

Previous Arbovirus Outbreaks: Lessons Learned

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Mitigating Arboviral Threats and Strengthening Public Health Preparedness

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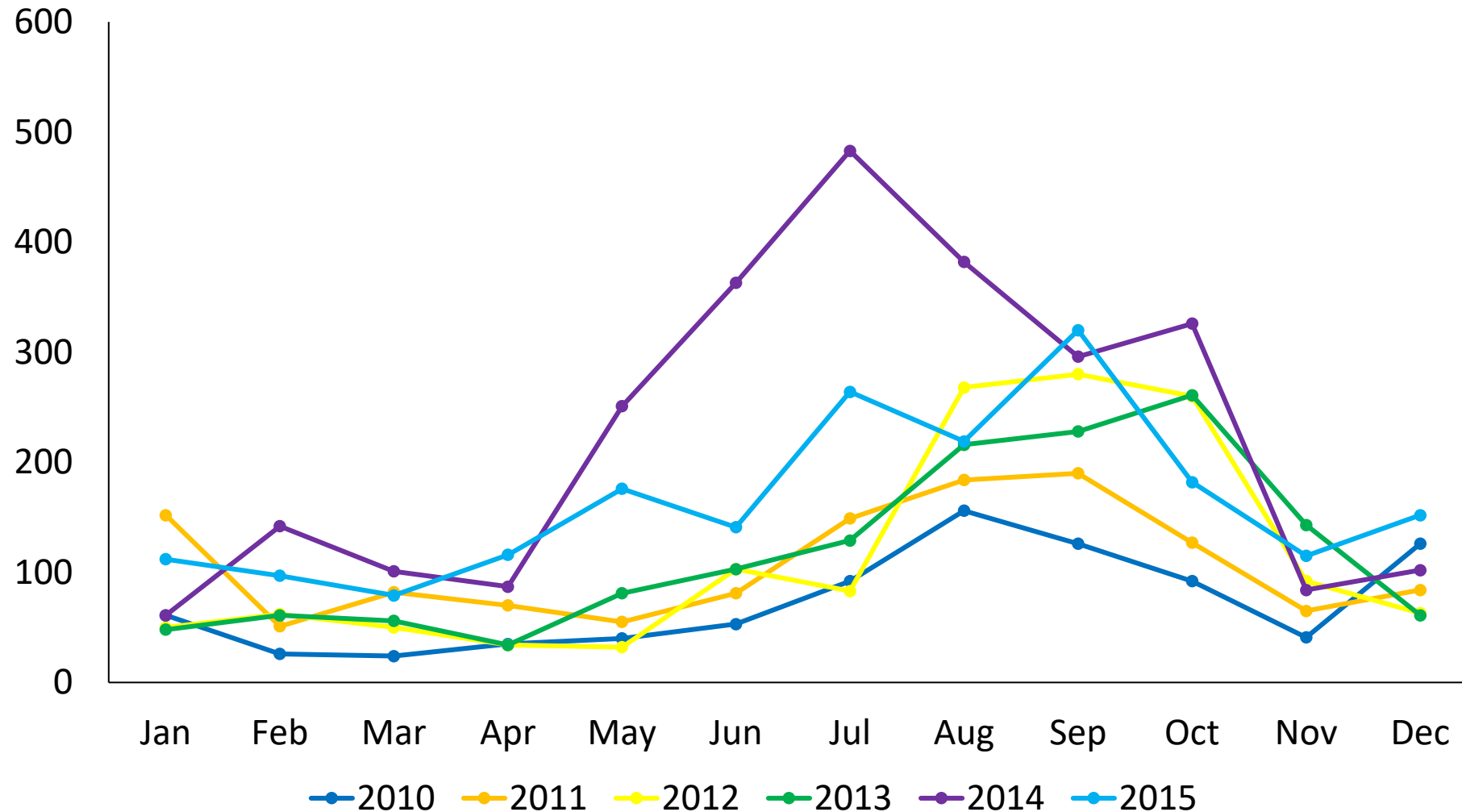
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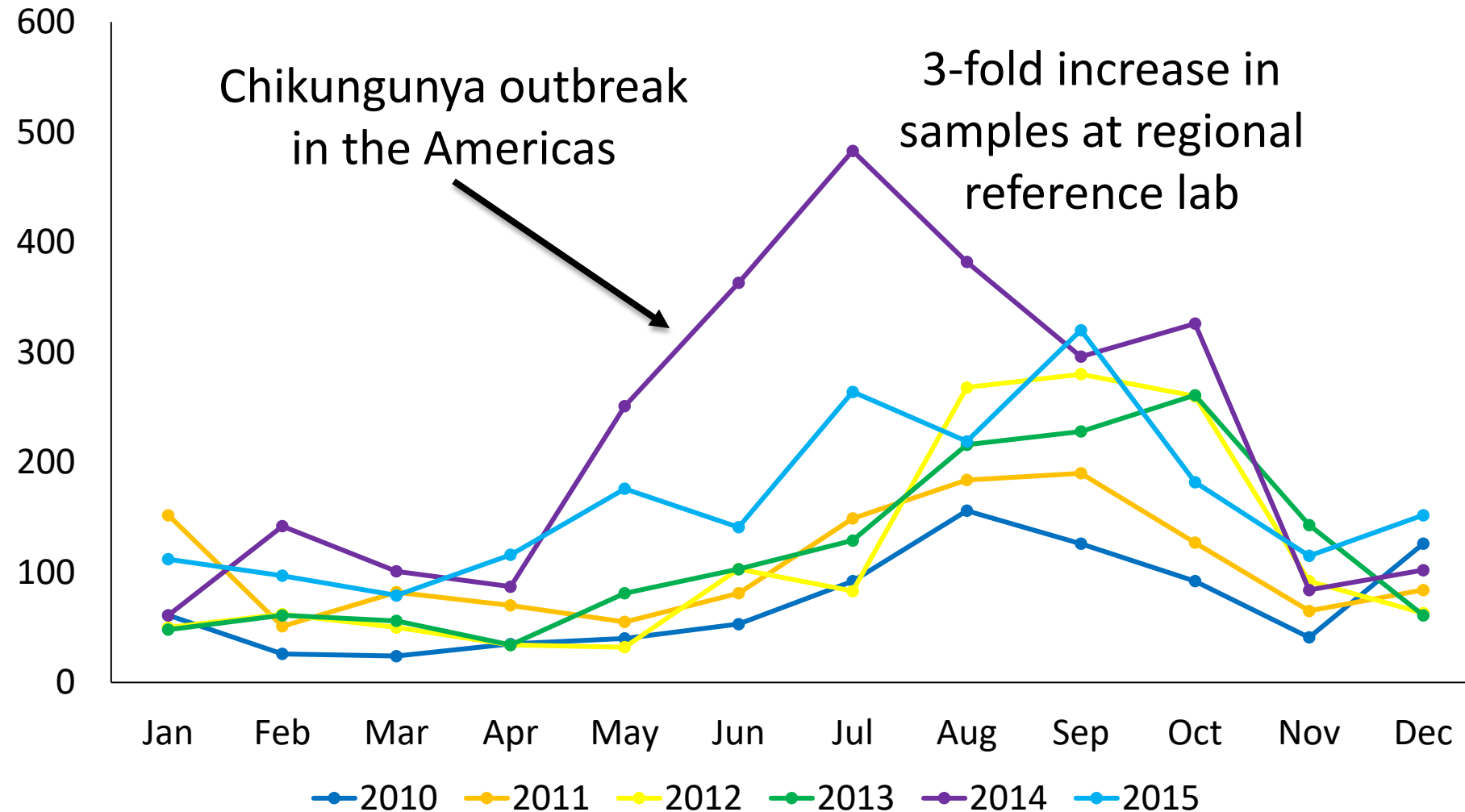
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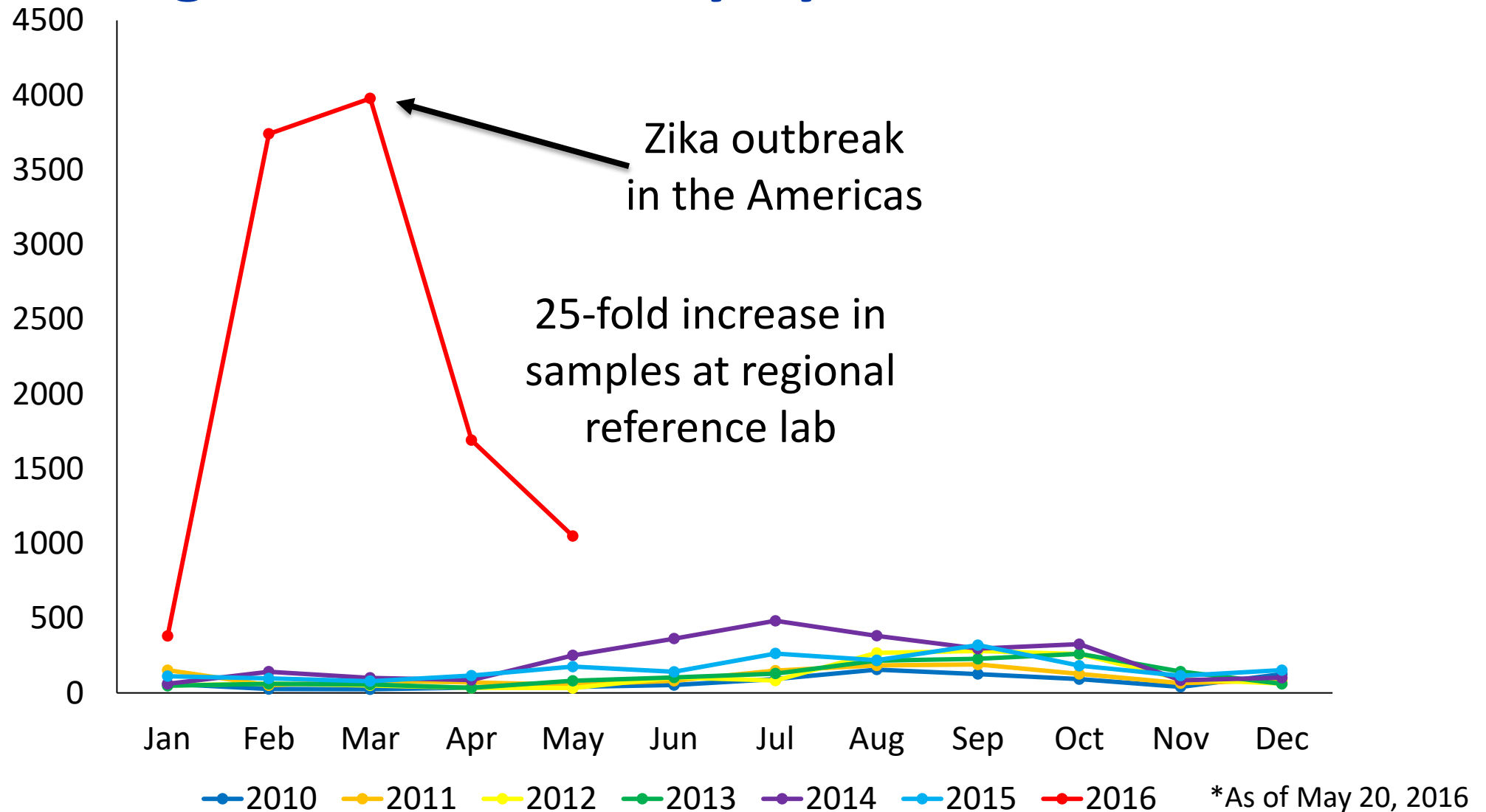
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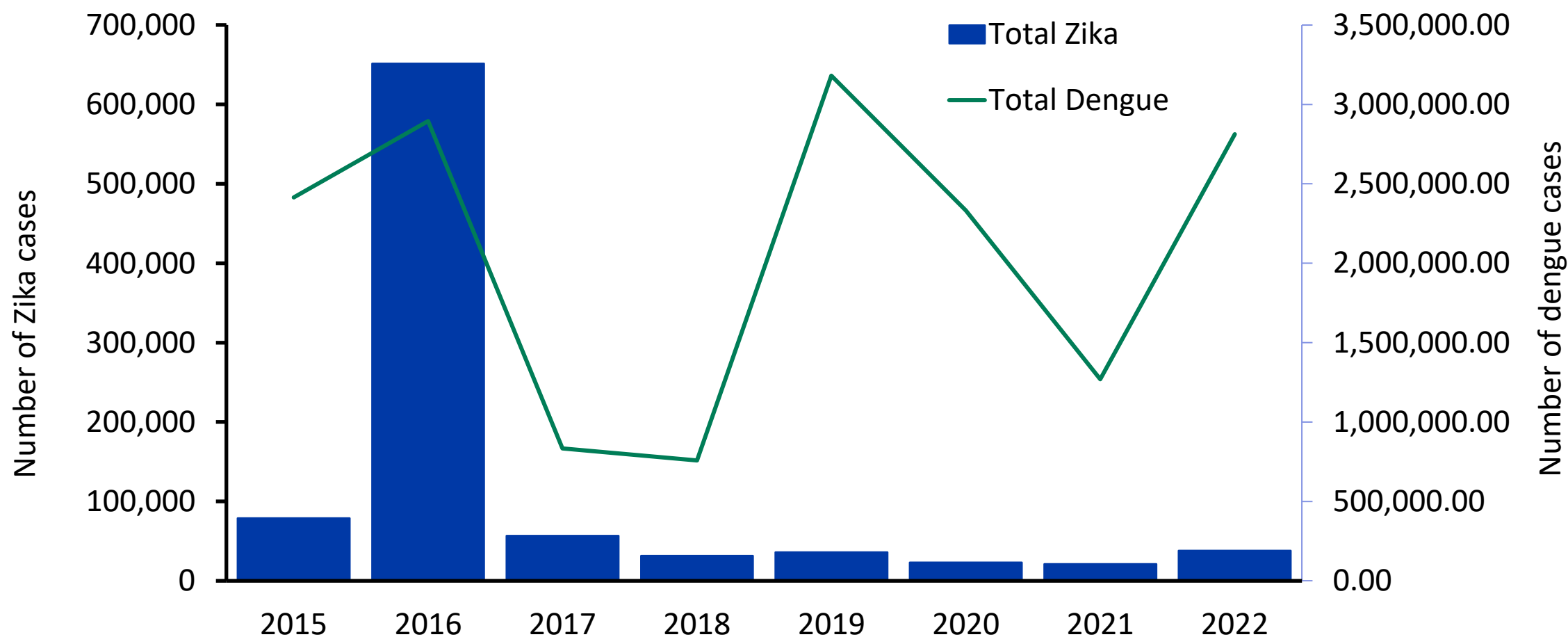


Diagnostic laboratory issues during arboviral outbreaks

- Ensuring surge capacity for arboviral disease testing
- Having adequate reagents and control material
 - Sample sharing policies and resources
- Maintaining common testing platforms
- Addressing role of laboratory developed tests (LDTs) for public health response in context of increasing regulatory requirements

Maintaining awareness and infrastructure

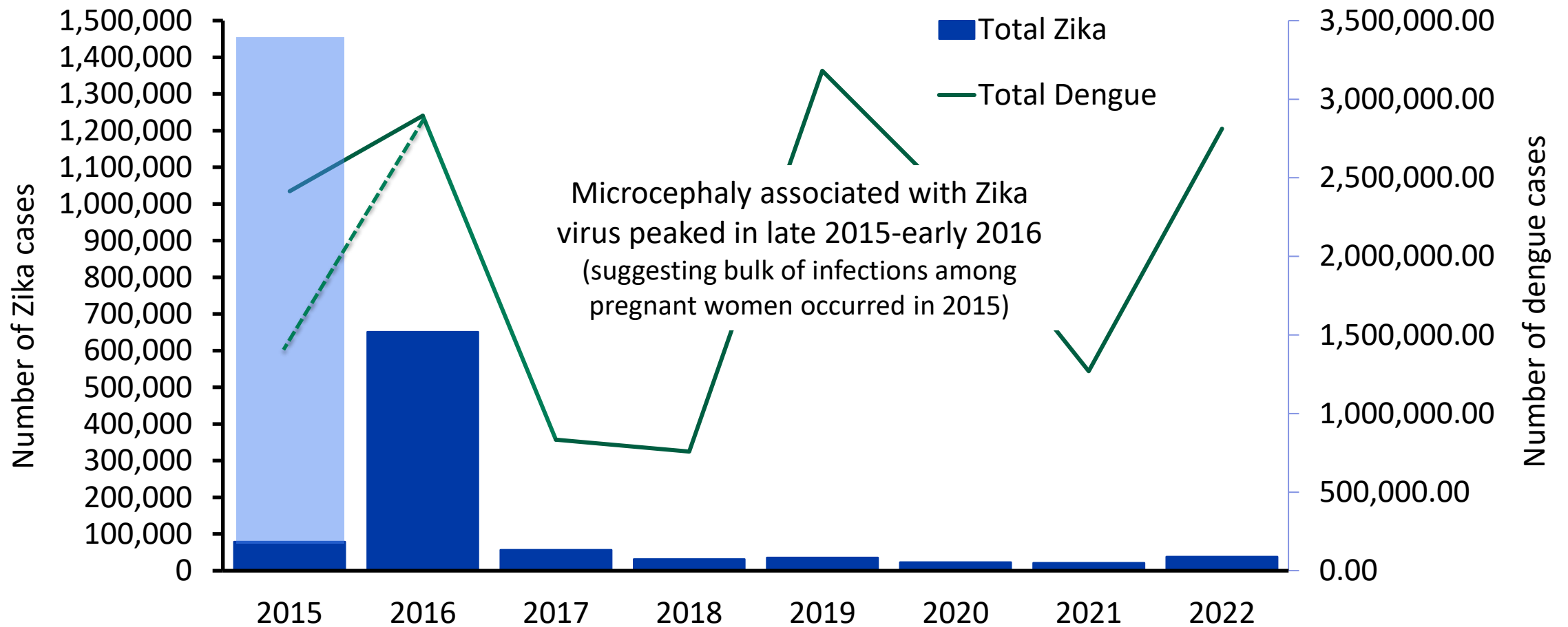
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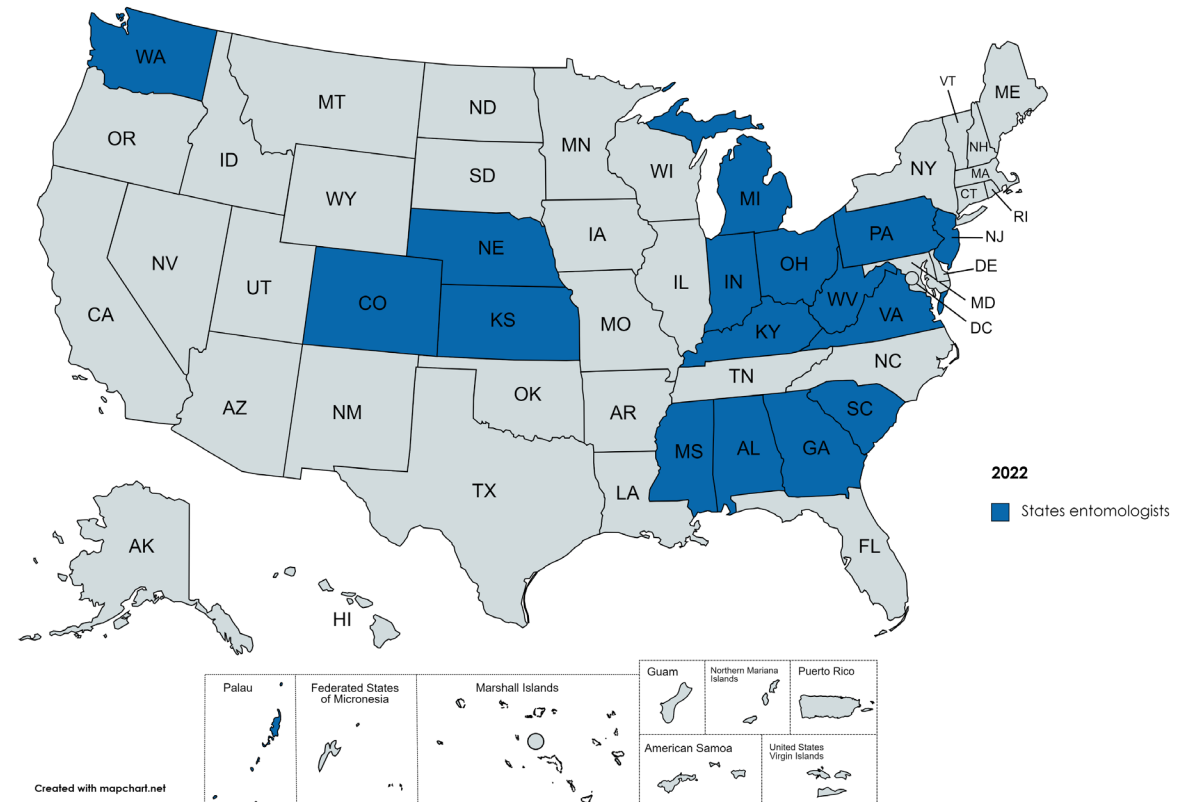
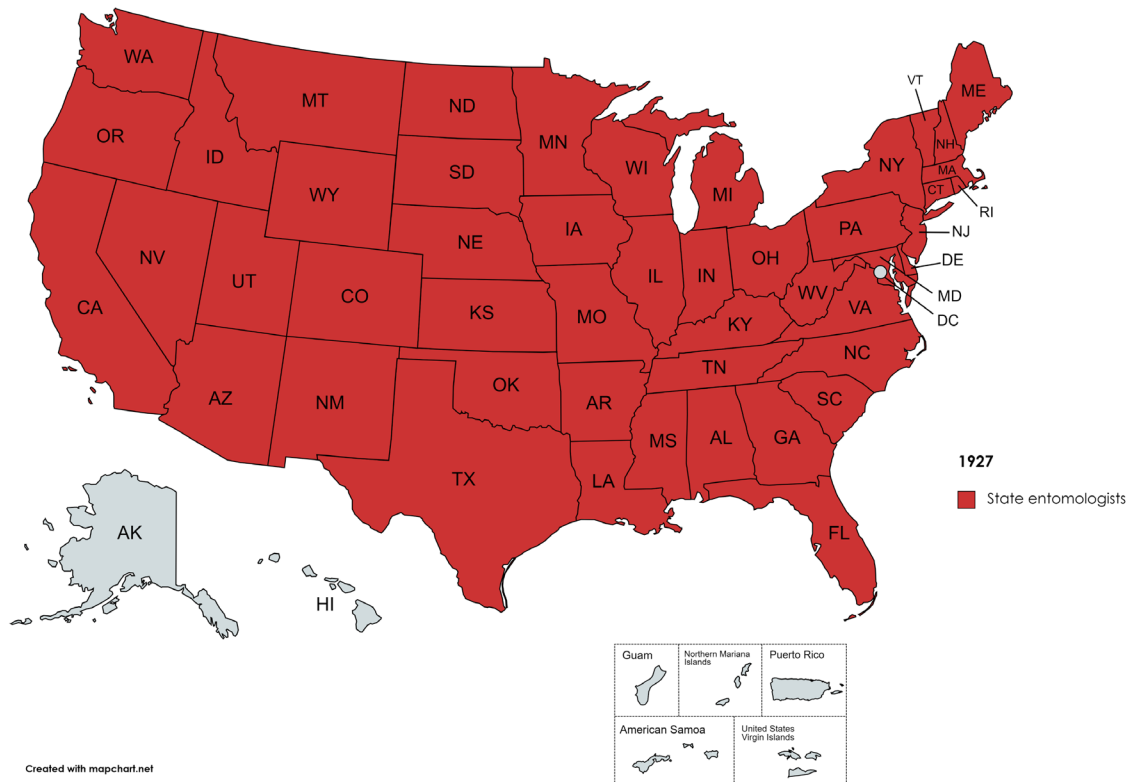
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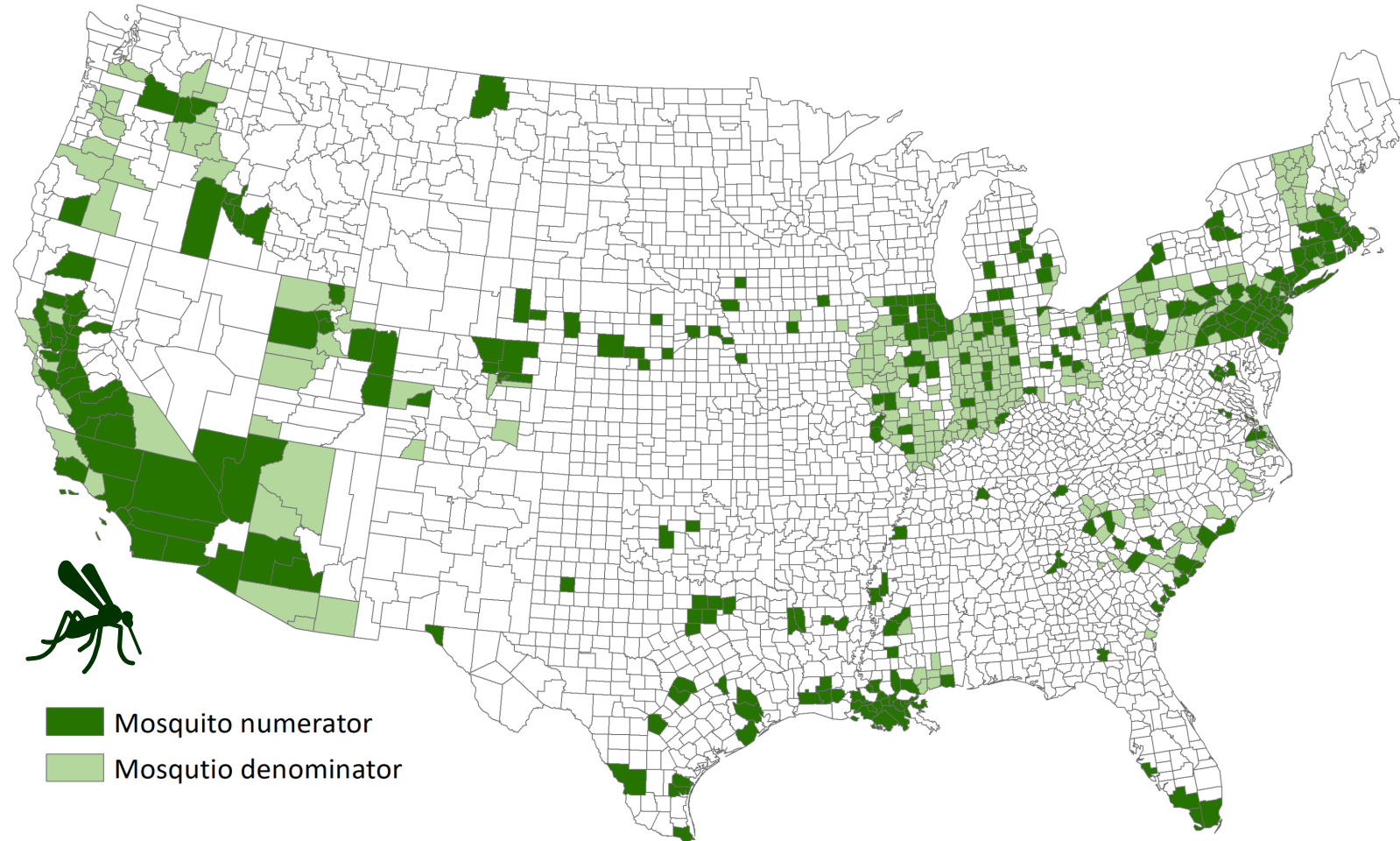
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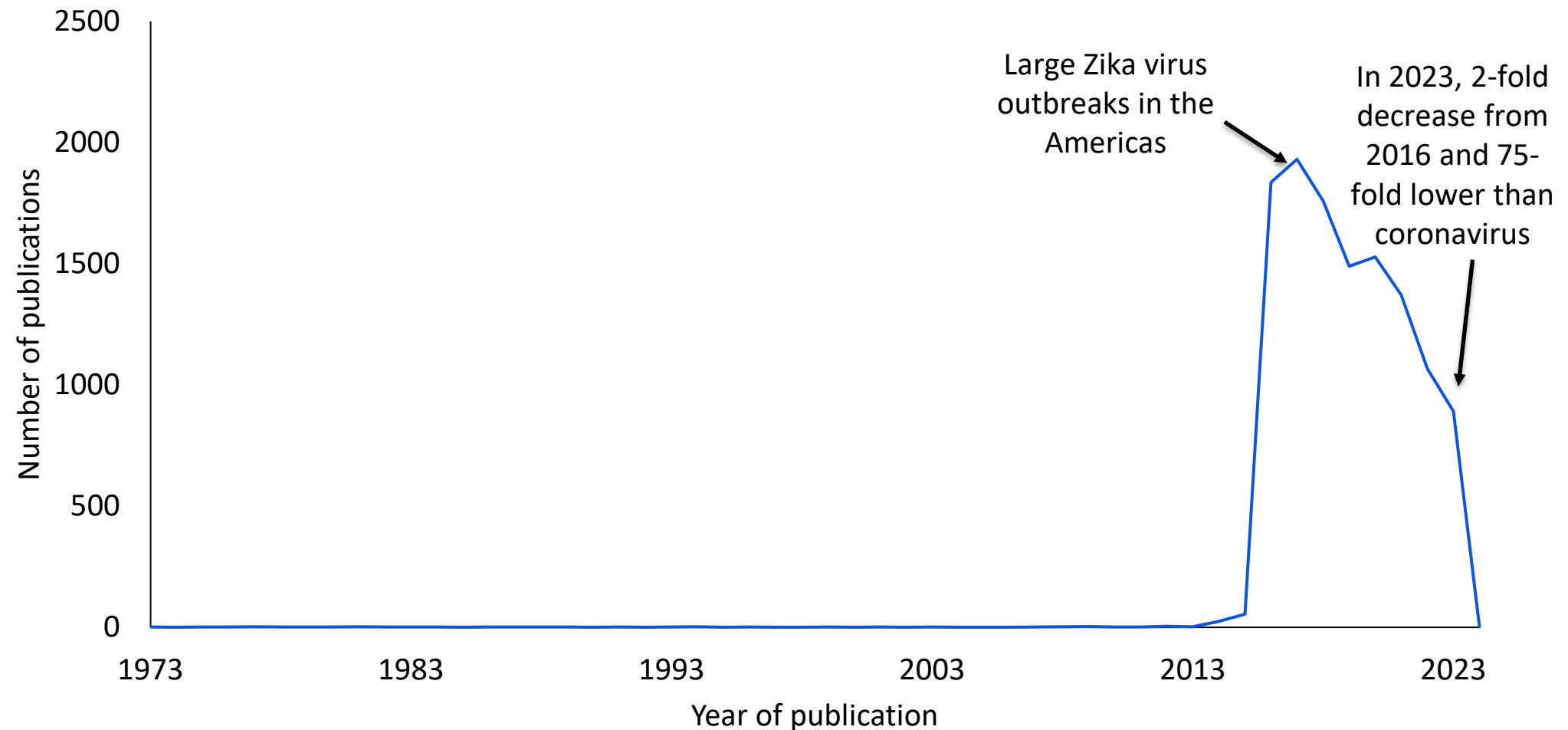


Awareness and surveillance infrastructure important for detecting, monitoring, and control efforts

- Most recent arboviral disease outbreaks relied on detection of human disease cases or atypical findings
- Arboviral disease surveillance optimally should include human, vector, and animal components
- Most areas of world lacking vector surveillance and control capacities
- Poor integration of animal data with other surveillance data

Continuing to address knowledge gaps

Last 50 years of Zika virus publications in PubMed



Selected knowledge gaps after Zika virus outbreak in the Americas

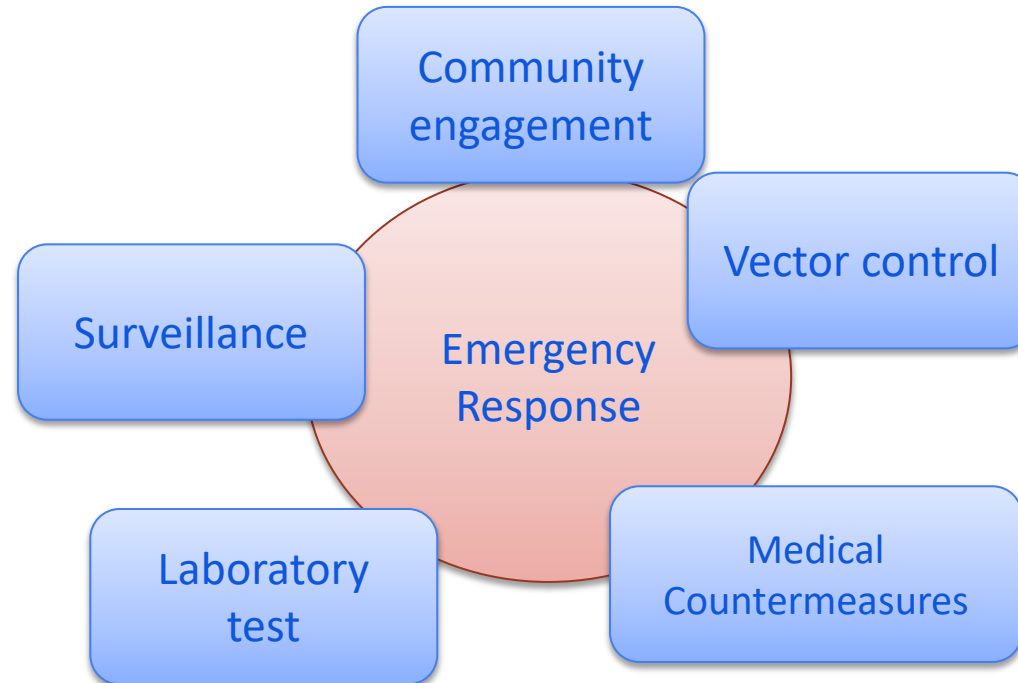
- Potential non-human circulation and endemicity
- Optimal diagnostic testing for congenital Zika virus syndrome
- Potential antibody dependent enhancement with dengue virus infections
- Most important epitopes for vaccine neutralization
- Time interval between outbreaks

Issues for addressing knowledge gaps

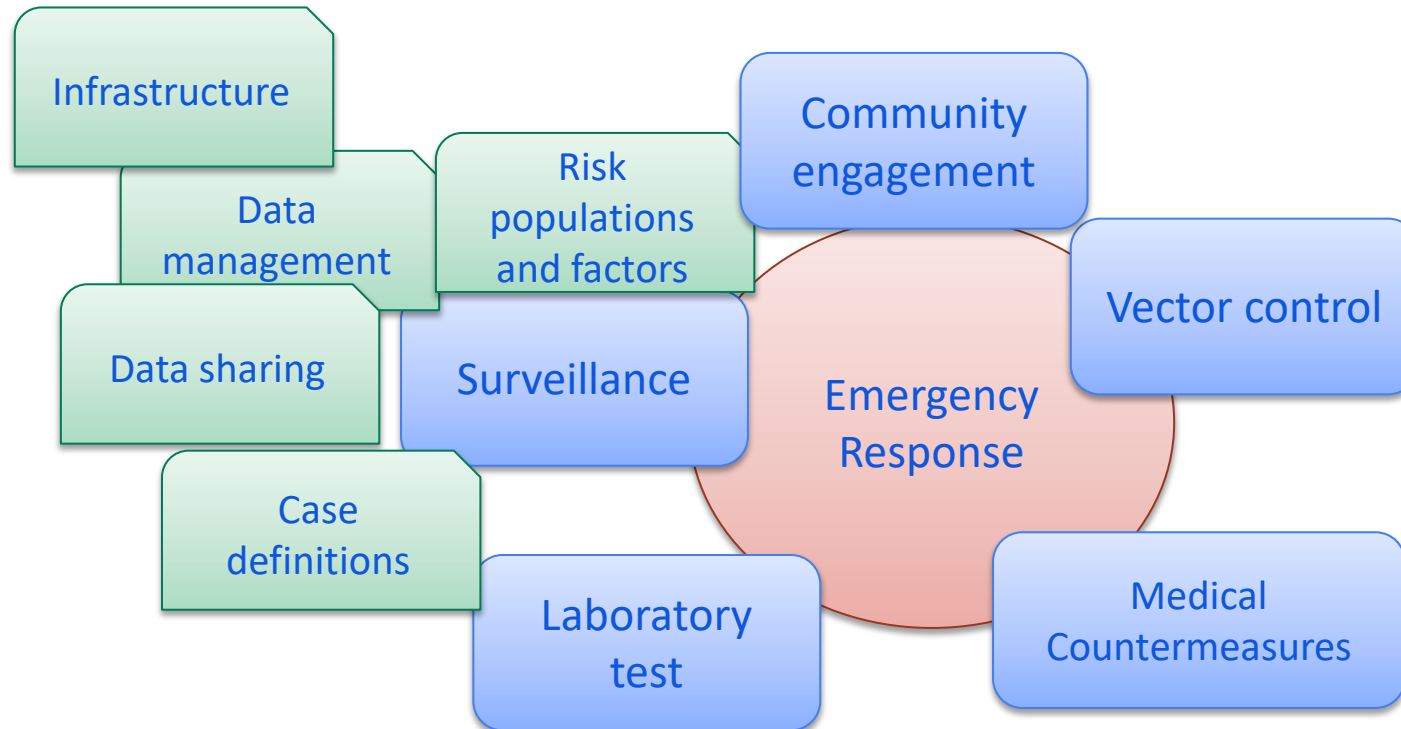
- Lack of sustained funding
- Competing priorities preventing continued efforts
- Need existing protocols and networks readily available to address knowledge gaps
- Improved partnerships between industry, academia, and government to overcome challenges

**Considering alternative agreement and
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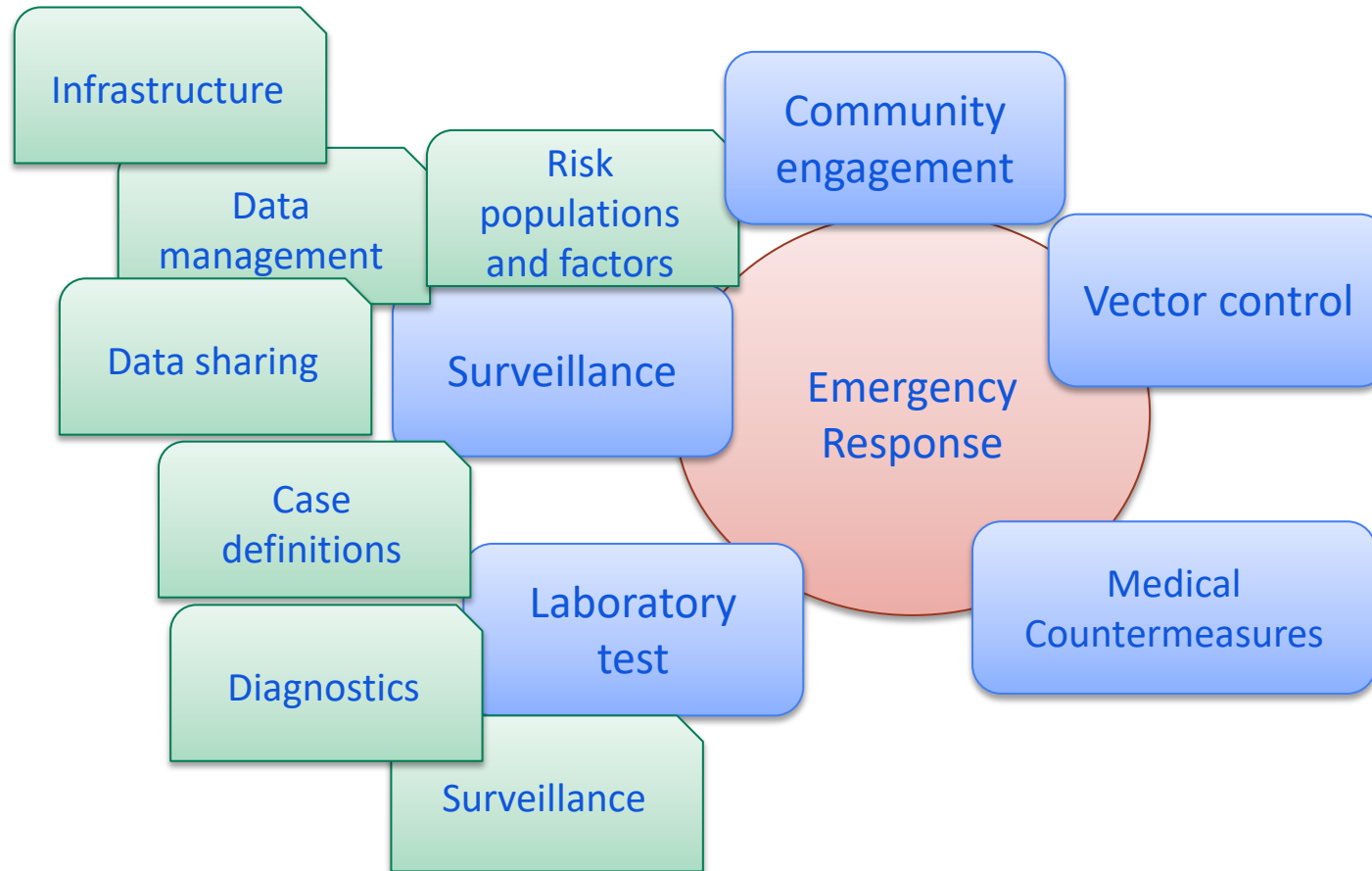
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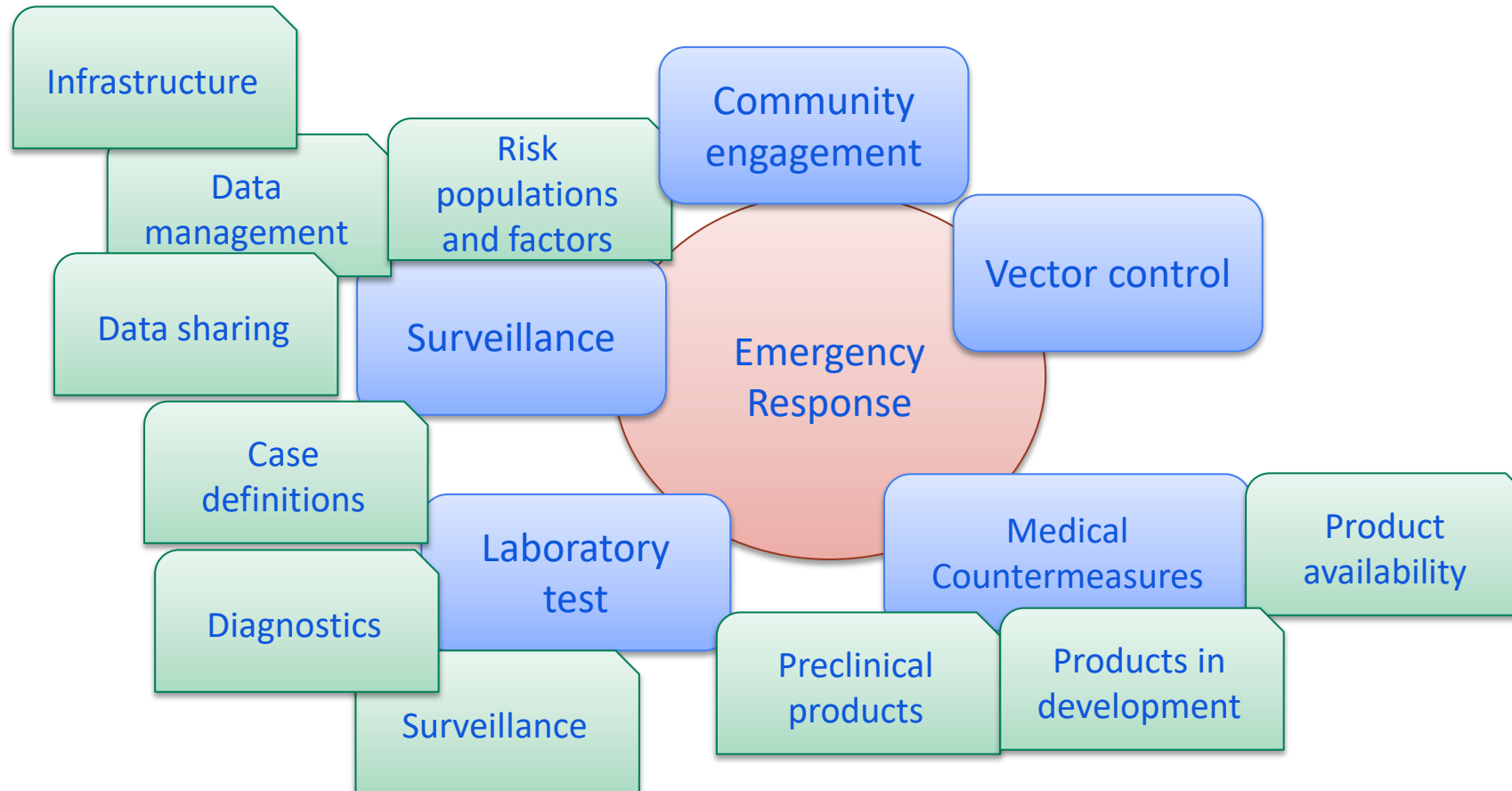
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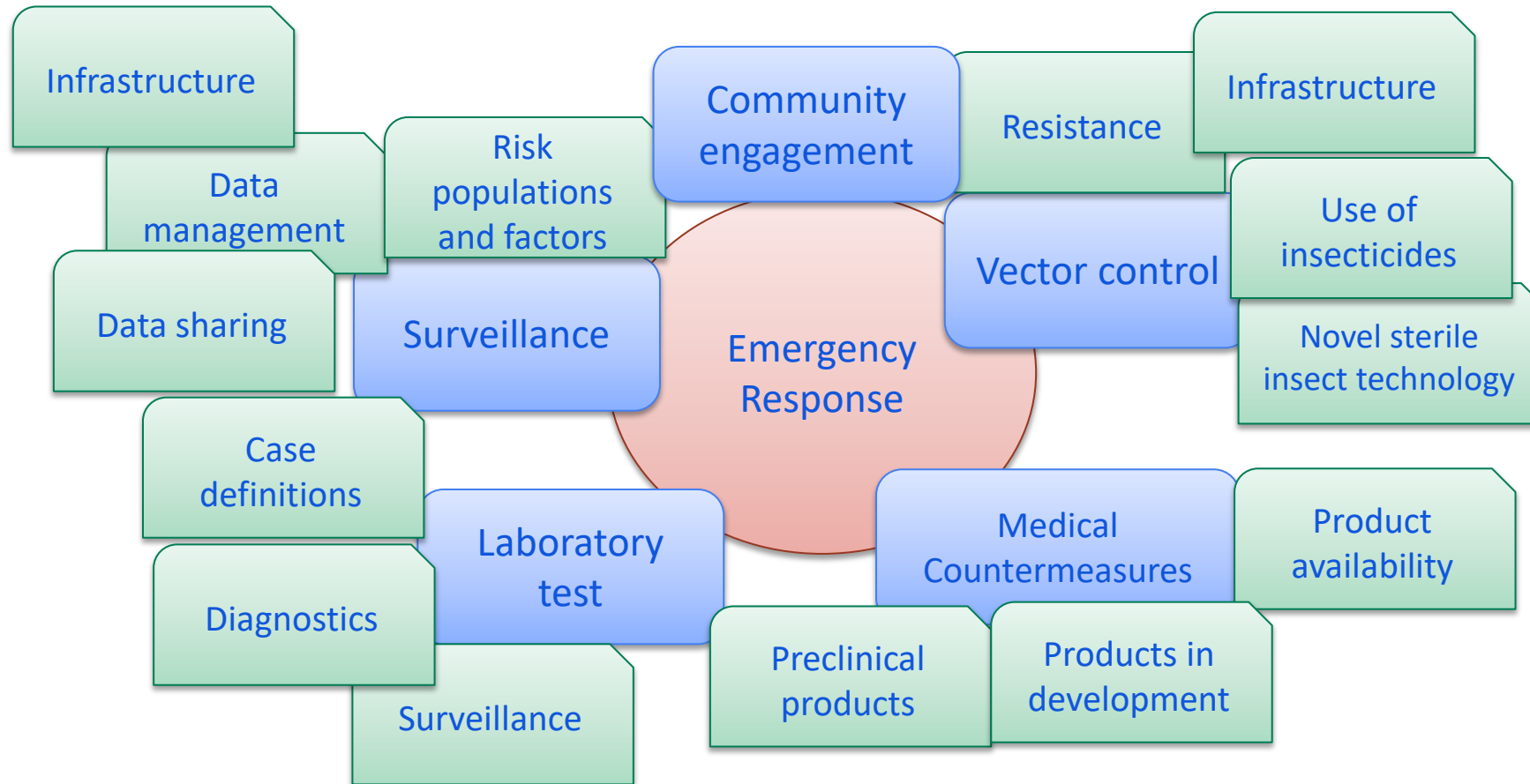
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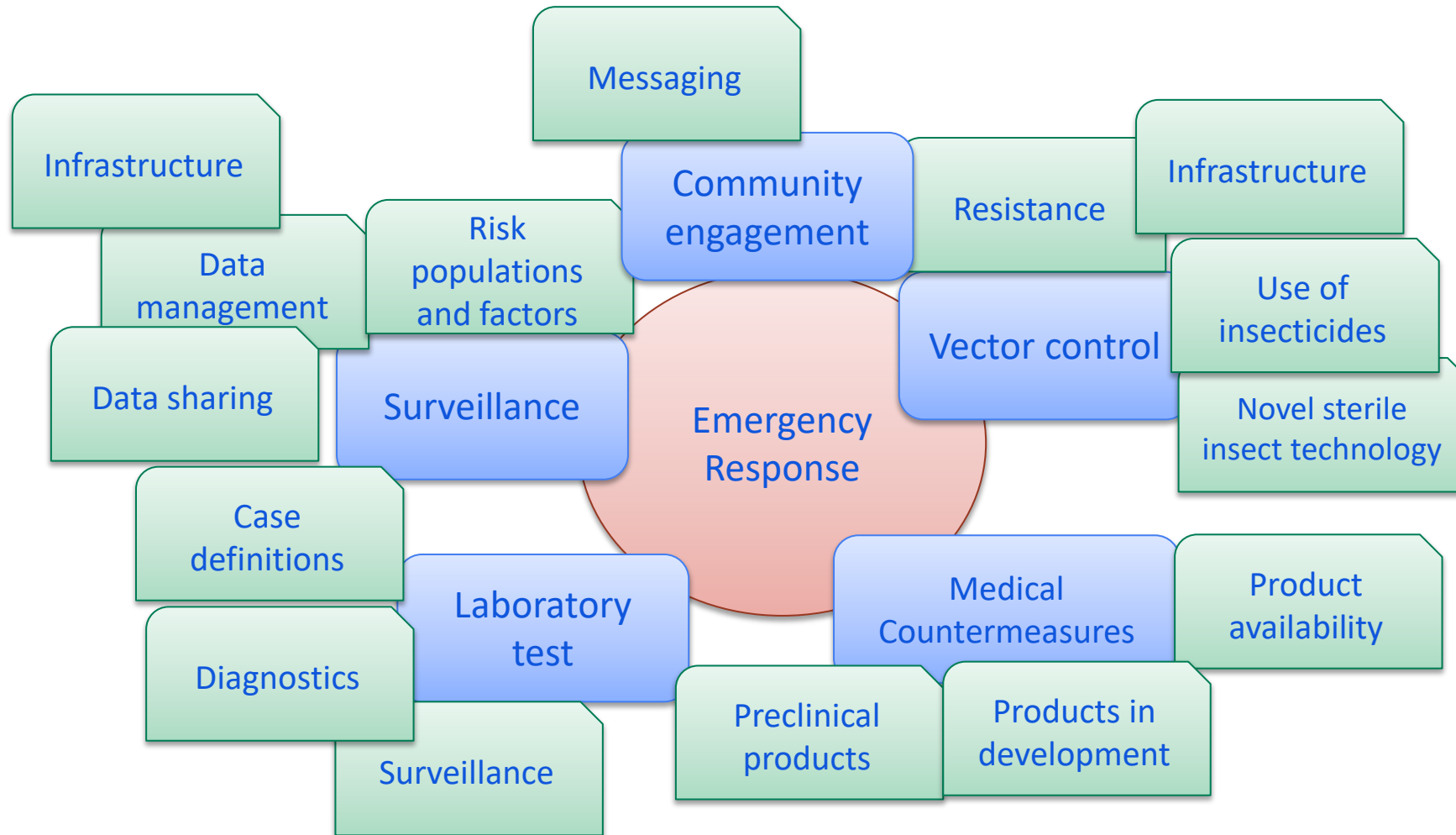
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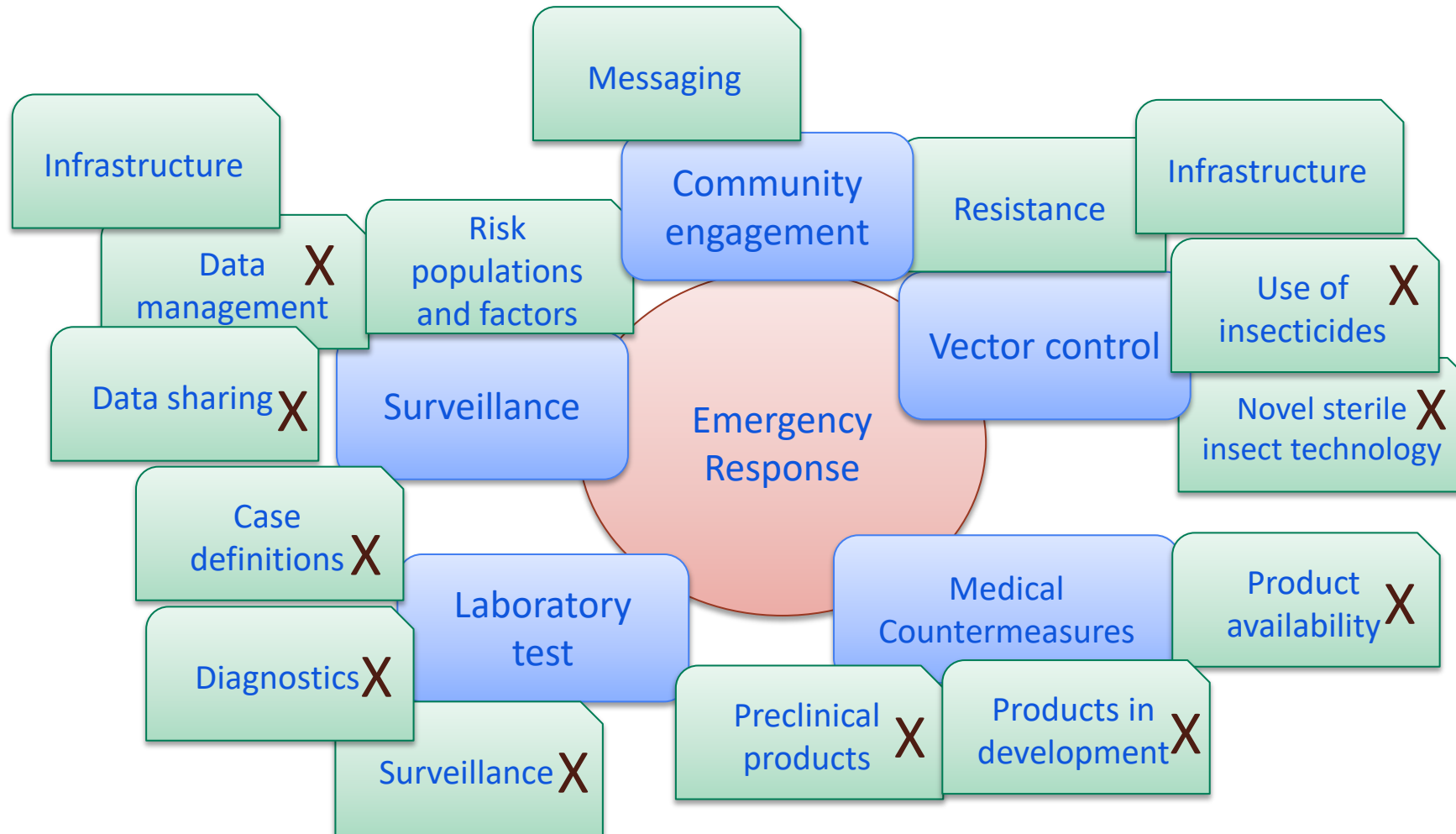
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Intersection of emergency response and regulations



X = Areas subject to agreements and regulations

Issues for areas needing agreement and regulatory approval

- Existing mechanisms not conducive to quick and emerging response
- Increasing regulatory requirements impacting readiness
- Need additional consideration on most appropriate emergency response regulations

Planning for future outbreaks

Considerations to be prepared to response to next arboviral disease outbreak

- Expect the unexpected
- Define hot spots for emergence of various arboviral diseases and target for network sites
- Develop regulatory pathways to preapprove common arboviral test platforms (e.g., ELISA)
- Foster more open regulatory discussions for countermeasures to allow obstacles to be addressed more proactively
- Advance considerations for alternative mosquito control techniques for multiple mosquitoes' species
- Evolve relationship of public and private entities to coordinate efforts

Questions

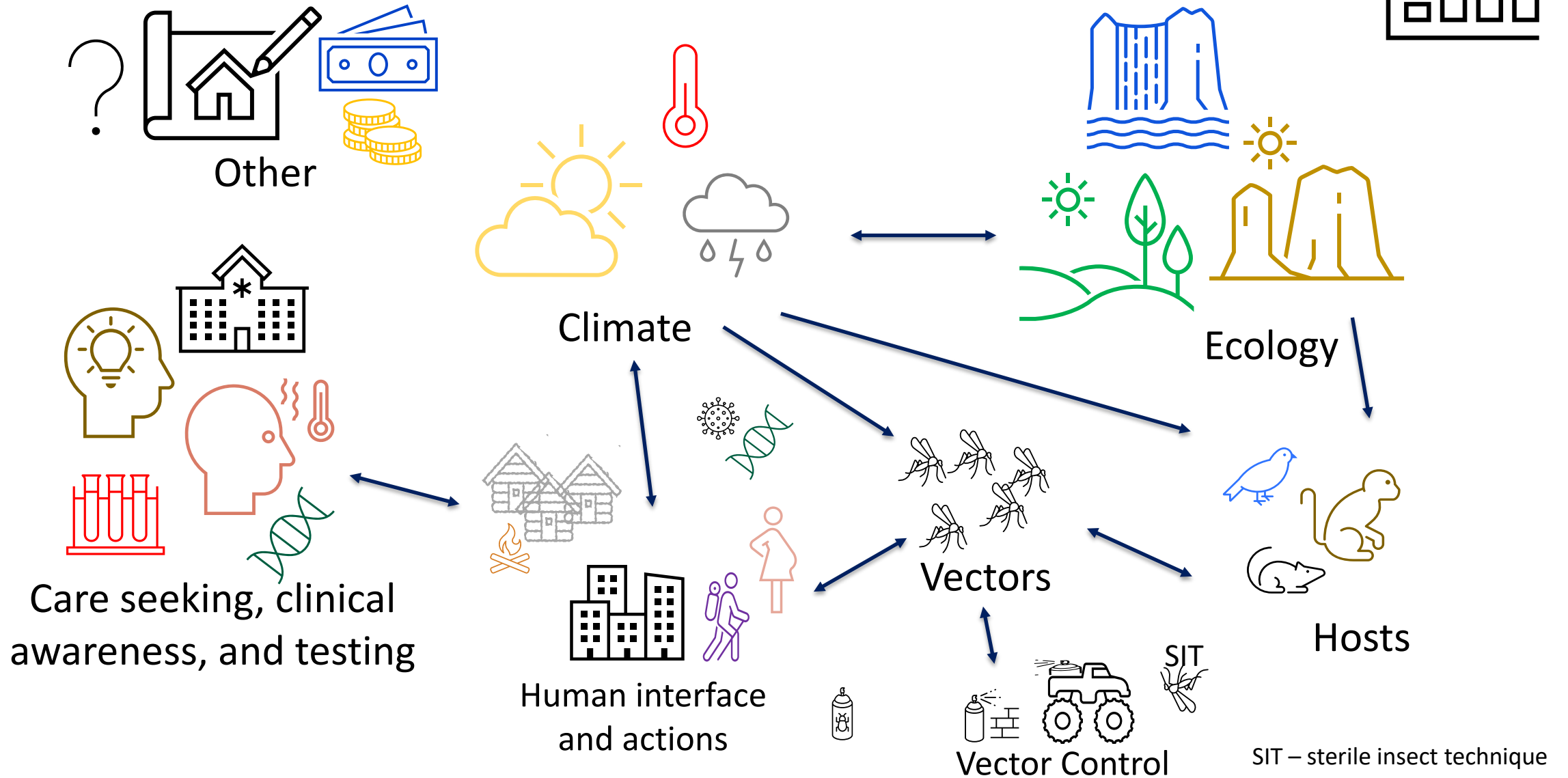
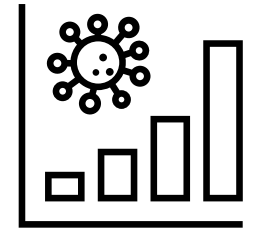
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Arboviral diseases impacted by several factors



Networks created to prepare for next outbreak

- **Zika Preparedness Latin American Network (ZikaPLAN)** research consortium funded by the European Commission with primary goal of addressing knowledge gaps related to Zika epidemic and secondary goal of establishing Latin American-European research network for emerging vector-borne diseases
- **Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases (CREID)** from NIH is multidisciplinary investigations into how and where viruses and other pathogens emerge from wildlife and spillover to cause disease in people
 - 10 funded sites covering Africa, Central and South America, and Southeast Asia