1. Malaria caused by the parasite Plasmodium Vivax has historically been a neglected disease.

2. P. Vivax/Malaria has the widest geographical distribution in the world.

3. There are 5 species of parasites that cause malaria in humans:
   - Plasmodium falciiparum
   - Plasmodium vivax
   - Plasmodium ovale
   - Plasmodium malariae
   - Plasmodium knowlesi

4. P. Vivax has developed resistance to chloroquine and other drugs.

5. P. Vivax can lie dormant in the liver for weeks, months, and even years. This latent form of the parasite, called the hypnozoite, can cause relapse even long time after infection.


7. P. Vivax/Malaria research is extremely difficult because no one has succeeded in growing the parasite in the laboratory.

It will not be possible to eradicate malaria until the problem of P. vivax is properly addressed.

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