

Understanding the ecology and economics of pandemics

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Economic Impact of Emerging Diseases



W. African Ebola outbreak 2013-15











USG ~\$6.18 Billion Ebola Emergency Request

Immediate Response				
Department	Amount (\$ in billions)			
HHS	2.43			
USAID	1.98			
Department of State	0.127			
Department of Defense	0.112			
Contingency Fund (Long-term efforts)				
Department	Amount (\$ in billions)			
USAID and Department of Defense	0.792			
HHS	0.751			

USG ~\$5.4 Billion Ebola Emergency Appropriation

HHS

Immediate Response			
Department	Amount (\$ in billions)		
HHS	2.742		
USAID/Dept of State	2.5		
Department of Defense	0.112		
FDA	0.025		
NIH	0.238		
Contingency Fund (Long-term efforts)			
Department	Amount (\$ in billions)		
USAID and Department of Defense	-		

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Economic modeling

~\$5 Billion is enough to significantly reduce risk of future event

\$100M proposed by WHO is inadequate

To optimize prevention of future Ebola outbreaks:

- \$5 Billion as a reserve fund; \$1Bn used to purchase equipment, train staff
- \$4 Billion invested to produce annual return to fund reserve staff, logistics,

Reserve fund functions:

- Mobile laboratories, hospital beds within the region
- Trained nurses, doctors, within high risk countries
- Trained epidemiologists for contact tracing and behavioral risk mitigation
- Similar ethos as Dept of Defense, i.e. surge capacity and significant 'peacetime' redundancy of staff.

Ebolavirus Ecology

Enzootic Cycle

New evidence strongly implicates bats as the reservoir hosts for ebolaviruses, though the means of local enzootic maintainance and transmission of the virus within bat populations remain unknown.

Ebolaviruses:

Ebola virus (formerly Zaire virus) Sudan virus Taï Forest virus Bundibugyo virus Reston virus (non-human)

Epizootic Cycle

Epizootics caused by ebolaviruses appear sporadically, producing high mortality among non-human primates and duikers and may precede human outbreaks. Epidemics caused by ebolaviruses produce acute disease among humans, with the exception of Reston virus which does not produce detectable disease in humans. Little is known about how the virus first passes to humans, triggering waves of human-to-human transmission, and an epidemic.

> Human-to-human transmission is a predominant feature of epidemics.

Following initial human infection through contact with an infected bat or other wild animal, human-to-human transmission often occurs.

Likely Ebola Virus Reservoirs



Epomops franqueti

Myonycteris torquata

Hypsignathus monstrosus Leroy et al. 2005 Nature

Paul Telfer, WCS



Predicted geographical distribution of the three species of Megachiroptera suspected to reservoir Ebola virus.(A) Shows the distribution of the hammer-headed bat (Hypsignathus monstrosus), (B) The little collared fruit bat (Myonycteris torquata) a...





Big Questions for Pandemic Prevention

- 1. Are Emerging Infectious Diseases really on the rise?
- 2. Are there predictable patterns to disease emergence?
- 3. Where will the next pandemic originate?
- 4. Can we allocate resources to control them more strategically?
- 5. Is it more cost-effective to respond to pandemics or to try and pre-empt them?

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Total EID events • 1 • 2-3 • 4-5 • 6-7 • 8-11



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Jones et al. 2008 Nature



Spatial reporting bias by country



Each author's country from every JID paper 1973-2004

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Temporal patterns in EID events



- EID events have increased over time, correcting for reporter bias (GLM_{P,JID} F = 86.4, p <0.001, d.f.=57)
- ~5 new EIDs each year
- ~3 new Zoonoses each year
- Zoonotic EIDs from wildlife
 reach highest proportion in
 recent decade



Quantifying the drivers of EID events

Dependent:

(1) Presence/absence of an EID event in 1 degree grids (using data from 1940-2004)

Independents (calculated over 1990-2000 period):

- (1) Human population density & growth
- (2) Rainfall
- (3) Latitude
- (4) Mammal diversity
- (5) Journal of Infectious Disease reports (reporting bias measure)

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Multivariate spatial logistic regressions split by EID event type

Assumes each mammal species has equal number of potential zoonoses

Pathogen Type No. of EID event grid cells	Zoonotic 244-251		Zoonotic: Wildlife 198-204	
	b	в	b	в
log(JID articles)	0.31-0.33***	1.36-1.39	0.29-0.31***	1.34-1.36
log(Human Pop. Density) (Persons/km ²)	0.48-0.52***	1.61-1.68	0.42-0.48***	1.52-1.61
Human Pop. Growth	0.02-0.41	1.02-1.51	-0.12-0.24	0.89-1.27
Latitude (decimal degrees)	0.01-0.03*	1.01-1.03	0.01-0.02#	1.01-1.02
Rainfall (mm)	0.17x10 ⁻³ -0.37x10 ^{-3#}	1.00-1.00	0.05x10 ⁻³ -0.29x10 ⁻³	1.01-1.01
Wildlife Host Richness	0.36x10 ⁻² -0.64x10 ⁻²	1.00-1.01	0.67x10 ⁻² -0.92x10 ^{-2**}	1.00-1.00
Constant	-13.4712.51***		-12.9611.96***	
Pathogen Type	Drug-Resistant		Vector-Borne	
No. of EID event grid cells	64-68		118-121	
	b	в	b	В
log(JID articles)	0.47-0.53***	1.60-1.69	0.16-0.22***	1.17-1.24
log(Human Pop. Density) (Persons/km ²)	0.99-1.24***	2.69-3.45	0.35-0.50***	1.41-1.66
Human Pop. Growth	1.02-1.53***	2.76-4.62	-0.44-0.06	0.65-1.06
Latitude (decimal degrees)	0.05-0.06**	1.05-1.06	-0.01-0.00	0.99-1.00
Rainfall (mm)	0.37x10 ⁻³ -0.62x10 ⁻³ *	1.00-1.00	0.02x10 ⁻³ -0.35x10 ⁻³	1.00-1.00
Wildlife Host Richness	-0.24x10 ⁻² -0.44x10 ⁻²	1.00-1.00	0.26x10 ⁻² -0.63x10 ⁻²	1.00-1.01
Constant	-27.0323.33***		-12.2010.11***	

Global emerging disease 'hotspots'



Jones et al. Nature 2008

Hotspots II – new variables and methods



	relative influence (%)	std. dev.
population	27.99	2.99
mammal diversity	19.84	3.30
change: pop	13.54	1.54
change: pasture	11.71	1.30
urban extent	9.77	1.62



Hotspots II – influence of each variable



Allen et al., in prep

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Optimal Stopping Problem



Pike et al. PNAS 2014



Simulation results

Critical Damage Level, D*, Mean EID Event Trigger, Z*, Expected First-Passage Time, t*, option value, OV, and Expected Net Present Cost

	Policy option A	Policy option B	Policy option C	Policy option D
	$m_2 = 2.8857$	$m_2 = 2.5651$	$m_2 = 1.9238$	$m_2 = 0.8016$
-	K = \$56.3B	K = \$112.5B	K = \$225.0B	K=\$562.5B
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D^*	<i>\$17.1B</i>	<i>\$20.0B</i>	<i>\$25.7B</i>	\$47.6B
Z^*	237.74	252.61	276.90	336.64
	3	8	15	34
OV	<i>\$98.1B</i>	\$156.2	\$215.2	\$215.1
E^*	\$808.7	\$790.0	\$712.4	\$743.4

Conclusion: Mitigating pandemics is cost-effective, but we need to act rapidly

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Pike et al. PNAS 2014



Global energy-related CO₂ emissions



IEA analysis for 2015 shows renewables surged, led by wind, and improvements in energy efficiency were key to keeping emissions flat for a second year in a row

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Pre-empt or combat, at their source, the first stage of emergence of zoonotic diseases



Which species will the next pandemic emerge from?



Proportion of viruses shared with humans

PREDIC1

THE WORLD'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE ZOONOTIC DISEASE SURVEILLANCE & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

TRAINED 2,500 government personnel, physicians, veterinarians, resource managers, laboratory technicians, hunters, and students on biosafety, surveillance, lab techniques, and disease outbreak investigation.



SAMPLED 56,000+ nonhuman primates, bats, rodents, and other wild animals (including bushmeat samples) at human-wildlife interfaces with high-risk and opportunity for viral spillover from wildlife hosts to humans.



DEVELOPED & OPTIMIZED low-cost viral family level consensus PCR methods and synthetic controls for the detection and discovery of new viruses from the target viral families in 32 labs in 20 developing countries around the world. DETECTED a total of 984 unique viruses in wild animals and humans: 815 novel viruses and 169 known viruses – the most comprehensive viral detection and discovery effort to date.





New Coronaviruses from bats in Mexico



Anthony et. al. 2013 J. Gen Virol.

Ranking risk for zoonotic potential of novel viruses

VIRUS-INDEPENDENT TRAITS





Host species traits, geographic range, relatedness



VIRUS-SPECIFIC TRAITS _

Host breadth/plasticity

RISK OF SPILLOVER



Proportion known zoonoses in virus family







Viral prevalence in host



Epidemiological/ contact interface



Phylogenetic relatedness to known zoonoses



Other virus-specific traits

Coronavirus



A Strategy To Estimate Unknown Viral Diversity in Mammals



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- ~58 unknown viruses in *Pteropus giganteus*
- ~320,000 unknown viruses in all mammals; ~72,152 in the 1,244 known bat species
- One-off cost to identify 100% = \$6.8 Billion
- One-off cost to identify 85% = \$1.4 Billion
- Cost of SARS = \$10-50 Billion
- ~250 bat viruses in last 5 years, 530 total = 7% of the estimated #

Anthony et al. mBio 2013





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USAID PREDICT-2 Geographic Focus

Asia Bangladesh Cambodia China Lao PDR N. India Indonesia Nepal Malaysia Myanmar Thailand Vietnam

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Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus in Bats, Saudi Arabia

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Human-Camel Interface




Where did MERS originate?

 Modeled distribution of MERS-CoV bats

Camel production (FAO)



 Modeled risk of MERS spillover (horn of Africa)

Unidentified MERS-CoV cases:



PREDICT 2: Behavioral Research

- Linking specific behaviors and practices with evidence of spillover
 - Identify relationships between exposure and outcome
 - What are the mechanisms of spillover transmission
- Understand the communities and context within which risk occurs
 - What are the circumstances that increase or decrease risk

Observational Research

- Introduction of research to target community
- Identify individuals of power and influence/barriers to access
- Evaluation of settings of possible disease transmission from animals to humans
- Does not require IRB approval to conduct





Focus group discussions

- Carefully planned and guided discussion
- Captures ideas that people agree on in public
- Targets 'experts' with regular animal contact
- Requires IRB approval and informed consent





Ethnographic interviews

- One-to-one semi-structured interviews
- Learn about daily and household life
- Assess privately held beliefs and experiences
- Requires IRB approval and informed consent



DEEP FOREST

Uganda









Pristine

Intermediate





- Systematic animal sampling
- Broad viral screening
- Human behavioral data collection





Mapping human-animal contact from behavioral surveys



- A) Raw Landscape Development
 Intensity (LDI) Index
 (0=pristine, 1=highly disturbed)
- A) Reclassified LDI (P=Pristine, I=Intermediate, D=disturbed)
- A) Percentage of respondents reporting wildlife consumption
- B) Relative human-animal contact rate





SARS-like CoV locate within SARS cluster



Bats Are Natural Reservoirs of SARS-Like Coronaviruses

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Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) emerged in 2002 to 2003 in southern China. The origin of its etiological agent, the SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV), remains elusive. Here we report that species of bats are a natural host of coronaviruses closely related to those responsible for the SARS outbreak. These viruses, termed SARS-like coronaviruses (SL-CoV), display greater genetic variation than SARS-CoV isolated from humans or from civets. The human and civet isolates of SARS-CoV nestle phylogenetically within the spectrum of SL-CoVs, indicating that the virus responsible for the SARS outbreak was a member of this coronavirus group.

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survey bats in the search for the natural reservoir of SARS-CoV.

In this study, conducted from March to December of 2004, we sampled 408 bats representing nine species, six genera, and three families, from four locations in China (Guangdong, Guangxi, Hubei, and Tianjin) after trapping them in their native habitat (Table 1). Blood, fecal, and throat swabs were collected; serum samples and cDNA from fecal or throat samples were independently analyzed, double-blind, with different methods in Wuhan and Geelong (14).

Among six genera of bat species surveyed (Rousettus, Cynopterus, Myotis, Rhinolophus, Nyctalus, and Miniopterus), three communal, cave-dwelling species from the genus Rhinolophus (horseshoe bats) in the family Rhinolophidae demonstrated a high SARS-CoV antibody prevalence: 13 out of 46 bats (28%) in R. pearsoni from Guangxi, 2 out of 6 bats (33%) in R. pussilus from Guangxi, and 5 out

Li et al. (2005) Science 310: 676-679







Ge et al. (2013) Nature

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Wildlife Trade in China

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- Reduces blood viscosity
- Anti-inflammatory





With local township hospital president



Human investigation Questionnaire Implementation







Human investigation

oropharyngeal swab samples collection



Human investigation Blood samples collection



Human investigation Blood pressure test



Human investigation

provided a container for stool samples instructions for collecting uncontaminated samples





















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Conversion: Benefits

Benefits

- Meet global demand for goods and services
- Generate household
 income
- Regional/national economic growth





Conversion: Costs



<u>Costs</u>

- Converting land costs money
 - clearing forest
 - cultivating field
- Maintaining land productivity
 - fertilizer
 - irrigation
- Lost ecosystem benefits
 - Abiotic and biotic services
 - Naturally derived products
 - Exposure to disease

How much to convert?



Brazilian Amazon



deforestation and malaria in Sabah, MY



Deforested area in Sabah – Malaysia (red) and the number of cases of Malaria in blue (2001 – 2013) (Zambrana-Torrelio unpub. data)

Similar trends observed in Brazil (Olson et al. 2010) and Indonesia (Garg 2015)
Simulations: Sabah





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