

[TABLE 5]

Trait	Ebola	Marburg	MERS <sup>a</sup>	SARS <sup>b</sup>	Enterovirus D68
Year identified	1976	1967	2012–2013	2002–2003	1962
Locus	Africa	Origin is Central Europe	Arabian peninsula	South China	North America
Type of virus	Filovirus	Filovirus	Coronavirus	Coronavirus	Rhinovirus
Type of illness	Hemorrhagic fever	Hemorrhagic fever	Respiratory	Respiratory	Respiratory
Person-to-person transmission	Contact with fluids	Contact with fluids	Unclear	Contact with fluids	Contact with aerosol
Degree of contagion	High	High	Low	High	High
Aerosol	No	No	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Fatality (%)	50–90	24–88	~30	~10	<1
Known cases (no.)	>10,000	>570	>830	>8,200	>500
Known deaths (no.)	>5,000	>470	>290	>775	<10
a. Middle East respiratory syndrome					
b. Severe acute respiratory syndrome					

Table 5. Comparison of ebola and other emerging infectious diseases in the news. Sources: *Clinical Lab Products*. What You Need to Know About the Ebola Outbreak, *The Times of India*, NYT News Service, October 1, 2014; available at: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/What-you-need-to-know-about-the-ebola-outbreak/articleshow/43962114.cms>. Accessed December 8, 2014.