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## Disease Occurrence -- Worldwide

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### General

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### Iraq

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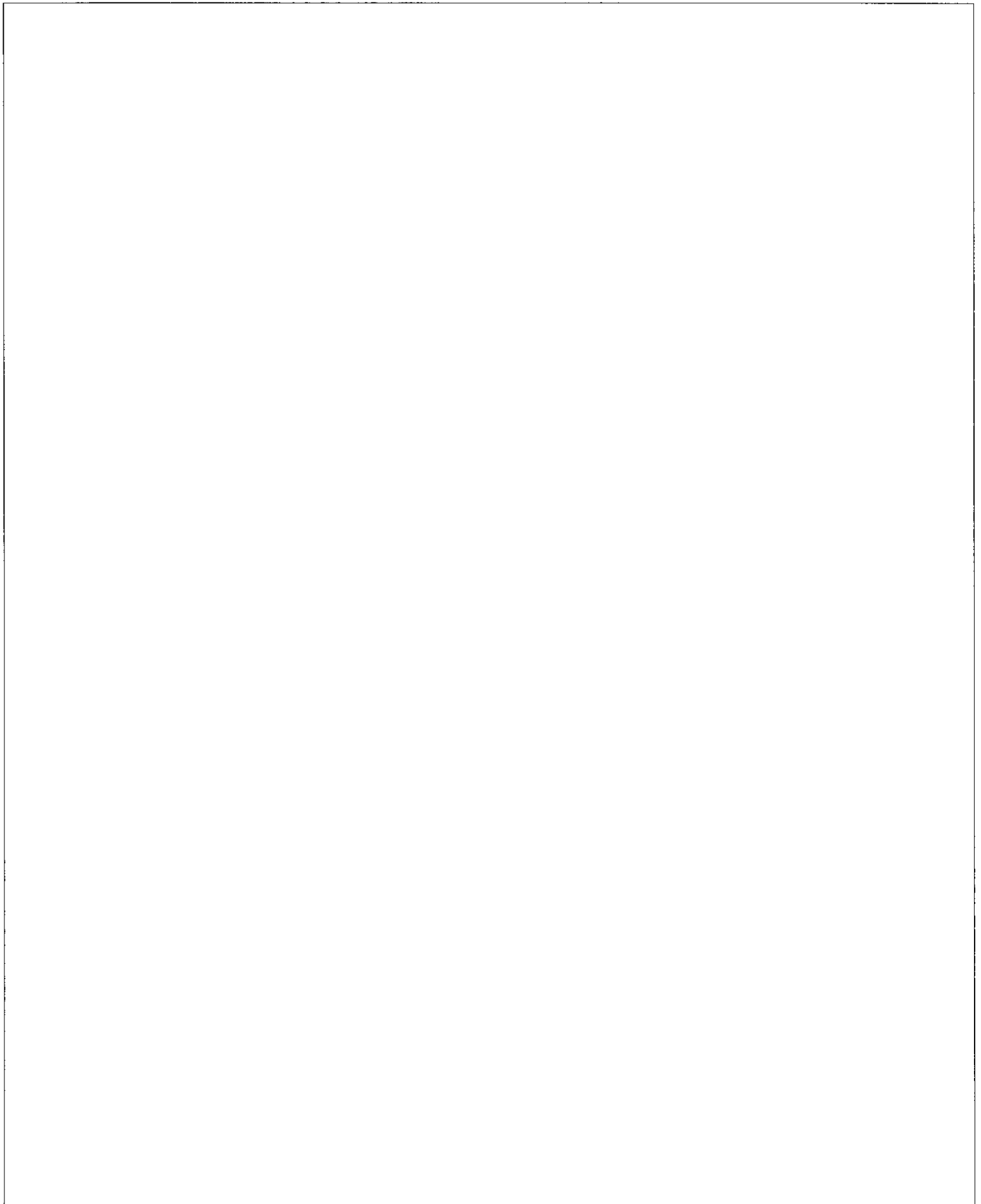
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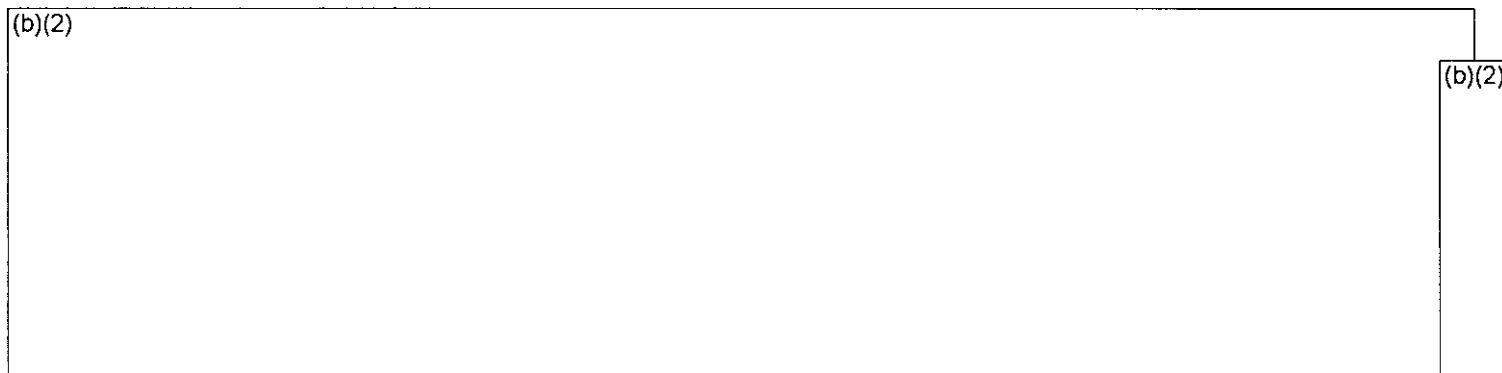
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