

## Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV)

**Prelims:** *Current events of National and International Importance.*

### **Why in the news?**

*Recently, A man in New South Wales has died from Australian bat lyssavirus..*



- **Treatment and cure** - It is extremely rare to see a case of Australian bat lyssavirus, there is no effective treatment for it.
  - If bitten or scratched by a bat, apply an antiseptic with anti-virus action.
  - Require treatment with rabies immunoglobulin and rabies vaccine.
- **Prevention** - It is better to stay away from handling bats, especially without proper vaccination and training.
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- People should avoid touching or handling bats, as any bat in Australia could carry lyssavirus.

*First identified in 1996, by scientists at the national science agency CSIRO, who examined brain tissue from a flying fox that had been showing “nervous signs” in New South Wales.*

- **Severity** - It is fatal, only four cases including this one, have been confirmed in Australia, all of which have resulted in death.

## References

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