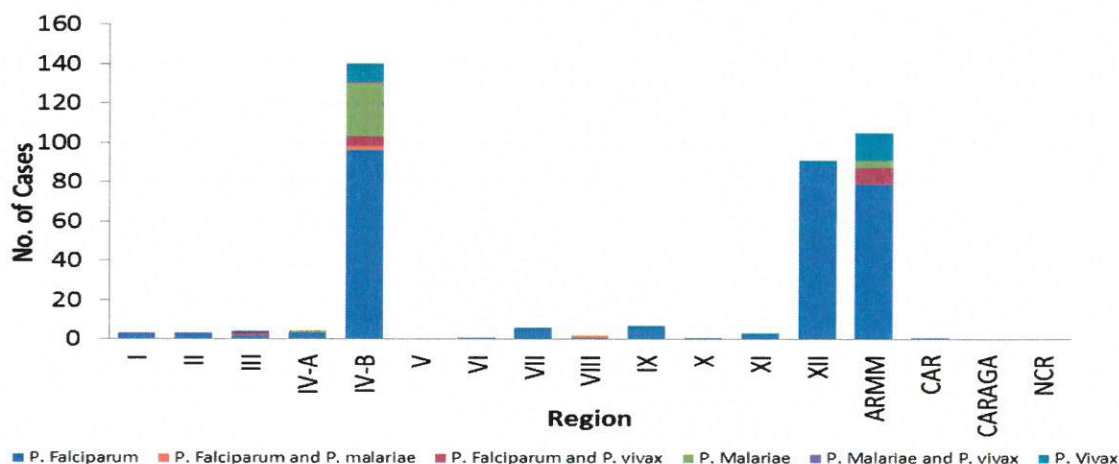
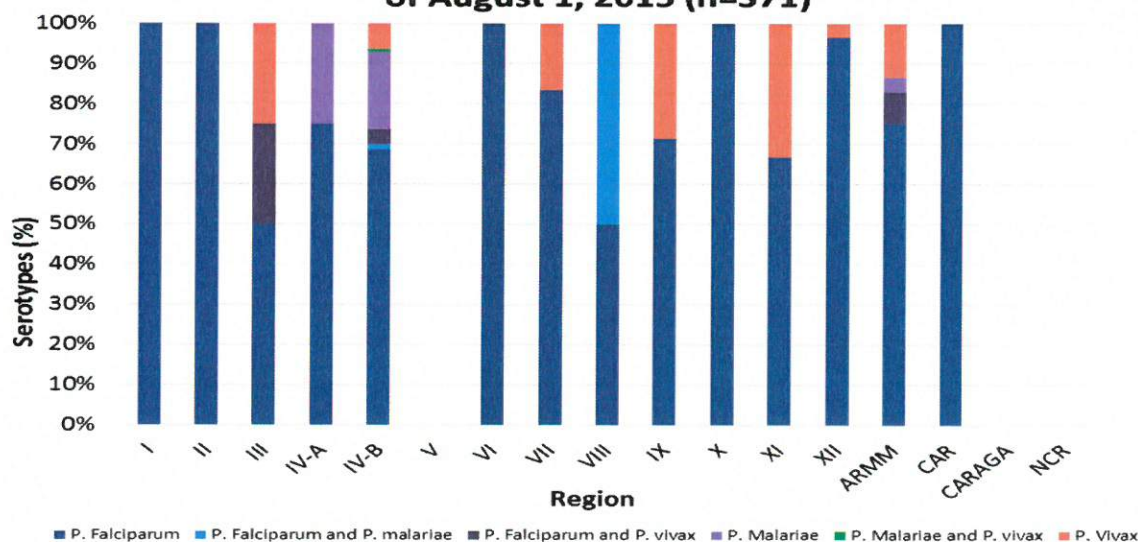


Fig. 9 Malaria Parasite distribution in the Philippines, as of August 1, 2015 (n=371)



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Table 1. Malaria Cases & Deaths by Region
 Philippines, 2015* vs 2014

Region	Cases			Deaths			
	2015	2014	% Change	2015	CFR (%)	2014	CFR (%)
I	3	2	↑ 50.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
II	5	19	↓ -73.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
III	4	11	↓ -63.6	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-A	7	13	↓ -46.2	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-B	141	275	↓ -48.7	0	0.00	2	0.73
V	0	1	↓ -100.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
VI	1	3	↓ -66.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
VII	9	5	↑ 80.0	1	11.11	1	20.00
VIII	2	0	→ 0.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
IX	12	18	↓ -33.3	0	0.00	0	0.00
X	1	2	↓ -50.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
XI	5	1	↑ 400.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
XII	92	55	↑ 67.3	1	1.09	0	0.00
ARMM	110	63	↑ 74.6	3	2.73	2	3.17
CAR	1	12	↓ -91.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
CARAGA	0	0	→ 0.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
NCR	1	3	↓ -66.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	394	483	↓ -18.43	5	1.27	5	1.04

Table 2. Weekly Malaria Summary Report by Region
 Philippines, as of August 1, 2015

Region	Morbidity Week				30th Morbidity Week		Cumulative Total 1st wk to 30th wk	
	26	27	28	29	2015	2014	2015	2014
I	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
II	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	19
III	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	11
IV-A	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	13
IV-B	5	4	5	1	0	5	141	275
V	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
VI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
VII	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	5
VIII	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
IX	0	0	1	0	0	2	12	18
X	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
XI	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
XII	0	0	0	0	0	2	92	55
ARMM	0	0	0	0	0	5	110	63
CAR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	12
CARAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Total	8	4	6	2	0	15	394	483

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Prevention and Control


- Use long-lasting insecticidal mosquito nets, especially during night time.
- Wear long sleeved clothing and pants.
- Use mosquito repellants/coils and screens on doors and windows.
- Clear hanging branches of trees along streams.
- Have your blood examined if you have the signs and symptoms of malaria.
- Follow the advice of health workers on how to take anti-malaria drugs.

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

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