# **Biodiversity Loss and Emerging Infectious Disease**



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# **Emerging Pandemic Threat**

Common (most likely) features 1. New pathogen or a new strain of a pathogen 2. Initiated by effective contact with an animal 3. Propagated by human-to-human transmission 4. Humans lack prior immunity



# Putting aside Major infectious diseases of the 21st century

Endemic or seasonally epidemic zoonotic diseases

such as brucellosis, rabies, plague, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, leptospirosis, bovine tuberculosis, cysticercosis, echinococcosis, trypanosomiasis, toxoplasmosis, anthrax, cholera, Q fever, Chagas disease, Rift Valley fever, etc . . .

Routinely transmitted between animals and humans, causing persistent and serious burden to public health and development, not to mention millions of deaths every year

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# Something NEW under the sun

### Or something old that just hasn't emerged into humans yet . . . . .



Detected 55 viruses in nine viral families in *Pteropus giganteus* in this one mammal species Estimate a minimum of 320,000 mammalian viruses awaiting discovery

Anthony SJ, Epstein JH, Murray KA, Navarrete-Macias I, Zambrana-Torrelio CM, Solovyov A, Ojeda-Flores R, Arrigo NC, Islam A, Ali Khan S, Hosseini P, Bogich TL, Olival KJ, Sanchez-Leon MD, Karesh WB, Goldstein T, Luby SP, Morse SS, Mazet JAK, Daszak P, Lipkin WI. 2013. A strategy to estimate unknown viral diversity in mammals. mBio 4(5):e00598-13. doi:10.1128/mBio.00598-13.

# The "Zoonotic Pool"

Millions of viruses, some of which could be pre-adapted to be zoonotic, or be evolving to be zoonotic



# As yet undiscovered zoonoses

### Bat Missing Zoonoses



Rodent Missing Zoonoses



Olival et al. 2017, Nature

# Theoretical relationship between Biodiversity and Emerging Infectious Disease



# **Biodiversity Loss and Emerging Infectious Disease**

Biodiversity (presumably)

### Human abundance (obviously)



### Theoretical relationship between Biodiversity and Emerging Infectious Disease



# A Role for Biodiversity in Lowering Disease Risk

Community composed mainly of mice and chipmunks

# The "Dilution Effect"

Risk of Lyme Disease in eastern New York, US

Loss of biodiversity, towards selection of a couple highly competent hosts (mice, chipmunks) in the community, results in greater tick infection prevalence; whereas, increasing the presence of Host X (eg an incompetent host), results in decreased tick infection prevalence

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### Zoonoses: Variability in Potential for Spillover and Human-to-Human Spread



Viruses grouped according to their abilities to cause primary and secondary human cases (adapted from Wolfe et al, 2007)

# Looking at Similarities in Hosts across Flaviviruses



Predicting wildlife reservoirs and global vulnerability to P. Pandit<sup>1</sup>, M. Doyle<sup>1,</sup> K. Smart<sup>2</sup>, C. Young<sup>1</sup>, G. Drape<sup>2</sup>, C.K. Johnson<sup>1</sup> zoonotic Flaviviruses

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### Similarities across Flaviviruses: Co-occurrence of Potential Hosts

Yellow Fever and Zika Virus



Based on significant host traits, what are the most likely hosts? Where do these host co-occur? Could they contribute to establishment of a sylvatic cycle given virus circulation in humans?



Similarities across all Zoonotic Viruses: Propensities for Species to Share Viruses with People



Based on # of species in an order

Based on abundance

# Variability in Risk of Spillover (in order of importance of effect)

| Variables   | IRR** | 95% CI        | P-Value |
|---|-------|---------------|---------|
| Trends in Species Declines***                                       |       |               |         |
| Least concern increasing  | 1.320 | (1.03, 1.69)  | 0.026   |
| Least concern decreasing  | 0.600 | (0.47, 0.76)  | < 0.001 |
| Near threatened decreasing  | 0.365 | (0.25, 0.54)  | < 0.001 |
| Vulnerable threatened status  | 0.110 | (0.06, 0.19)  | < 0.001 |
| Endangered threatened status  | 0.107 | (0.06, 0.19)  | < 0.001 |
| Critically endangered threatened status                             | 0.049 | (0.02, 0.11)  | < 0.001 |
| Data deficient/unknown population trend                             | 0.511 | (0.41, 0.63)  | < 0.001 |
| IUCN Criteria for Threatened Status****                             |       |               |         |
| Population size reduction by direct observation (A1, A2, A4(a))     | 3.223 | (2.00, 5.18)  | < 0.001 |
| Decline in area of occupancy or habitat quality (A1-4(c))           | 2.229 | (1.27, 3.90   | 0.005   |
| Population size reduction based on levels of exploitation (A1-4(d)) | 2.268 | (1.35, 3.80)  | 0.002   |
| Small extent of occurrence (B1)                                     | 0.230 | (0.09, 0.60)  | 0.003   |
| Taxonomic Order****   |       |               |         |
| Primates  | 2.098 | (1.73, 2.54)  | < 0.001 |
| Chiroptera  | 1.425 | (1.22, 1.66)  | < 0.001 |
| Domesticated species  | 8.990 | (6.92, 11.68) | < 0.001 |



- Most common species, especially species that are increasing in numbers, have shared more viruses with people
- Species that were less studied, had fewer zoonotic viruses (recognized)
- Species with small extent of occurrence had shared fewer viruses
- Primates and bats!
- Domesticated species

# Variability in Spillover Risk – due to animal-human interactions

- Species that declined because of exploitation and habitat loss shared more viruses with people
- Exploitation of wildlife through hunting and the wild animal trade increased opportunities for close contact between animals and humans
- Anthropogenic activities causing declines in habitat quality, such as deforestation, development, and conversion to cropland-increased opportunities for animal-human interactions

#### Number of zoonotic viruses among threatened species

#### IUCN RED LIST CRITERIA TO EVALUATE FOR THREATENED CATEGORY Population size reduction A1. Population reduction observed, estimated, inferred, Artiodactvla Primate Chiroptera or suspected in the past where causes of the reduction are clearly reversible AND understood AND have ceased. A2. Population reduction observed, estimated, inferred, or suspected in the past where the causes of reduction may not have ceased OR may not be understood OR may Perissodactyla Proboscidea Carnivora Diloca not be reversible. A3. Population reduction projected, inferred or suspected to be met in the future. A4. An observed, estimated, inferred, projected or suspected population reduction where the time period must include both the past and the future, and where the causes of reduction may not have OR may not be understood OR may not be reversible. A1-A2 & A4 due to direct observation (a) A1-A4 due to an index of abundance appropriate to taxon (b) A1-A4 due to a decline in the area of occupancy, extent of occurrence and/or habitat quality (c) A1-A4 due to exploitation (d) A1-A4 due to effects of introduced taxa, hybridization, pathogens, pollutants, competitors, or parasites (e)

# Human Activities Implicated in Spillover Events



Direct and indirect contact with wildlife

www.nature.com/scientificreports

Bunyaviridae, Flaviviridae, Togaviridae, Arenaviridae, Rhabdoviridae, Poxviridae, Filoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Retroviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Picornaviridae, Reoviridae, Bornaviridae, Coronaviridae, Hepevirida, Herpesviridae

### Relationship between Biodiversity and Emerging Infectious Disease



# Not to discount the urban environment

- Rapid trend toward urbanization over past half century
- Decreases biodiversity overall, increases abundance of adaptable species that benefit from close relationship with humans

Shenzhen business district and Mai Po marshes of Hong Kong (Karen Seto)

Most people are unaware of the wild animals living amongst us

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#### Animal-Human Interactions and Evolution in the Urban Ecosystem

AMBIO 2015, 44:194-203 DOI 10.1007/s13280-014-0547-2

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#### Adaptive evolution in urban ecosystems

Colin M. Donihue, Max R. Lambert

JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, Oct. 2010, p. 9733–9748 0022-538X/10/\$12.00 doi:10.1128/JVI.00694-10 Copyright © 2010, American Society for Microbiology. All Rights Reserved. Vol. 84, No. 19

Viral Mutation Rates<sup>♥</sup>

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Novel species interactions, at high density



Need for surveillance and monitoring in increasingly humandominated landscapes





# The Challenge

Earlier detection of zoonotic diseases where they are most likely to emerge and re-emerge

Improved understanding of risk at the animal-human interface to inform mitigation







# Partnering with 30 countries 2014-2019

### **Emerging Pandemic Threats Program**

Strengthening capacity for tackling emerging disease threats

Supporting the Global Health Security Agenda in Africa and Asia

Global Health Security Agenda PREDICT-2:Countries

### **Coordinated One Health Surveillance**









Triangulation -

Identify viruses shared among species at high-risk animal-human interfaces





# One Health Surveillance – in partnership with hospitals



To inform on viral causes of fever of unknown origin in the community

Including livelihood, medical history, animal contact, and behavioral surveys









### **One Health Surveillance** ...... 1,539 1,412 624 733 12,826 33,310 18 12,486 .652 32 OTHER as of June 2018 \*\*\*\*\*\*



# **One Health Surveillance**

### <u>Humans</u> sampled to date at high-risk interfaces (by gender)



# **One Health Testing Strategy**

### Priority Zoonotic Diseases with Pandemic Potential

### Multi-valent testing platform Standardized across wildlife, livestock, and people



Consensus PCR - detect known pathogens and variations that will be missed by real-time PCR Next generation sequencing for unbiased detection and to further characterize novel viruses

- Filoviruses (Ebola, Marburg and new variants)
- Influenza viruses (Flu and new variants)
- Coronaviruses (MERS, SARS, and new variants)
- Flaviviruses (YFV, Zika, and new variants)
- Paramyxoviruses (Nipah, Hendra, and new variants)
- Arenaviruses, Bunyaviruses, Rhabdoviruses, Retroviruses



























Number of species tested for each virus detected



Living Safely with Bats

#### BRIEF COMMUNICATION https://doi.org/10.1038/s41564-018-0227-2

nature microbiology

### The discovery of Bombali virus adds further support for bats as hosts of ebolaviruses

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- Benefits and risks from bats
- Reducing risk and contact with bats
- Behavior change towards interventions



variables (L to R): country, habitat, anthropogenic change, primary interface, taxa, and sample type.

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## Preliminary Findings to Date

#### Across all animals sampled

- DNA viruses most commonly shed orally
- RNA viruses mostly shed in feces and urine

# RNA viruses were most commonly found:

- in bats, primates
- in medium markets
- in large markets
- in wildlife restaurants
- near crop growing at site
- near road building at site

| Positive for RNA Virus             | Odds Ratio | P value | 95% Confidence Interval |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Bats                               | 3.358      | < 0.001 | (1.991 - 5.66)          |
| Primates                           | 3.434      | < 0.001 | (2.026 - 5.820)         |
| Blood sample (drop)                | 3.850      | 0.002   | (1.617 - 9.165)         |
| Feces                              | 6.051      | < 0.001 | (4.762 - 7.688)         |
| Oral/Nasal swab                    | 2.745      | < 0.001 | (2.232 - 3.374)         |
| Rectal swab                        | 12.702     | < 0.001 | (10.555-15.285)         |
| Urine                              | 9.026      | < 0.001 | (6.367-12.797)          |
| Urogential swab                    | 3.392      | < 0.001 | (2.456 - 4.685)         |
| Dead (> 48 hrs)                    | 0.315      | < 0.001 | (0.174 - 0.571)         |
| Alive (and non-invasively sampled) | 2.994      | < 0.001 | (2.283 - 3.926)         |
| Pristine habitat                   | 0.406      | < 0.001 | (0.293 - 0.564)         |
| Crop growing                       | 3.603      | < 0.001 | (2.843 - 4.564)         |
| Established village                | 2.092      | < 0.001 | (1.794 - 2.440)         |
| Ongoing road buildling             | 9.938      | < 0.001 | (7.163 - 13.788)        |
| Trade                              | 3.803      | < 0.001 | (2.814 - 5.140)         |
| Medium Market                      | 5.727      | < 0.001 | (3.0134 - 10.885)       |
| Large market                       | 4.478      | < 0.001 | (3.406 - 5.886)         |
| Restaurants                        | 4.971      | < 0.001 | (3.745 - 6.598)         |
| Veterinarians/Researcher           | 4.076      | < 0.001 | (3.229 - 5.145)         |
| Zoo/Sanctuary                      | 2.009      | < 0.001 | (1.421 - 2.842)         |
| Urban unplanned settlement         | 0.398      | 0.001   | (0.235 - 0.676)         |



### Preliminary Findings to Date

#### Host plasticity of viruses



### Virus with High Host Plasticity

Viruses detected in more than one species were most commonly from animals sampled in **large markets**, and **intensive holding facilities** for wildlife

# TOWARD PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

Risk-based surveillance at animal-human interfaces Standardized collaborative data collection Multi-valent approach to detection Data sharing across borders

Long-term longitudinal monitoring











# USAID PREDICT Collaborative Disease Detection Workforce

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### Government Engagement, Policy Change Community Engagement, Behavior Change

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### Data Sharing

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