Spillover: Rethinking our Relationship with Wildlife and Wild Places

Chris Walzer Wildlife Conservation Society





What **do** we know?

- Zoonoses are diseases the move between animals and humans
- Emerging Infectious Diseases
 [EID] are dominated by zoonoses
- 72% of all zoonotic EIDs originate in wildlife
- EID frequency is increasing
 - HIV, EBOLA, H1N1, SARS, NIPAH, HENDRA, H7N9

Furuse et al. Virology Journal 2010, 7:52 http://www.virologyj.com/content/7/1/52



SHORT REPORT

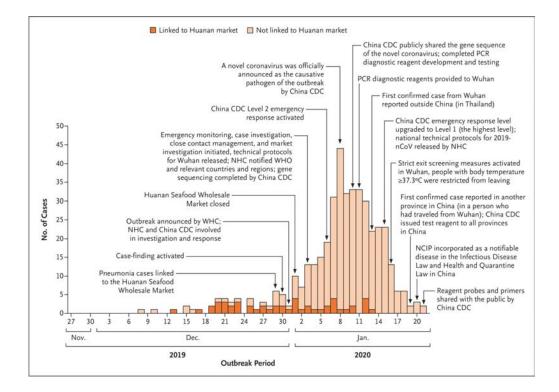
Open Access

Origin of measles virus: divergence from rinderpest virus between the 11th and 12th centuries

Yuki Furuse, Akira Suzuki, Hitoshi Oshitani*



What **do** we know?





Epidemiological and clinical characteristics of 99 cases of 2019 novel coronavirus pneumonia in Wuhan, China: a descriptive study

Nanshan Chen*, Min Zhou*, Xuan Dong*, Jieming Qu*, Fengsun Gong, Yang Han, Yang Qiu, JingliWang, Ying Liu, Yuan Wei, Jia*an Xia, Ting Yu, Ximxin Zhang, Li Zhang

Summary

Background In December, 2019, a pneumonia associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) emerged in Pedadotokin Wuhan, China. We aimed to further clarify the epidemiological and clinical characteristics of 2019-nCoV pneumonia Manual Action 2019 November 2019 November 2019 November 2019 November 2019 Nature Action 2019 November 2019 November 2019 November 2019 November 2019 Nature Action 2019 November 2019 November 2019 November 2019 November 2019 Nature Action 2019 November 2019

Methods In this retrospective, single-centre study, we included all confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in Wuhan Jinyintan Hospital from Jan 1 to Jan 20, 2020. Cases were confirmed by real-time RT-PCR and were analysed for epidemiological, demographic, clinical, and radiological features and laboratory data. Outcomes were followed up until Jan 25, 2020.

Findings Of the 99 patients with 2019-nCoV pneumonia, 49 (49%) had a history of exposure to the Huanan section Trivian Ministry of exposure to the Huanan section Trivian Ministry of the patients was 55-5 years (SD 13-1), including 67 mer and 32 women. 2019-nCoV methods Neurol Low 90%) detected in all patients by real-time RT-PCR. 50 (51%) patients had chronic diseases. Patients Madinical Manifestations of fever (82 [83%] patients), cough [81 [82%] patients), section (31 [31%] patients), muscle actor patients (11 [13]) and the section of the section (11 [13]) and the section (11 [13]

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

€

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Early Transmission Dynamics in Wuhan, China, of Novel Coronavirus–Infected Pneumonia

Qun Li, M.Med., Xuhua Guan, Ph.D., Peng Wu, Ph.D., Xiaoye Wang, M.P.H., Lei Zhou, M.Med., Yeqing Tong, Ph.D., Ruiqi Ren, M.Med.,
Kathy S.M. Leung, Ph.D., Eric H.Y. Lau, Ph.D., Jessica Y. Wong, Ph.D.,
Xuesen Xing, Ph.D., Nijuan Xiang, M.Med., Yang Wu, M.Sc., Chao Li, M.P.H., Qi Chen, M.Sc., Dan Li, M.P.H., Tian Liu, B.Med., Jing Zhao, M.Sc.,
Man Liu, M.Sc., Wenxiao Tu, M.Med, Chuding Chen, M.Sc., Lianmei Jin, M.Med.,
Rui Yang, M.Med., Qi Wang, M.P.H., Suhua Zhou, M.Med., Rui Wang, M.D.,
Hui Liu, M.Med., Yingbo Luo, M.Sc., Yuan Liu, M.Med., Rui Wang, M.D., Huan Li, M.P.H., Zhongfa Tao, M.P.H., Yang Yang, M.Med.,
Zhiqiang Deng, M.Med., Boxi Liu, M.P.H., Zhitao Ma, M.Med.,
Yanping Zhang, M.Med, Guoqing Shi, M.P.H., Tommy T.Y. Lam, Ph.D.,
Joseph T. Wu, Ph.D., George F. Gao, D.Phil, Benjamin J. Cowling, Ph.D., Bo Yang, M.Sc., Gabriel M. Leung, M.D., and Zijian Feng, M.Med.

ABSTRACT



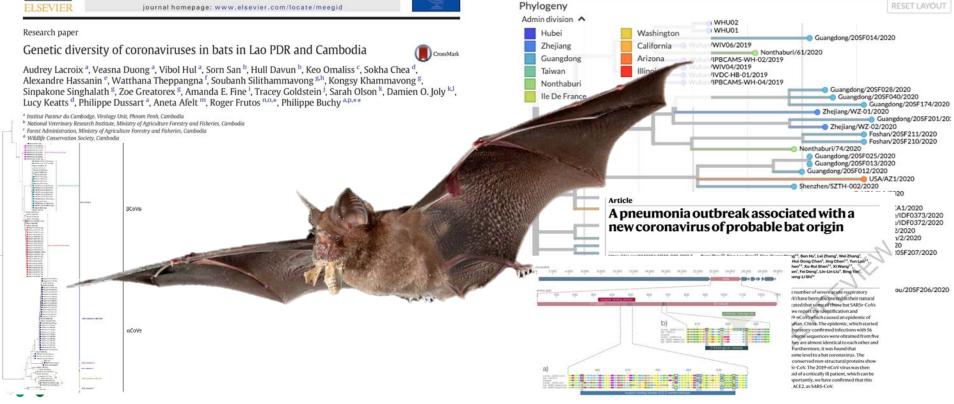




Contents lists available at ScienceDirect Infection, Genetics and Evolution

And Productor

Showing 42 of 42 genomes sampled between Dec 2019 and Jan 2020.



What **do** we know?

- Across 25 high-risk viral families, there are estimated to be 1.7M unknown viruses
- About 700k of which likely have the potential to infect humans
- For example, for every known coronavirus, there are thousands of unknown coronaviruses circulating in wildlife



Carroll et al. (2018) Science



INFECTIOUS DISEASES **The Global Virome Project** Expanded viral discovery can improve mitigation

By Dennis Carroll, Peter Daszak, Nathan D. Wolfe, George F. Gao, Carlos M. Morel, Subhash Morzaria, Ariel Pablos-Méndez, Oyewale Tomori, Jonna A. K. Mazet causing the next great pandemic (1, 2). However, if these viruses are our enemy, we do not yet know our enemy very well. Around 263 viruses from 25 viral families are known to infect humans (3) (see the figure), and given at-risk human populations in geographic hotspots of disease emergence (I) are sampled, and viral discovery conducted. A straegy to identify which novel viruses are most at risk of spillover has been developed (ID), and further work is conducted on these to characterize them prior to, or in the early stages of, spillover. Metadata on the ecology of wildlife-livestock-human transmission interfaces, and on human behavioral patterns in communities, are concurrently analyzed so that strategies to reduce spillover can be

Scientists prepare to collect a blood sample from

a Rousettus sp. fruit bat in Thailand to test for novel viruses. The Global Virome Project aims to identify and characterize the majority of currently unknown viruses in key wildlife groups, including rodents, nonhuman primates and hat.

Other previous studies had begun to conduct targeted viral discovery in wildlife (9), and develop mitigation strategies for the emergence of avian flu, for example. However, the USAID Emerging Pandemic Threats (EPT) PREDICT project is the first global-scale coordinated program designed to conduct viral discovery in wildlife reservoir hosts, and

characterize ecological and socioeconomic factors that drive their risk of spillover, to mitigate their emergence in people (10). Working with local partners and govern-

ments, wildlife and domestic animals and



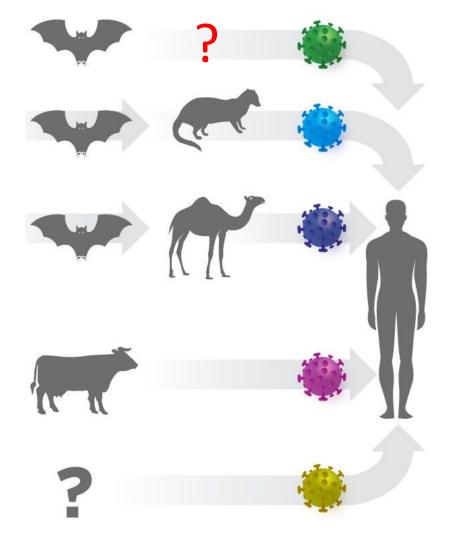
What **do we not** know?



Snakes could be the source of the Wuhan coronavirus outbreak

THE CONVERSATION By Haitao Guo, Guangxiang "George" Luo and Shou-Jiang Gao, The Conversation (5) Updated 3:41 PM ET, Fri January 24, 2020



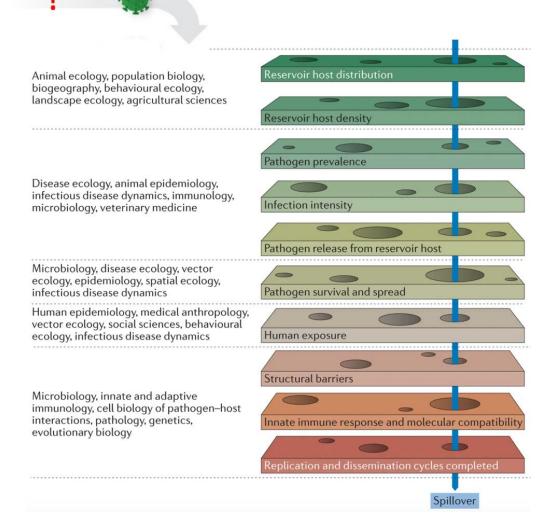


It is not about bat-soup, civets or pangolins







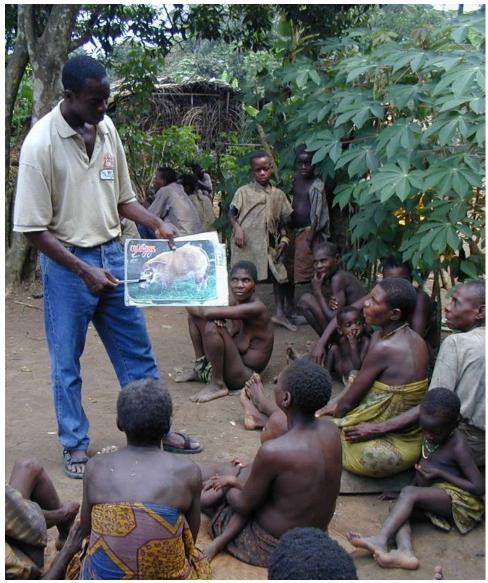


Barriers to spillover. This figure was adapted from Plowright et al. 2017

Congo Basin – RoC

- Long-standing WHP program: 3 main pillars
 - Carcass monitoring [Ebola virus community engagement targeted 6,600 people living in northern RoC]
 - Community outreach
 - Research on EBV
- Developing field test kits to better understand causes of great ape mortality





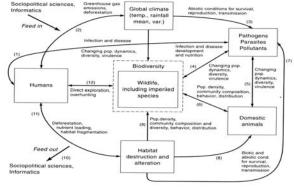


2019 Berlin Principles on One Health

Recognize and take action to: retain the essential health links between humans, wildlife, domesticated animals and plants, and all nature; and ensure the conservation and protection of biodiversity which, interwoven with intact and functional ecosystems, provides the critical foundational infrastructure of life, health, and well-being on our planet



ONE PLANET, ONE HEALTH, ONE FUTURE



Ostfeld et al. 2002 Mazet et al. JVME 33 2006

www.wcs.org/one-planet-one-health-one-future

What do we need to do?

- Permanently ban the commercial trade in wildlife for consumption
- Strengthen efforts to combat trafficking of wild animals within countries and across borders
- Work to change dangerous wildlife consumption behaviors, especially in cities
- Mainstream holistic One Health Approaches





STRAWS

SHARKS

NATURAL SECURITY

GET INVOLVED

We Stand for Wildlife[™]

