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Increased incidence of acute parvovirus B19 infections in Marseille, France, in 2012 compared with the 2002–2011 period

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Human parvovirus B19 occurs worldwide and causes mild or asymptomatic disease in the form of cyclic local epidemics usually occurring in late winter and early summer. In 2012, a dramatic increase in cases was observed in the Public hospitals system of Marseille, with a total of 53 cases reported. Here, we describe the characteristics of this outbreak and compare it with the local epidemiology of B19V infections observed during the 2002–2011 period.