

## Supplementary Table 2. Results of data analyses

### Uncontrolled outbreaks

	SARS, Singapore	SARS, Beijing (gen 2 only)	SARS, Beijing (gens 1 and 2)	Measles, USA	Measles, Canada	Pneumonic plague, 6 outbreaks	Hantavirus, Argentina
<b>Parameter estimation</b>							
<i>N</i>	57	33	34	165	49	74	20
mean ( $R_0$ or $R$ )	1.63	0.94	1.88	0.63	0.82	1.32	0.7
$k_{\text{mle}}$	0.16	0.17	0.12			1.37	1.66
$k_{\text{pz}}$	0.17	0.17	0.13	0.23	0.21	1.25	1.94
var( $Z$ )/mean( $Z$ )	15.31	5.45	18.7			1.84	1.52
Number of zeros in dataset ( $Z=0$ )	38	24	24	122	35	30	11
$p_0$	0.6667	0.7273	0.7059	0.7394	0.7143	0.4054	0.5500
Binomial 90CI on $p_0$	0.5503, 0.7695	0.5724, 0.8497	0.5524, 0.8309	0.6772, 0.7950	0.5899, 0.8183	0.3090, 0.5076	0.3469, 0.7414
<b>Model selection</b>							
$\Delta \text{AIC}(P)$	250.4	49.2	183.4			15.5	1
$\Delta \text{AIC}(G)$	41.2	10.6	31.4			0	0
$\Delta \text{AIC}(NB)$	0	0	0			1.5	2.3
Akaike weight(P)	0	0	0			0	0.31
Akaike weight(G)	0	0	0			0.67	0.52
Akaike weight(NB)	1	1	1			0.33	0.17
P-W test $p$ -value	<1e-6	<1e-6	<1e-6			1.6e-5	0.068
<b>90% Confidence intervals for <math>k</math></b>							
Non-parametric bootstrap (uncorrected)	0.10, 0.36	0.08, 0.46	0.06, 0.31			0.82, 3.00	0.46, inf
1. Non-parametric bootstrap (bias-corrected)	0.11, 0.64	0.10, 0.64	0.08, 0.42			0.88, 3.53	0.65, inf
Number of all-zero bootstrap datasets	0	0	0			0	0
Parametric bootstrap (uncorrected)	0.09, 0.28	0.08, 0.49	0.06, 0.27			0.80, 3.61	0.44, inf
2. Parametric bootstrap (bias-corrected)	0.10, 0.30	0.11, 0.78	0.08, 0.33			0.88, 4.58	0.68, inf
Number of all-zero bootstrap datasets	0	1	0			0	0
3. Maximum-likelihood sampling variance	0.10, 0.32	0.10, 0.79	0.07, 0.37			0.84, 3.86	0.54, inf
4. Large-sample variance on $k_{\text{pz}}$	0.11, 0.36	0.09, 0.80	0.07, 0.38	0.16, 0.39	0.12, 0.65	0.75, 3.76	0.57, inf
5. Binomial sampling variance on $p_0$	0.09, 0.34	0.06, 0.58	0.05, 0.30	0.13, 0.44	0.08, 0.64	0.56, 5.12	0.20, inf

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## Uncontrolled outbreaks (cont'd)

	Smallpox surveillance, Europe	Smallpox, Benin	Smallpox, W. Pakistan	Variola minor, England	Monkeypox surveillance, Zaire	Rubella, Hawaii*	Ebola HF, Uganda
<b>Parameter estimation</b>							
<i>N</i>	32	25	47	25	147	19	13
mean ( $R_0$ or $R$ )	3.19	0.8	1.49	1.6	0.32	1	1.5
$k_{mle}$	0.37	0.32		0.65	0.58	0.032	5.1
$k_{pz}$	0.42	0.29	0.72	0.53	0.58	0.032	2.31
var( $Z$ )/mean( $Z$ )	8.73	2.81		2.71	1.58	17	1.37
Number of zeros in dataset ( $Z=0$ )	13	17	21	12	114	17	4
$p_0$	0.4063	0.6800	0.4468	0.4800	0.7755	0.8947	0.3077
Binomial 90CI on $p_0$	0.2597,0.5665	0.4964,0.8297	0.3223,0.5766	0.3051,0.6586	0.7116,0.8309	0.7042,0.9810	0.1127,0.5726
<b>Model selection</b>							
$\Delta AIC(P)$	129.3	13		16.4	10.6	83.5	0
$\Delta AIC(G)$	7.4	0.8		0	0	25.4	1.4
$\Delta AIC(NB)$	0	0		1.7	1	0	2.4
Akaike weight(P)	0	0		0	0	0	0.56
Akaike weight(G)	0.02	0.45		0.71	0.62	0	0.28
Akaike weight(NB)	0.98	0.55		0.29	0.37	1	0.17
P-W test $p$ -value	<1e-6	5e-6		1.2e-5	8.6e-6	<1e-6	0.17
<b>90% Confidence intervals for <math>k</math></b>							
Non-parametric bootstrap (uncorrected)	0.24, 0.63	0.13, 1.20		0.30, 1.91	0.29, 2.41		0.86, inf
1. Non-parametric bootstrap (bias-corrected)	0.26, 0.69	0.16, 1.76		0.34, 2.32	0.32, 3.57		1.48, inf
Number of all-zero bootstrap datasets	0	1		0	0	1192	0
Parametric bootstrap (uncorrected)	0.23, 0.71	0.13, 1.95		0.32, 2.28	0.30, 2.20		1.11, inf
2. Parametric bootstrap (bias-corrected)	0.26, 0.82	0.18, inf		0.40, 3.97	0.33, 3.57		1.91, inf
Number of all-zero bootstrap datasets	0	0		0	0	1397	0
3. Maximum-likelihood sampling variance	0.24, 0.83	0.16, 11.2		0.36, 3.32	0.32, 2.86	0.013,inf	1.28, inf
4. Large-sample variance on $k_{pz}$	0.27, 0.98	0.15, 10.5	0.44, 2.05	0.29, 2.70	0.32, 2.97	0.013,inf	0.76, inf
5. Binomial sampling variance on $p_0$	0.20, 0.88	0.08, 2.69	0.32, 2.15	0.18, 2.08	0.18, inf	0.003, 0.19	0.31, inf

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Not shown in Supplementary Table 1 due to broad CIs and atypical nature of outbreak.

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Controlled outbreaks	SARS, Singapore		SARS, Beijing		Pneumonic plague, Mukden		Smallpox, Kuwait	
	Before control	During control	Before control	During control	Before control	During control	Before control	During control
<b>Parameter estimation</b>								
<i>N</i>	57	114	33	43	12	27	4	23
mean ( $R_0$ or $R$ )	1.63	0.68	0.94	0.28	2	0.41	2.75	0.91
$k_{\text{mle}}$	0.16	0.071	0.17	0.0062	2.63	0.32	2.64	0.026
$k_{\text{pz}}$	0.17	0.074	0.17	0.0061	2	0.28		0.025
var( $Z$ )/mean( $Z$ )	15.31	22.81	5.45	12	1.82	1.75	3	10.25
Number of zeros in dataset ( $Z=0$ )	38	96	24	42	3	21	0	21
$p_0$	0.6667	0.8421	0.7273	0.9767	0.2500	0.7778	0.0000	0.9130
Binomial 90CI on $p_0$	0.5503, 0.7695	0.7749, 0.8954	0.5724, 0.8497	0.8944, 0.9988	0.0719, 0.5273	0.6079, 0.8985	0.0, 0.4377	0.7508, 0.9843
<b>Model selection</b>								
$\Delta\text{AIC}(P)$	250.4	318.1	49.2	74.7	0.8	3.8	0.8	79.9
$\Delta\text{AIC}(G)$	41.2	85.7	10.6	37.8	0	0	0	29.4
$\Delta\text{AIC}(NB)$	0	0	0	0	1.8	1.1	11.3	0
Akaike weight(P)	0	0	0	0	0.33	0.09	0.4	0
Akaike weight(G)	0	0	0	0	0.48	0.58	0.6	0
Akaike weight(NB)	1	1	1	1	0.2	0.34	0	1
P-W test $p$ -value	<1e-6	<1e-6	<1e-6	<1e-6	0.045	0.011	0.029	<1e-6
<b>90% Confidence intervals for <math>k</math></b>								
Non-parametric bootstrap (uncorrected)	0.10, 0.36	0.041, 0.28	0.08, 0.46		0.82, inf	0.11, 1.52	1.86, inf	
1. Non-parametric bootstrap (bias-corrected)	0.11, 0.64	0.049, 0.41	0.10, 0.64		1.26, inf	0.12, 2.15	2.63, inf	
Number of all-zero bootstrap datasets	0	0	0	3608	0	13	0	1219
Parametric bootstrap (uncorrected)	0.09, 0.28	0.042, 0.12	0.08, 0.49		0.86, inf	0.11, inf	0.60, inf	
2. Parametric bootstrap (bias-corrected)	0.10, 0.30	0.046, 0.13	0.11, 0.78		1.47, inf	0.15, inf	2.96, inf	
Number of all-zero bootstrap datasets	0	0	1	5612	0	6	3	1407
3. Maximum-likelihood sampling variance	0.10, 0.32	0.047, 0.15	0.10, 0.79	0.002, inf	0.97, inf	0.14, inf	0.76, inf	0.01, inf
4. Large-sample variance on $k_{\text{pz}}$	0.11, 0.36	0.049, 0.15	0.09, 0.80	0.002, inf	0.73, inf	0.12, inf		0.01, inf
5. Binomial sampling variance on $p_0$	0.09, 0.34	0.037, 0.15	0.06, 0.58	0.0002, 0.069	0.33, inf	0.05, inf	0.40, inf	0.003, 0.14

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