Impact of climate change on vector-borne diseases



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Climate change impacts on VBDs



Modelling the impact of climate variability on VBD burden, development of early warning systems (seasonal to climate change time scales).



Temperature effect on vector biting rates (b)

Scott et al., 2000, J Med Entomol 37(1):89-101



Fig. 5. Relationship between temperature and blood-feeding frequency of female *Ae. aegypti* collected weekly in Thailand (1990–1992) and Puerto Rico (1991–1993). Linear regression lines and equations for each site are included.

Biting rates:

Number of mosquito bites per day per host.

When temperature increases, biting rate increases.

Left:

Biting rates of Ae. aegypti, the yellow fever mosquito; it can transmit dengue, Zika & yellow fever viruses.



Temperature effect on vector development & mortality (µ)

Brady et al., 2013, Parasite and Vectors 6:351



Figure 4 The distribution of adult female *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* survival across a range of temperatures under laboratory conditions (A and B) and field conditions (C and D). Colours from red to yellow show survival from 100% - 1% of the population remaining. Grey indicates <1% of the population remaining. Dotted blue lines show the limits for 50% and 95% of the original population remaining.



Ae. aegypti, the yellow fever mosquito



Ae. albopictus, the Asian tiger mosquito

Development rate and mortality:

Mosquitoes develop faster at high temperature - if temperature exceeds about 35-37°C mortality tends to increase. Eggs can overwinter &/or resist desiccation.

Water is needed for breeding sites.

Significant differences between the lab and the field!



Temperatures effect on Extrinsic Incubation Period (EIP)



The Extrinsic Incubation Period (EIP) - example for *P. falciparum* and *An. gambiae*: time required for the pathogen to develop inside the mosquito vector before it becomes infectious (when the pathogen is detected in their salivary glands).

When temperature increases, the EIP decreases e.g. it shortens.

If the temperature is too low, mosquito dies before the pathogen can replicate in their body e.g. before becoming infectious (about 30days life span in the field).



Methods to model the impact of climate on VBDs



Statistical models

Stat models: Maxent, BRTs, Bayesian models, Mahalanobis distance... Mechanistic models: SEIR/SIR, Ro, Fuzzy logic, climate envelope...

Mechanistic models



Tjaden et al. (2018). Trends in Parasitology 34(3): 227-245. <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.pt.2017.11.006</u>



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Disclaimer: many factors affect VBDs

Rank*	Driver
1	Changes in land use or agricultural practices
2	Changes in human demographics and society
3	Poor population health (e.g., HIV, malnutrition)
4	Hospitals and medical procedures
5	Pathogen evolution (e.g., antimicrobial drug resistance, increased virulence)
6	Contamination of food sources or water supplies
7	International travel
8	Failure of public health programs
9	International trade
10	Climate change

Woolhouse and Gowtage-Sequeria, EID, CDC 2005



Impacts of VBDs



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Malaria in Africa



Yellow fever outbreak – Angola, DRC 2015-2016



Zika outbreak in Latin America 2015-2016

Bluetongue outbreak in Northern Europe Aug-Sep-Oct 2006





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Climate change impact on malaria



Caminade et al. (2014). PNAS 111(9): 3286-3291. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1302089111.



Is malaria moving to higher altitude & latitude?

Altitudinal Changes in Malaria Incidence in Highlands of Ethiopia and Colombia

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The impact of global warming on insect-borne diseases and on highland malaria in particular remains controversial. Temperature is known to influence transmission intensity through its effects on the population growth of the mosquito vector and on pathogen development within the vector. Spatiotemporal data at a regional scale in highlands of Colombia and Ethiopia supplied an opportunity to examine how the spatial distribution of the disease changes with the interannual variability of temperature. We provide evidence for an increase in the altitude of malaria distribution in warmer years, which implies that climate change will, without mitigation, result in an increase of the malaria burden in the densely populated highlands of Africa and South America.

Dhimal et al. Malaria Journal 2014, 13(Suppl 1):P26 http://www.malariajoumal.com/content/13/S1/P26



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POSTER PRESENTATION

Altitudinal shift of malaria vectors and malaria elimination in Nepal

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A first report of *Anopheles funestus* sibling species in western Kenya highlands

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RESEARCH

Species composition, seasonal occurrence, habitat preference and altitudinal distribution of malaria and other disease vectors in eastern Nepal

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First Evidence and Predictions of *Plasmodium* Transmission in Alaskan Bird Populations

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The Asian tiger mosquito Ae. albopictus

Ae. albopictus



Main introduction routes



Figure 2. Main Aedes albopictus inroduction routes: (A) Used tyres. (B),(C) Lucky Bamboo (Dracaena spp.).

Scholte & Schaffner, 2007

Rapid spread worldwide



blue: original distribution, cyan: areas where introduced in the last 30 years.

Rapid spread in Europe



Figure 3. Presence of Aedes albopictus in Europe per province for the years 1997-2007. Data to complete this figure were kindly made available by Roberto Romi (Italy), Roger Eritja and David Roiz (Spain), Eleonora Flacio (Switzerland), Charles Jeannin (France), Anna Klobučar (Croatia), Zoran Lukac (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Igor Pajovic and Dusan Petrić (Serbia and Montenegro), Bjoern Pluskota (Germany), Anna Samanidou-Voyadjoglou (Greece). The map was made by Patrizia Scarpulla. The 2007 outbreak of Chikungunya virus in Italy is indicated with an arrow in the 2007 box.

Scholte & Schaffner, 2007



Ae. albopictus: model scenarios vs observations

Model driven by climate obs (EOBS) 1990-2009





ECDC Obs – Aug 2019



ECDC Obs – June 2011

Zika outbreak in Latin America and El Niño

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Climate and the outbreak of Zika virus in 2015-16



Global warming leads to much quicker spread of the Zika virus because the increased temperature, "makes mosquitoes mature faster, ... bite more due to having a higher metabolism, and makes the Zika virus inside of them incubate faster."

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- Al Gore on Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 in a speech



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El Niño and Global Warming Blamed for Zika Spread

Mosquito-borne diseases like Zika can be extremely sensitive to climatic changes

By Kavya Balaraman, E&E News on December 21, 2016 Véalo en español





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"There's a window of temperature that's ideal, and when you look at 2015, the numbers were in the right range," said Cyril Caminade, research associate with the university's Institute of Infection and Global Health and author of the study.

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/el-nino-and-globalwarming-blamed-for-zika-spread/ http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2014/01/30/1302089111.abstract



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Other VBDs examples



The distribution of *Ixodes scapularis*, reflecting information submitted to provincial and federal public health agencies from January 1990 to December 2003 and to the Lyme Disease Association of Ontario for 1993 to 1999 *Ogden et al., 2008* African Trypanosomiasis in Zambezi valley



Tick-borne encephalitis northern Russia



Fig. 3. TBE incidence in AO and in Russia as a whole in 1980–2009.

Tokarevich et al., 2011

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Impact of recent and future climate change on vector-borne diseases

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Other infectious diseases affected by climate change...





Conclusions

- Climate impacts vector borne diseases distribution (breeding sites development and survival of vectors, pathogen development rate inside the vector e.g. EIP...)
- Increasing evidences that climate change already played a role in the background over the past 20 years: worrying trends have been observed in different temperate, arctic and highland regions.
- Many factors to consider to anticipate the real future of infectious diseases (socioeconomic, demography, land use changes, drug and insecticide resistance, technological break through...).
- Need to use different disease modelling approaches and ensemble of climate models, emission & population scenarios to assess uncertainties, and these can be quite large!
- Model validation is critical but difficult validation relies on the quality of health and climate data!
- Climate change is already affecting our health directly (climatic extremes: heat waves, floods, air pollution...) and will have significant indirect effects from macro to micro scale e.g. on freshwater and oceanic resources, agriculture, livelihoods, population migration... It only started...

