Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever Outbreaks: A Worldwide Systematic Review, 1990-2016

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Why Enteric Fever Outbreaks Review?

- Outbreaks are not often included in disease burden studies
- May not be captured in surveillance studies
- Enhances the comprehensiveness of disease burden
- Outbreak are not systematically collected and reported: under reported
- Helpful in geo-spatial risk-prediction models



Systematic Literature Review

- PRISMA guidelines
- Medical literature databases PUBMED and EMBASE
- Epidemiology-specific databases GIDEON and ProMEDmail (https://www.promedmail.org/)
- From January 1st 1990 to December 31st 2016
- English language
- Outbreak definition: Author defined
- Diagnostic criteria (Any: culture, serology, clinical)



Search Methodology

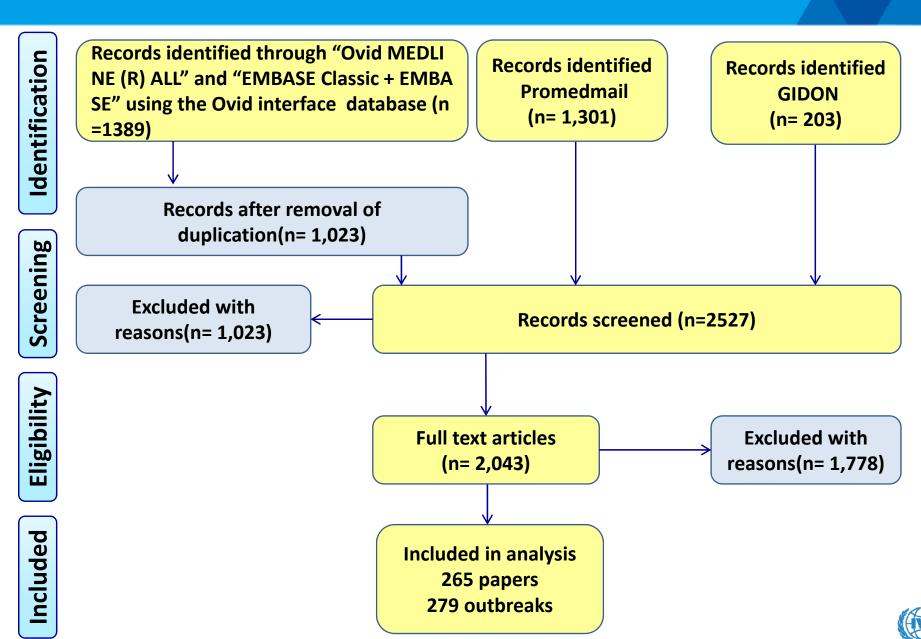
Search terms

(("typhoid" OR "typhoid fever" OR "salmonella typhi" OR "s. typhi" OR "salmonella infection" OR "enteric fever" OR "paratyphi" OR "paratyphoid fever") AND ("outbreaks" OR "resurgence" OR "re-emergence" OR "relapse"))

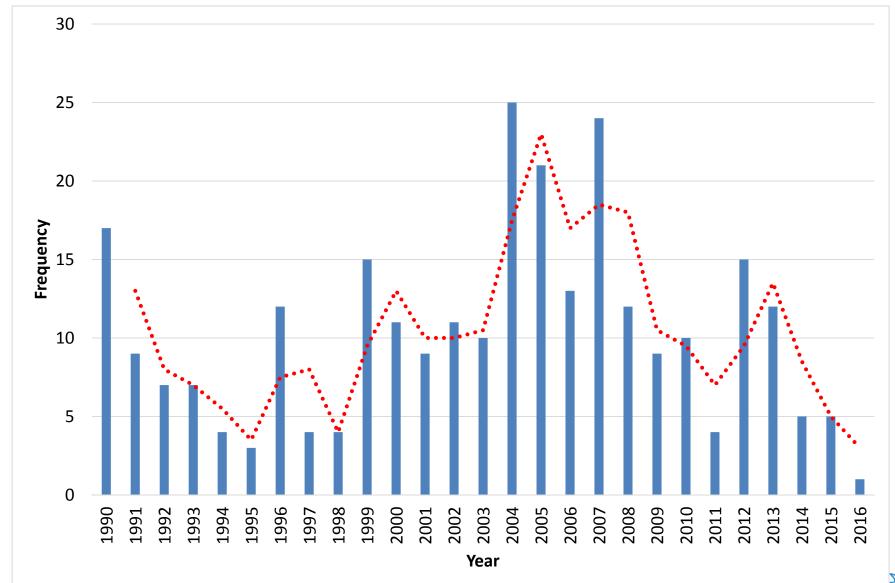
- Duplicates removed
- Unique outbreaks identified
- Linked to GIS using google map
- Predefined data extraction
- Two researchers involved



PRISMA Flow Chart of Literature Review



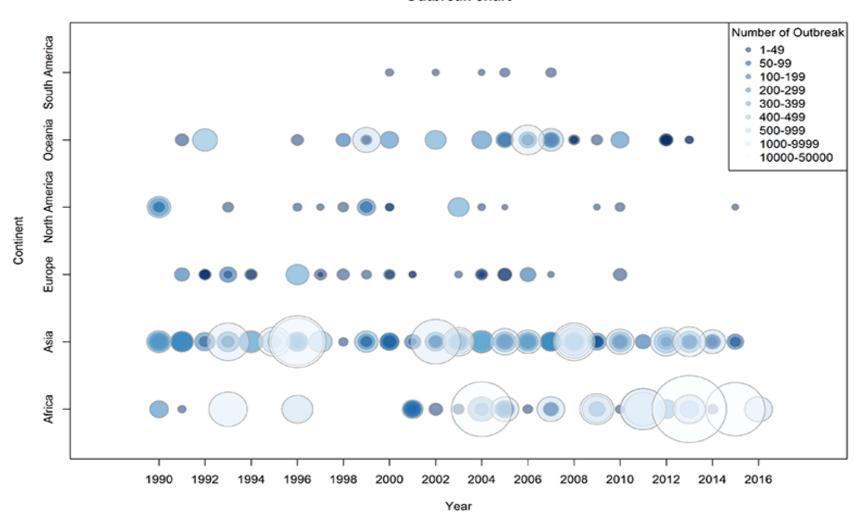
Number of Outbreaks per Year





Distribution of Outbreaks 1990-2016

Outbreak chart



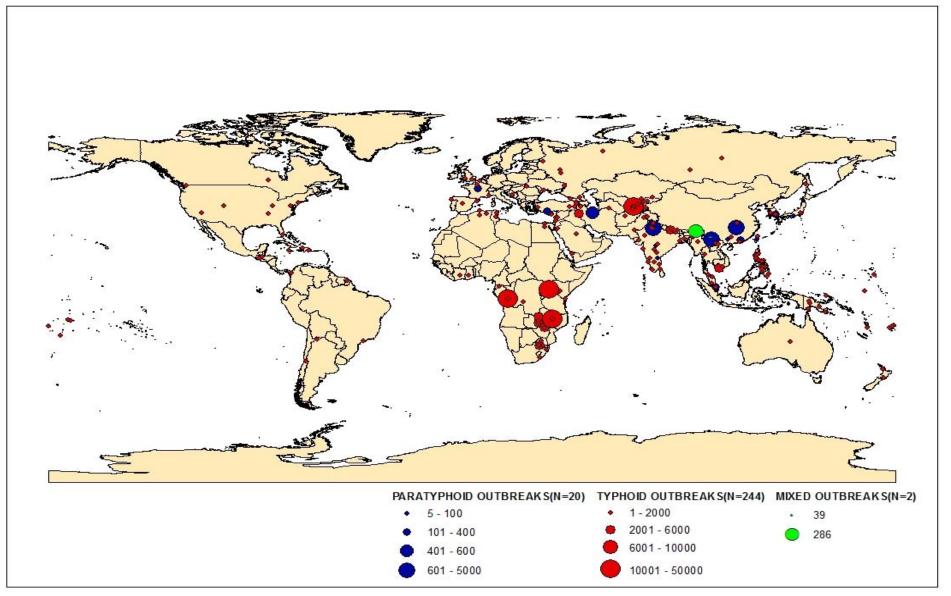


Number of Outbreaks and Cases

| Region | No. outbreaks | Min. cases | Max. cases | Sum of cases | Mean | Median | Std. Dev |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Africa | 40 | 3 | 30,000 | 77,284 | 1,932 | 147 | 5,374 |
| Asia | 148 | 1 | 10,677 | 53,040 | 358 | 80 | 1,219 |
| Europe | 27 | 1 | 277 | 860 | 32 | 16 | 54 |
| North America | 22 | 2 | 321 | 992 | 45 | 12 | 82 |
| South America | 5 | 3 | 15 | 41 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| Oceania | 37 | 2 | 1,200 | 4,021 | 109 | 25 | 225 |
| Total/overall | 279 | 1 | 30,000 | 136,238 | 488 | 49 | 2,283 |

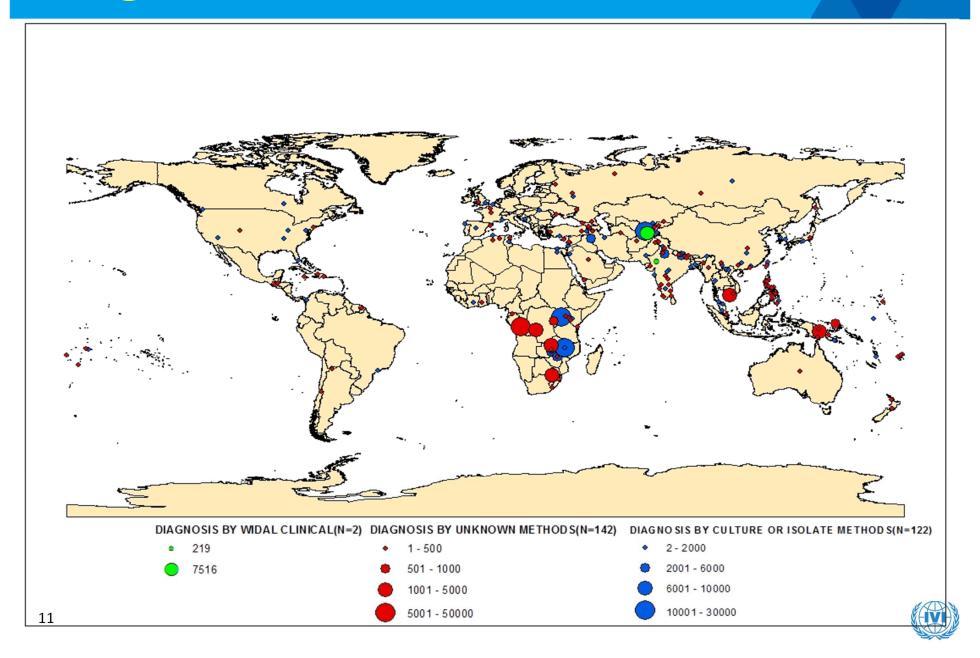


Typhoid and Paratyphoid Outbreaks

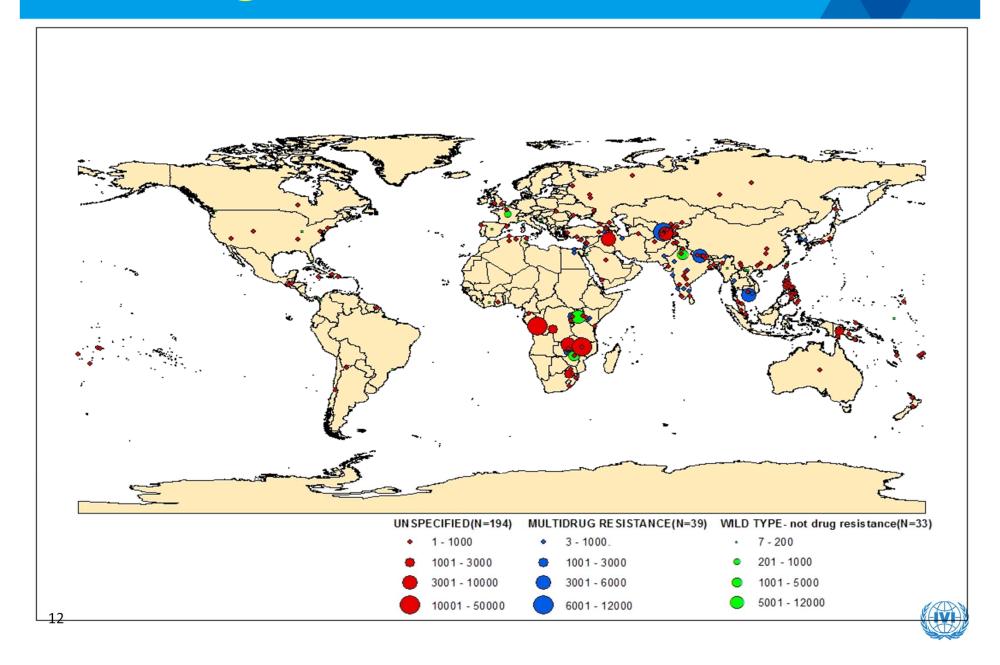




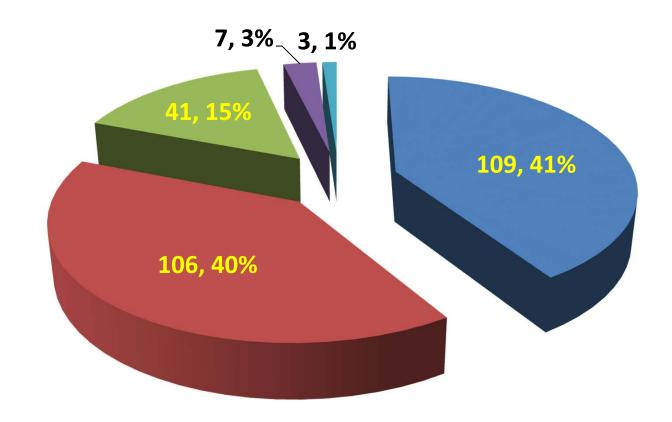
Diagnostic Method Used in Outbreaks



Multidrug-Resistant Outbreaks



Reported Causes for Outbreaks

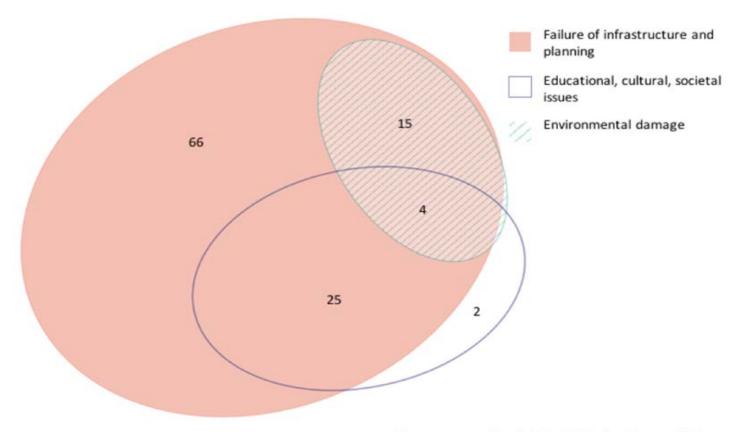


- No cause reported
- Soley foodborne
- Person to person

- Atleast contaminated water
- Imported



Risk Factors for Contaminated Water Outbreaks



There were no outbreaks that attributed environmental damage only and no outbreaks that attributed environmental damage and educational, cultural, societal issues



Discussion

- Reported outbreaks overlap the geographical areas that are typhoid endemic
- Contaminated water is the most important cause for outbreak
- Value of monovalent typhoid vaccine in Asia as typhoid and paratyphoid appears to be more common



Limitations

- Outbreaks are author defined, could not verify against WHO definition
- Different health systems have different capacity to identify and report outbreaksunderestimation
- Known typhoid endemic areas may not report outbreaks- underestimation
- Data bases, particularly ProMEDmail may have underreporting bias for LMICs



Conclusion

- Enteric fever outbreak burden remains high in endemic LMICs
- Outbreak data should be taken into account when prioritising resources and public health policies and actions
- Typhoid vaccination should be considered to control outbreaks as recommended by WHO, as well as improving water and sanitation is important
- Need to standardize detection, reporting, and monitoring of outbreaks in a consistent manner

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