### THE CHALLENGE OF VALIDATION OF ELIMINATION

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## Process of validation of elimination of kala-azar as a public health problem in South-East Asia

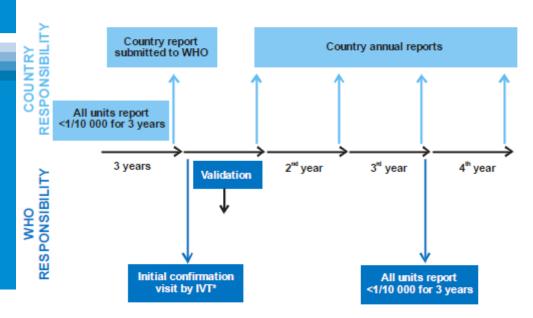


#### **Preconditions:**

- 1. National strategic guideline for KEP
- 2. Adequate health services for early detection, treatment & follow-up
- 3. Adequate epidemiological surveillance system
- 4. Integrated vector control management



Figure 3: Timeline for validation and revalidation of KA elimination



### Challenges

#### **Issues with elimination target:**

- 1/10,000 = still high numbers in densely-populated areas
- Unaccounted cases in non-programme areas
- $R_0$ ?

#### Issues with tools/approaches:

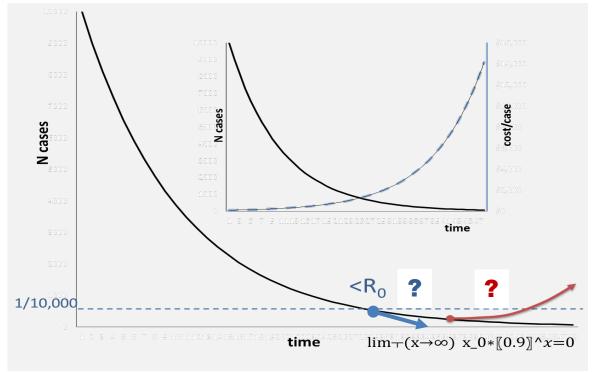
- No PoC antigen detection test but antibody detection OK for elimination
- No vaccine for eradication
- Sustainable case-detection and vector-control systems; vertical vs. integrated programmes
- New priorities, diverted resources
- Cases missed by index-case & camps; delays community health workers; EWARS

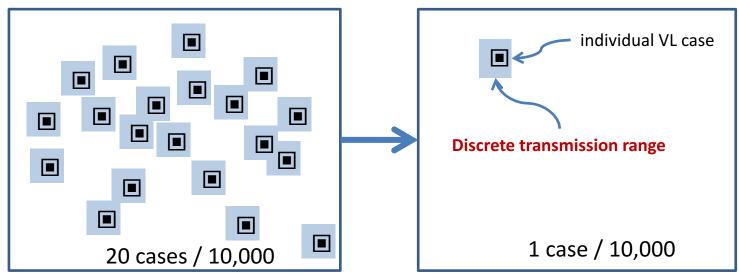
Open questions: role of subclinical and PKDL cases in transmission

→ Elimination of transmission (zero-transmission)















RESEARCH ARTICLE

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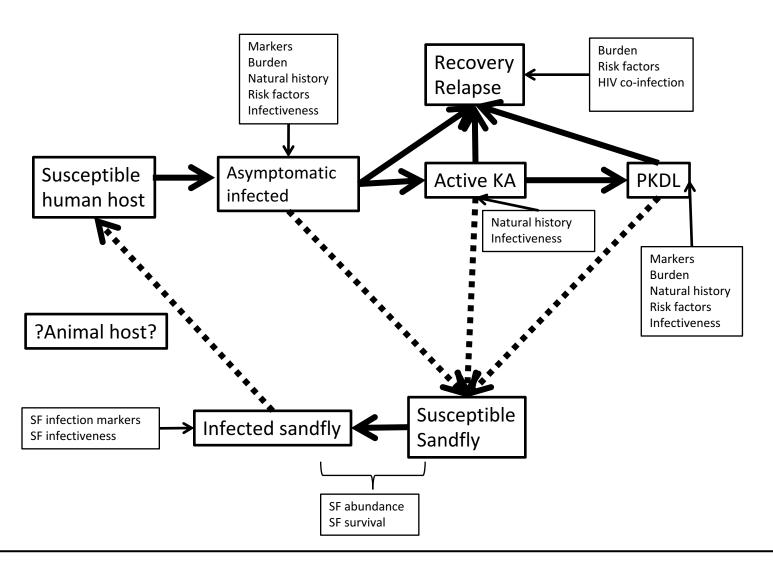
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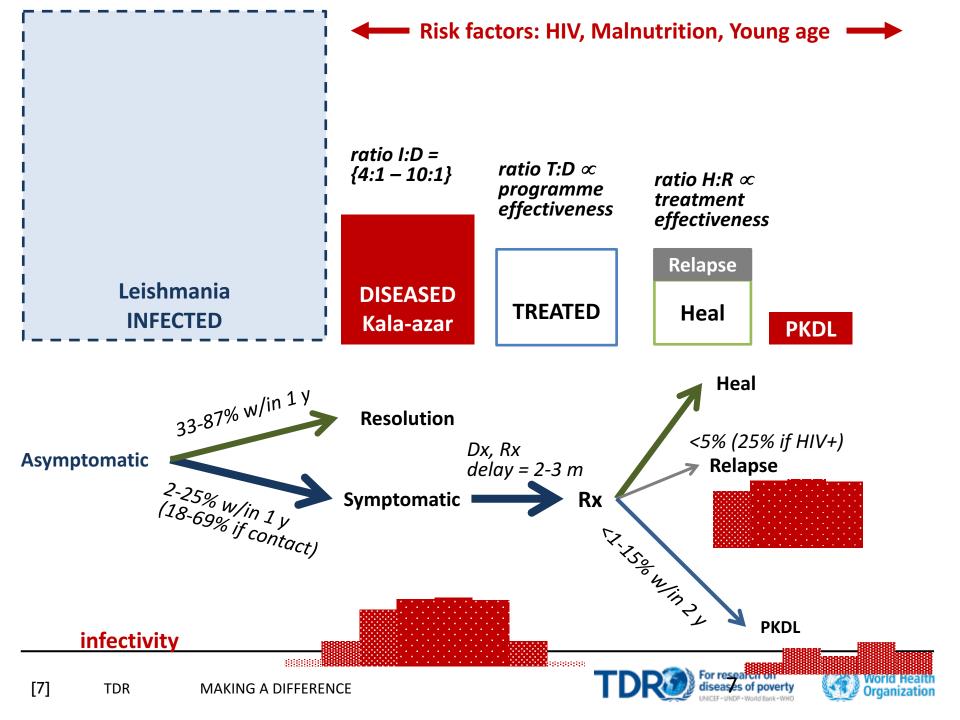


#### Transmission dynamics: conceptual framework









# TDR involvement in research to inform KEP strategy

