

LAY MANAGEMENT OF MALARIA IN BARINGO COUNTY

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Background

Malaria is endemic in Baringo County. It causes morbidity, mortality and losses in human productivity despite availability of reliable control measures.

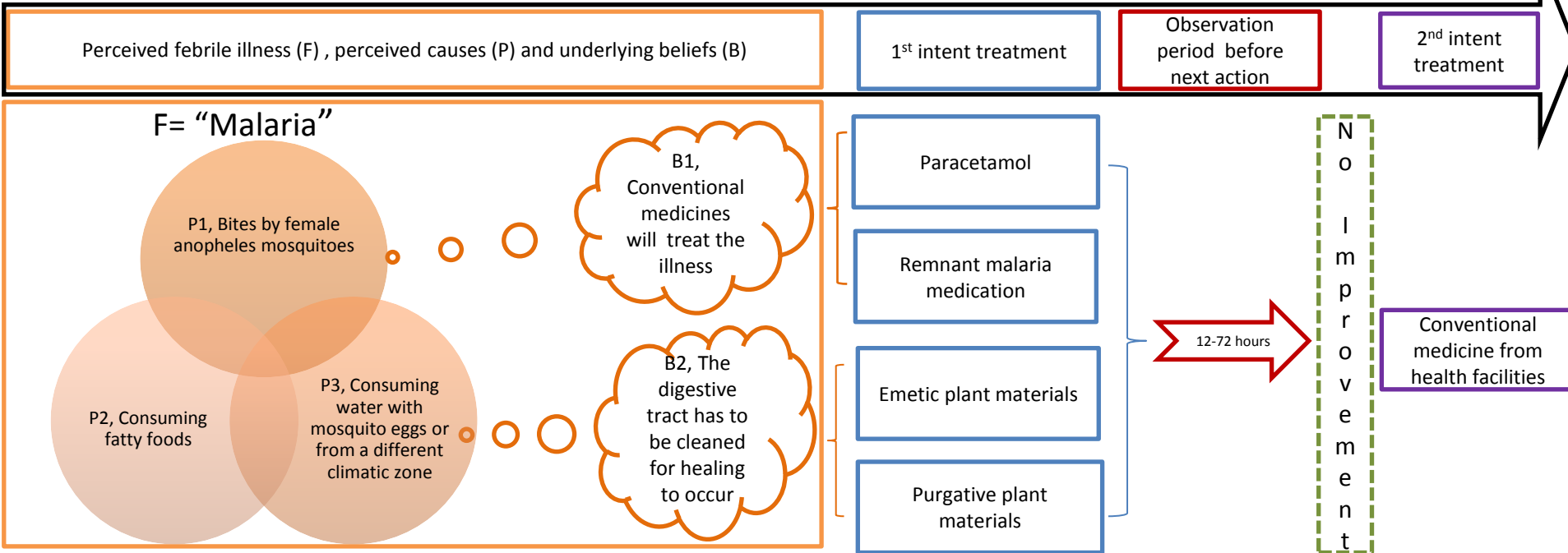
Objective

To assess how people's perceptions influence their adaptive responses to malaria.

Methodology

In an ongoing cross-sectional study on community adaptation to malaria and Rift Valley fever in Baringo County, Kenya, data on lay management of malaria were collected through 16 focus group discussions (8 men only and 8 women only) and 10 key informant interviews (5 men and 5 women) among the Tugen and Ilchamus communities.

Preliminary Findings



CONCLUSIONS

- Lay beliefs of communities in Baringo influence their treatment seeking behaviour.
- Communities in Baringo utilize both traditional and conventional medicines in treating malaria.

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