

# Bridging the Gap: Environmental and Sero-surveillance for Estimating Typhoid Burden

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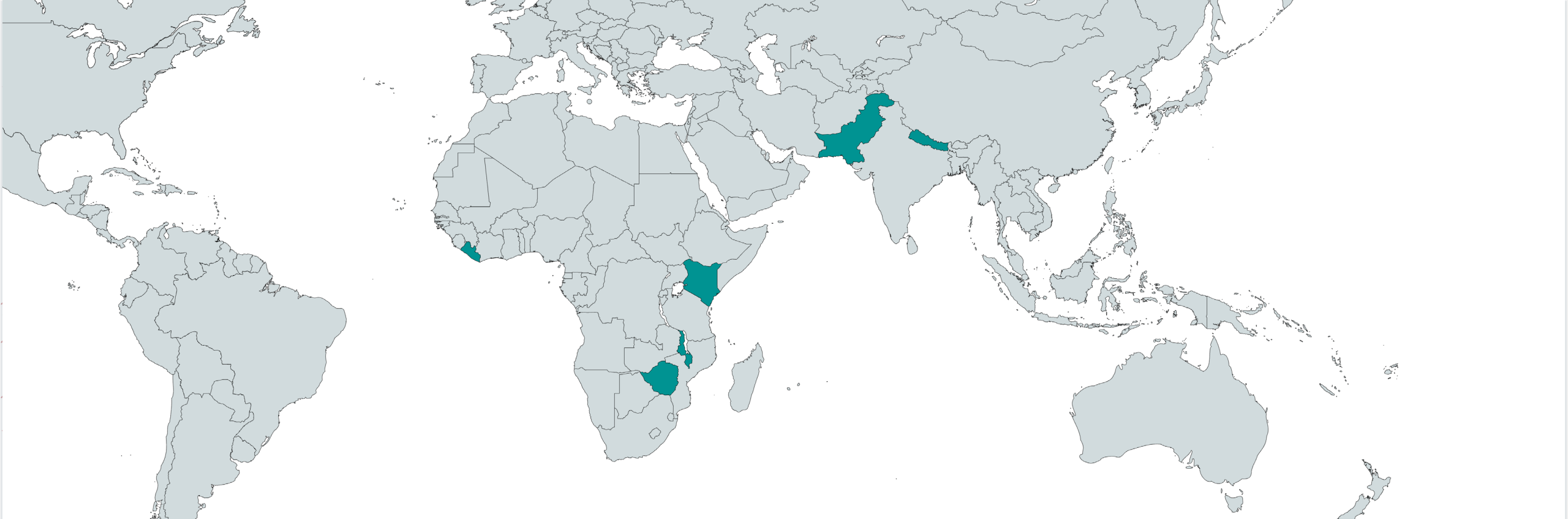
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Typhoid conjugate vaccines are effective but have yet to be widely adopted

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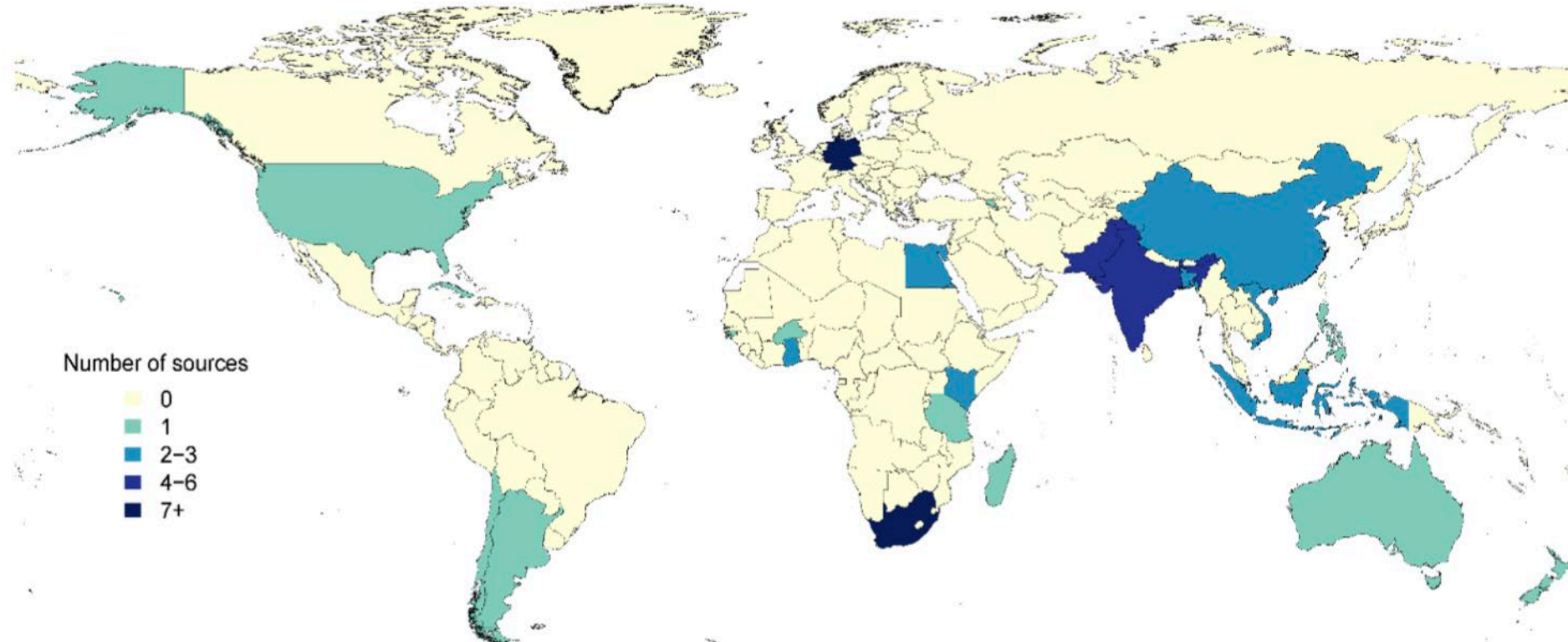
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# The global burden of typhoid and paratyphoid fevers: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017



*GBD 2017 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Collaborators\**



Blood culture  
confirmed  
infections

Blood culture  
performed

Sought care at a surveillance  
site

Symptomatic infections

All infections (including subclinical)



# LATEST ADVANCES IN SEROEPIDEMIOLOGY FOR ENTERIC FEVER

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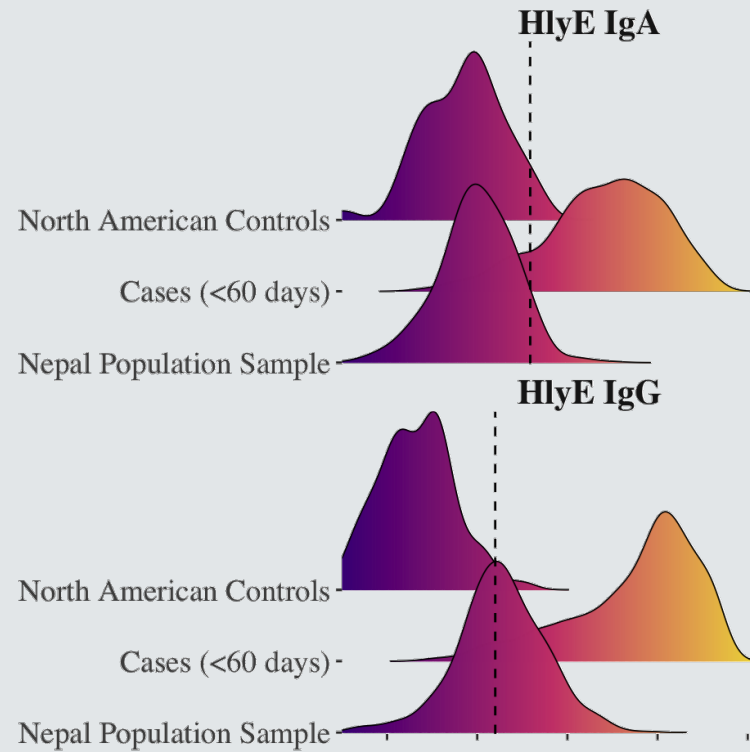
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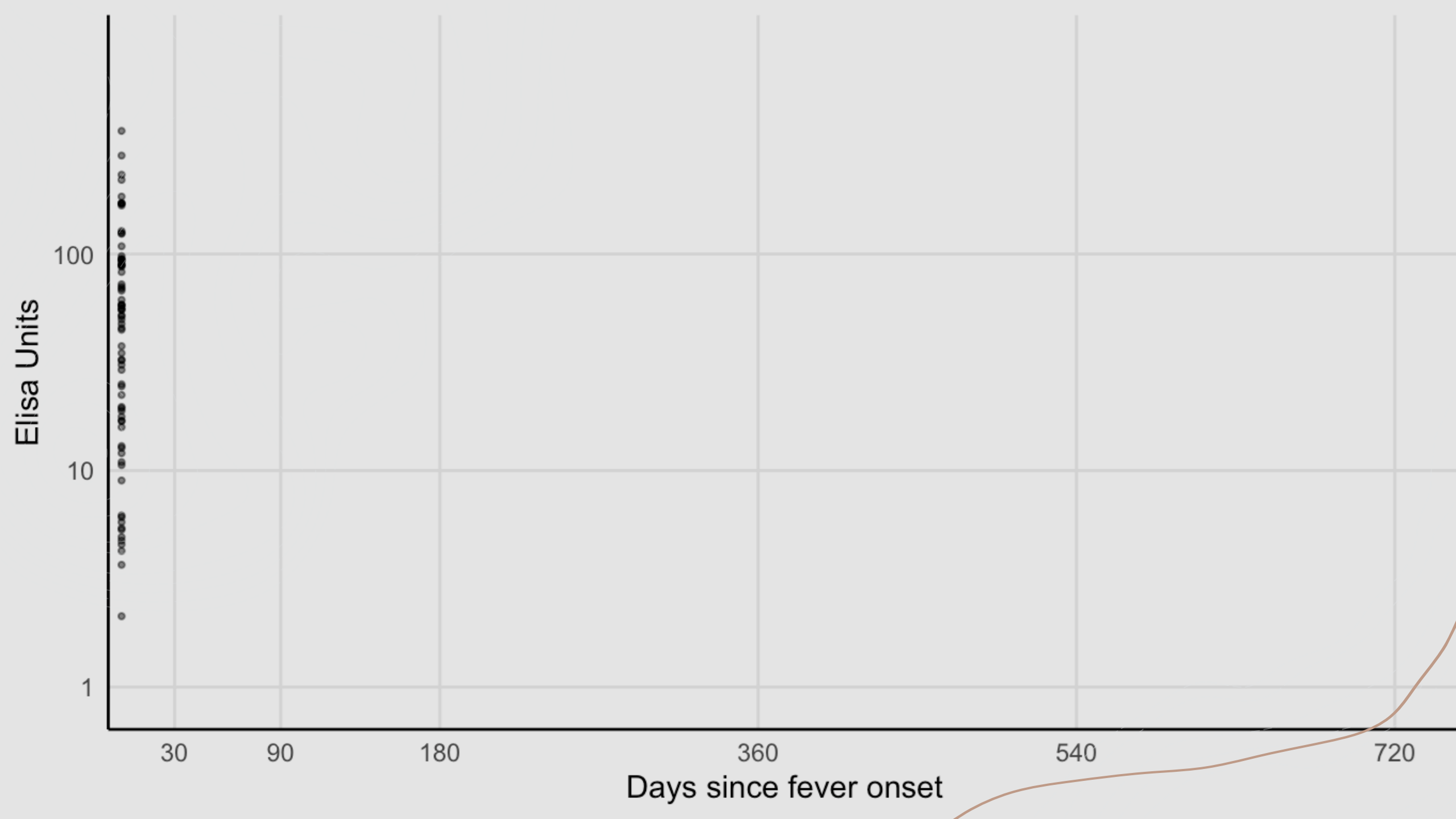
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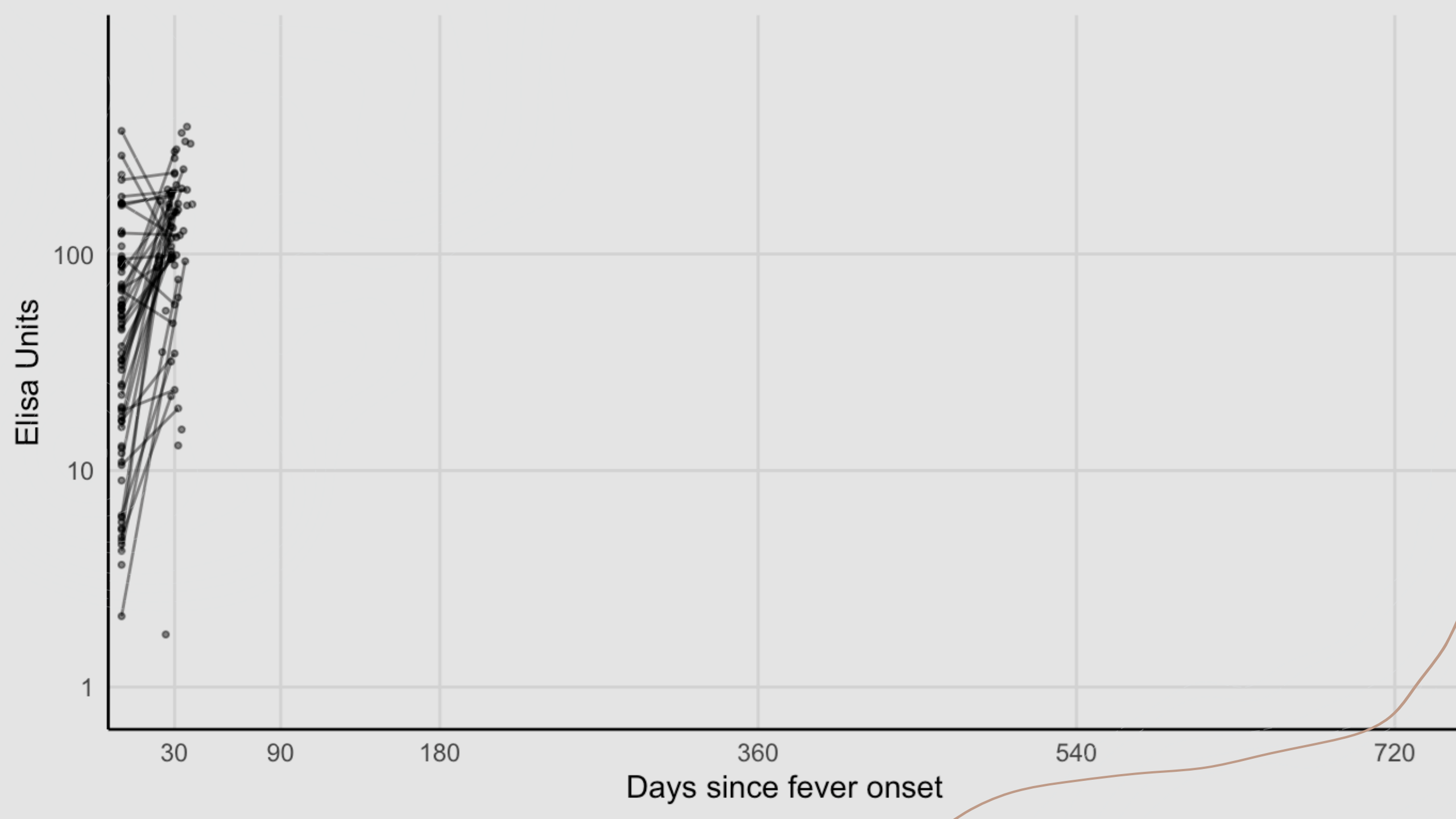
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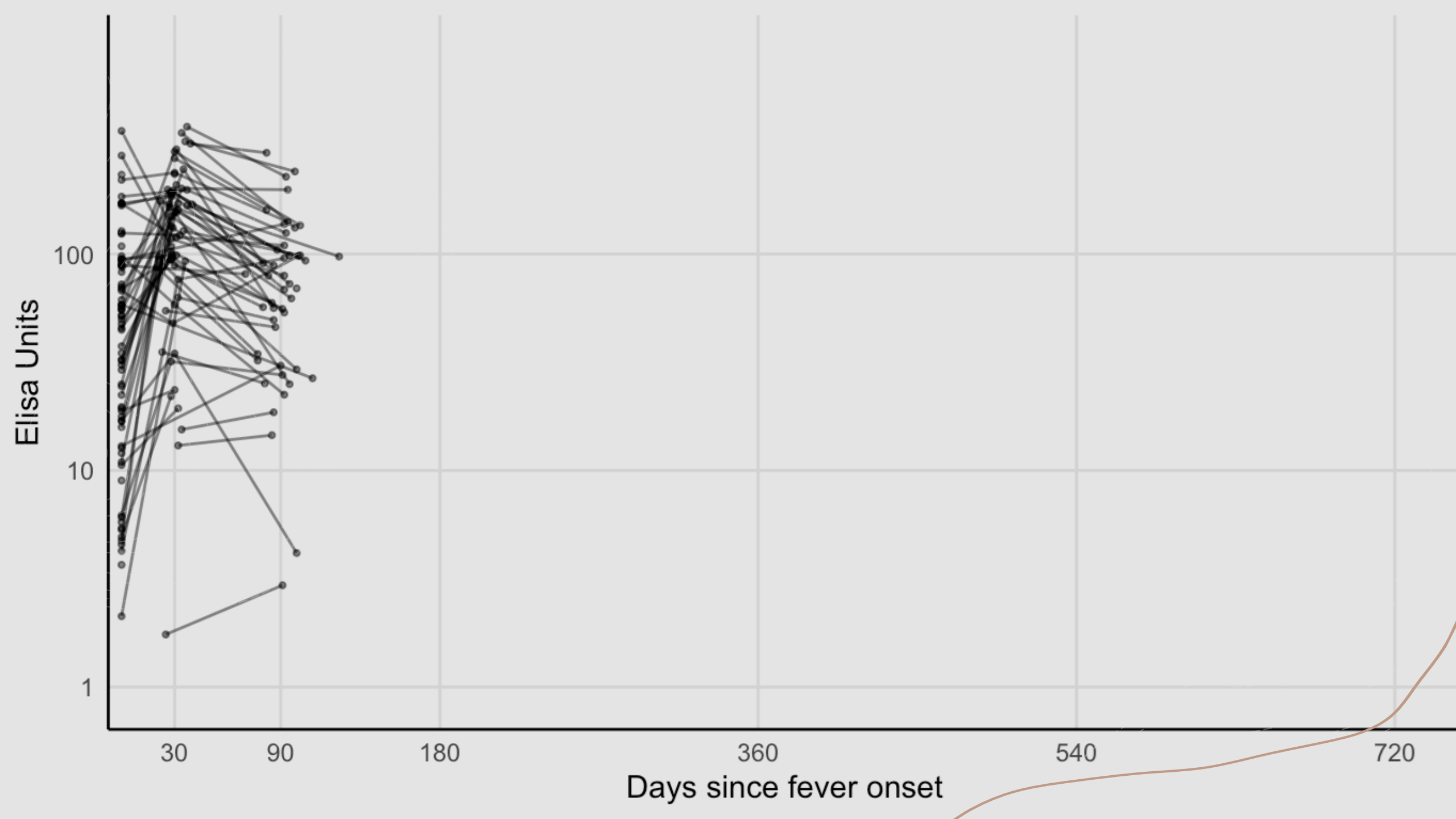
# Seroepidemiology & Environmental Surveillance for Enteric Fever (SEES)

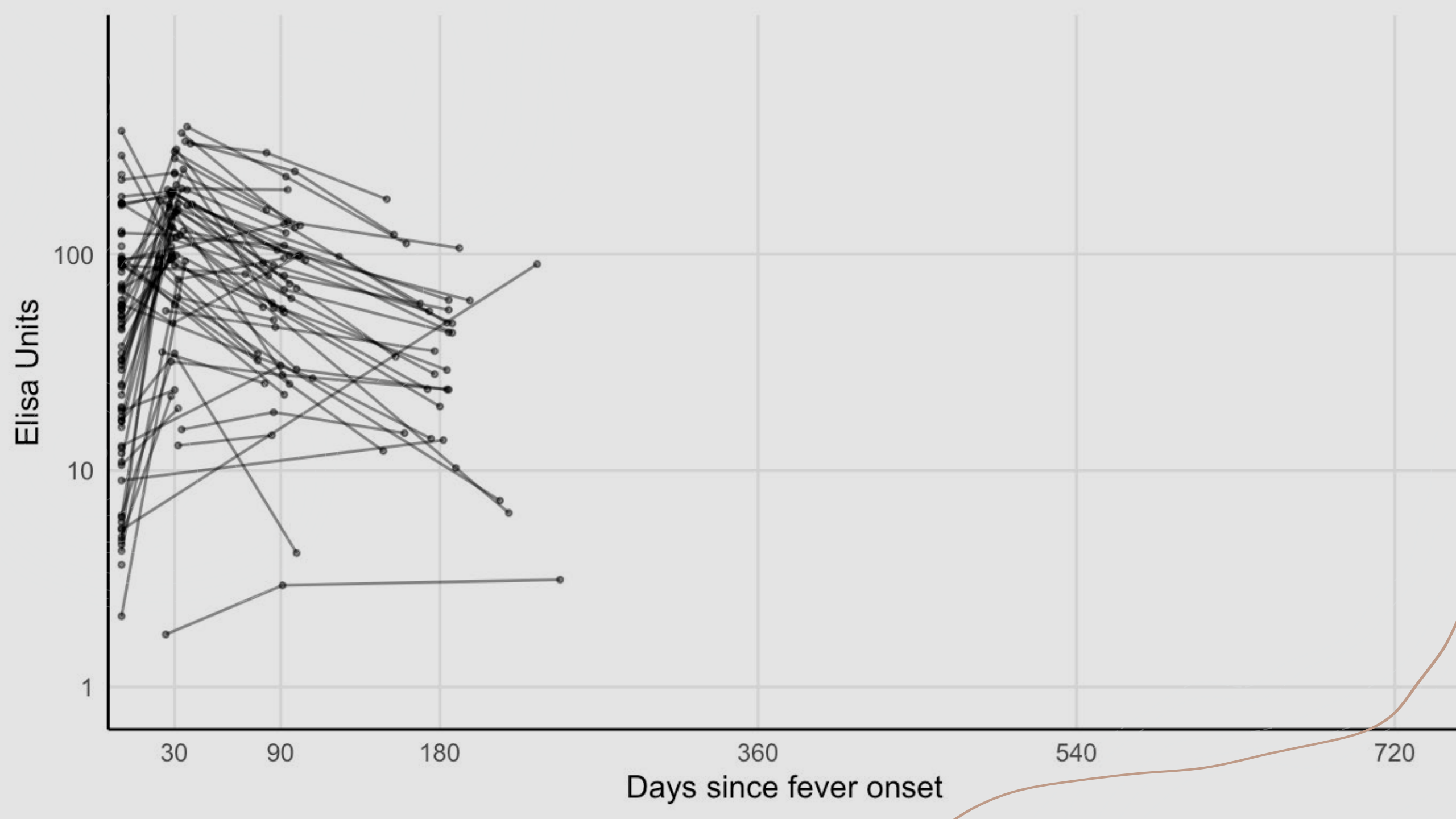


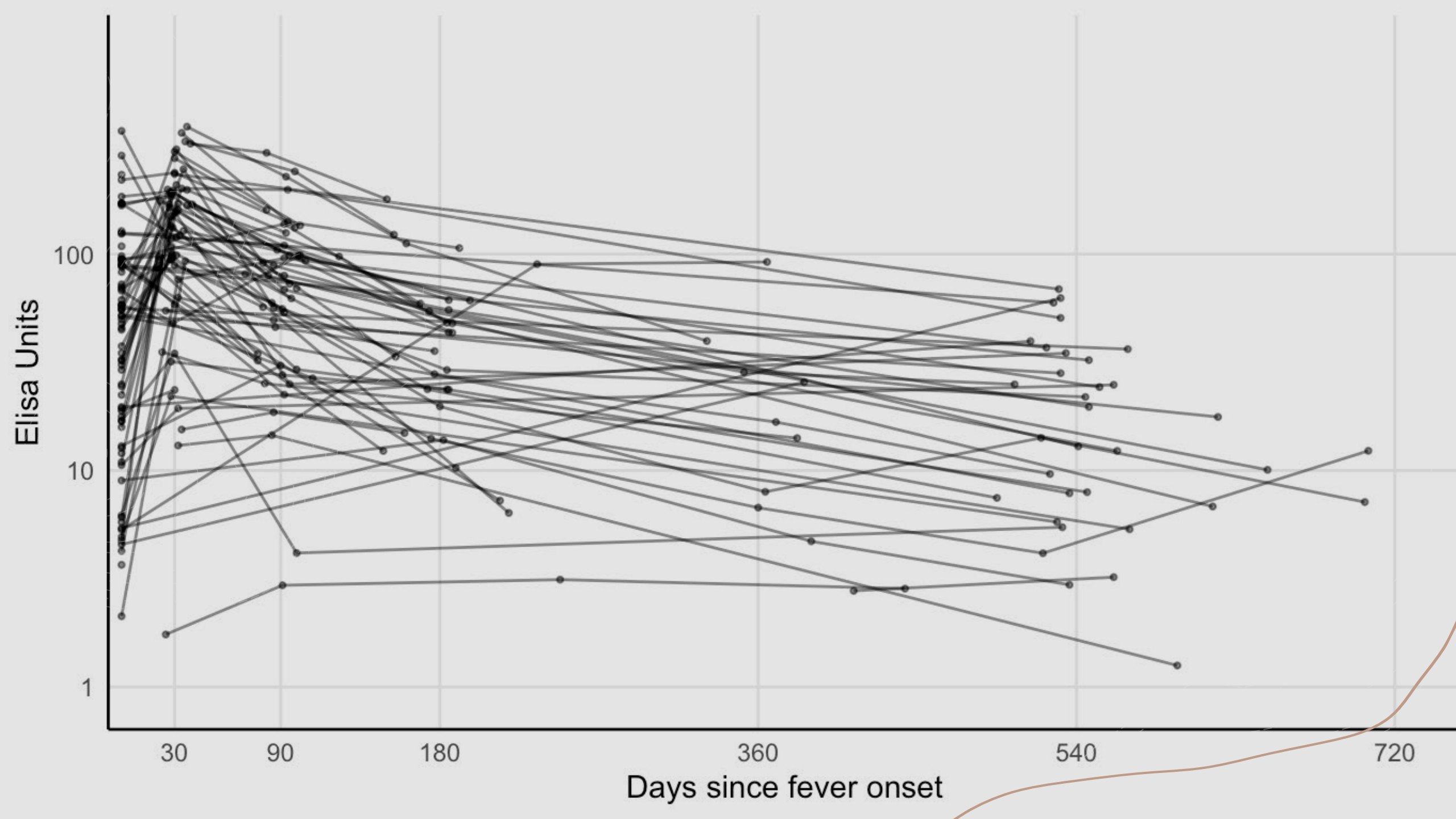


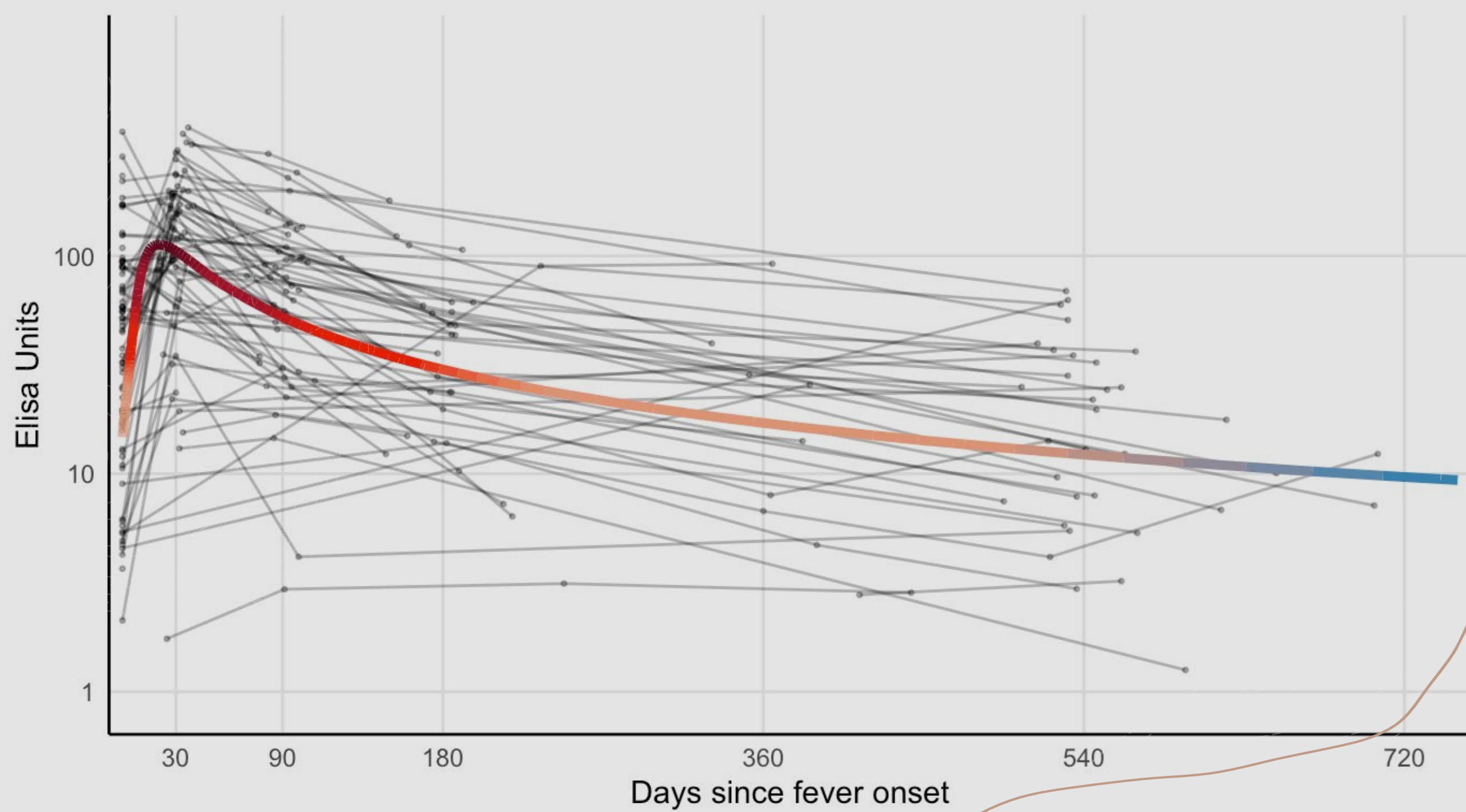


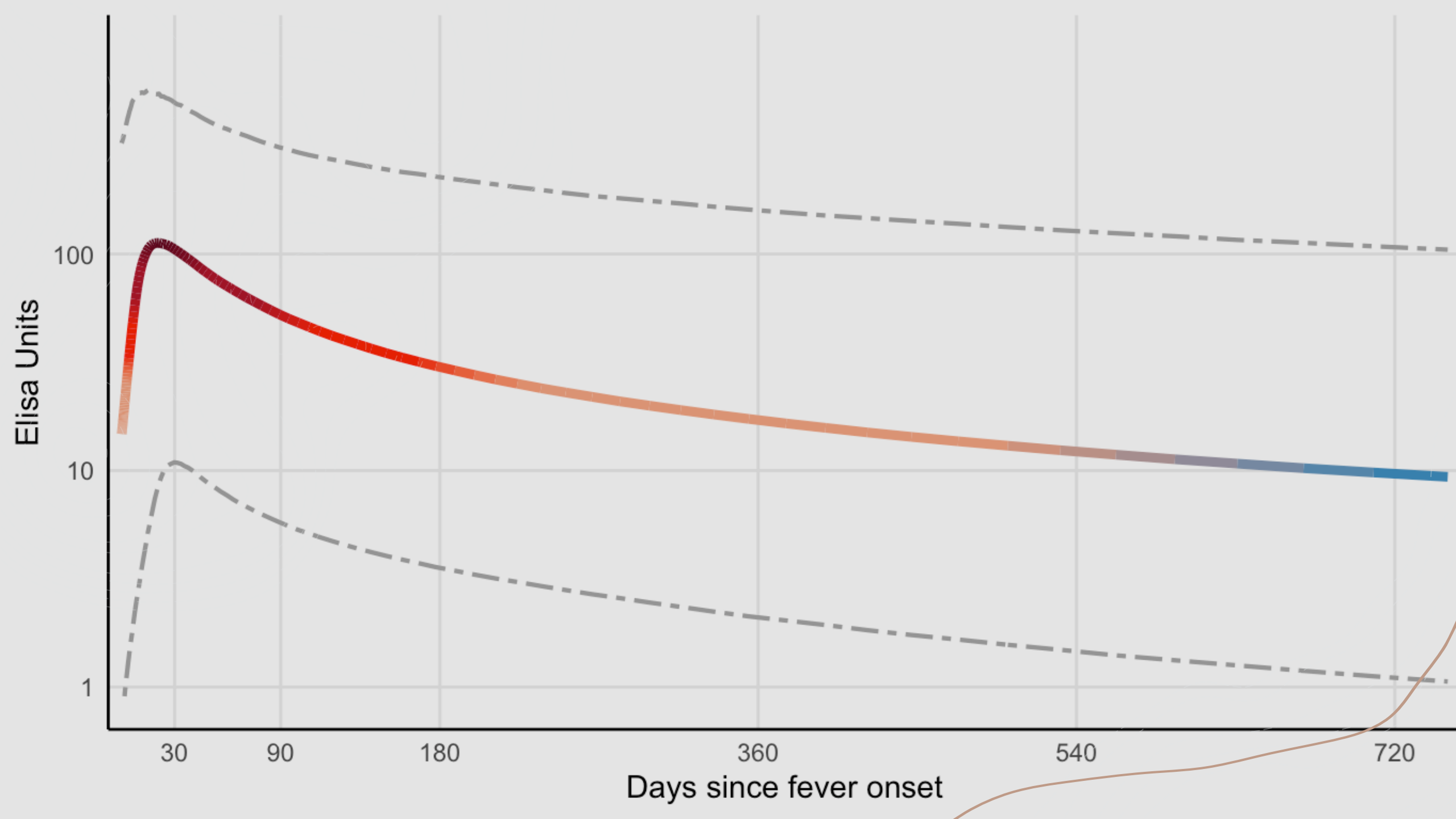


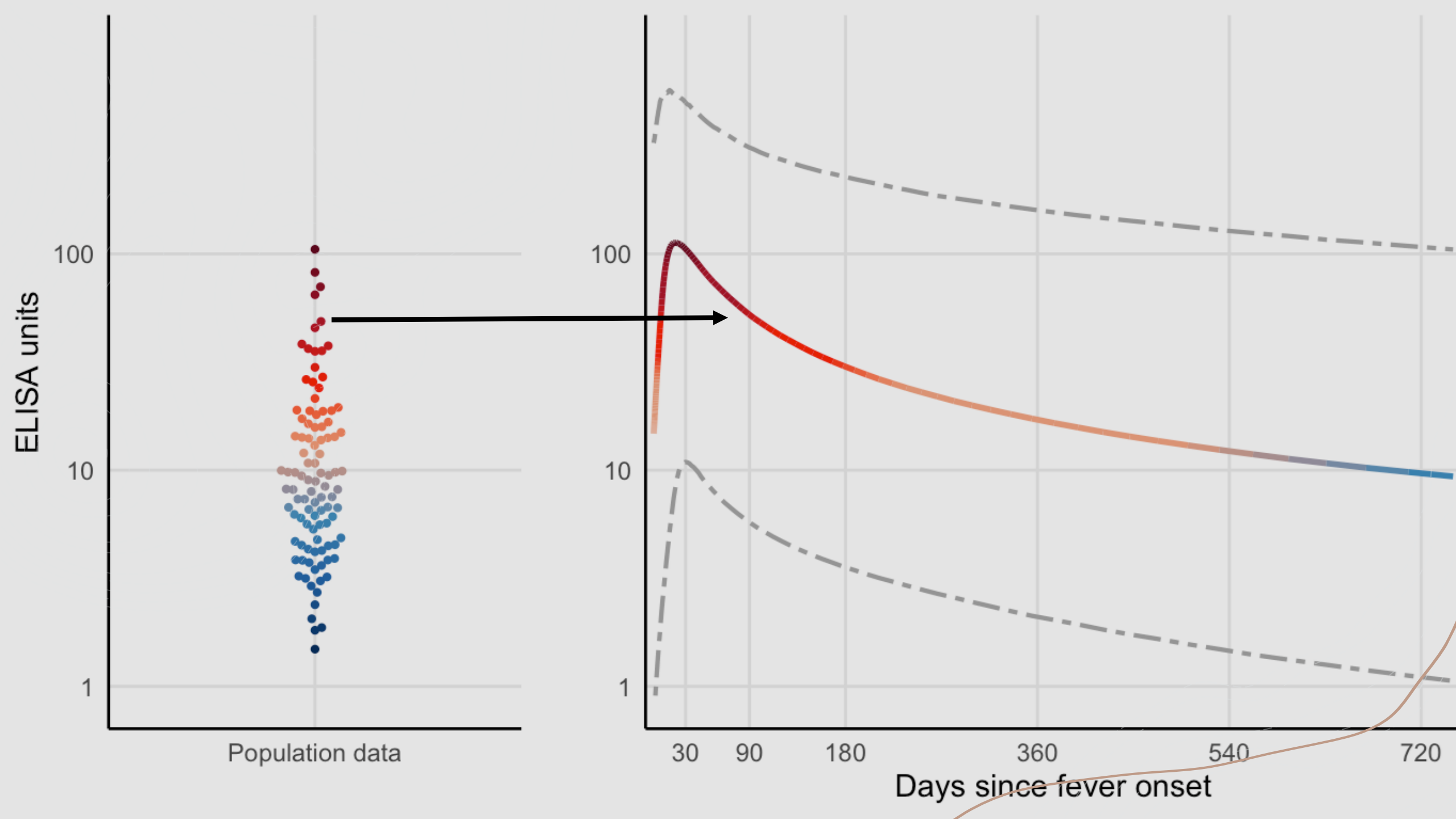












ELISA units

100

10

1

Population data

100

10

1

30 90 180 360 540 720

Days since fever onset



# Estimating seroincidence using antibody dynamics

- + Seroincidence provides actionable evidence:
  - + "The number of **new** infections in this population per year"
- + Antibody dynamics only need to be modeled once
- + Incorporate heterogeneity in antibody responses (instead of ignore)
- + Incorporating signal from multiple antigens/isotypes to improve precision
- + Accommodate biological noise and measurement error

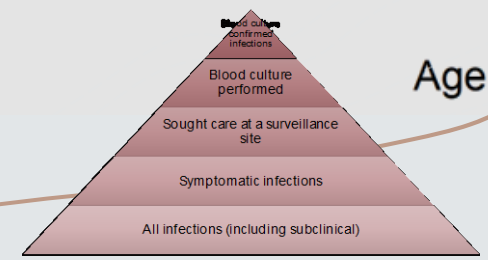
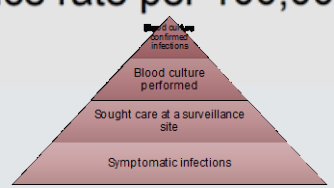
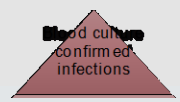
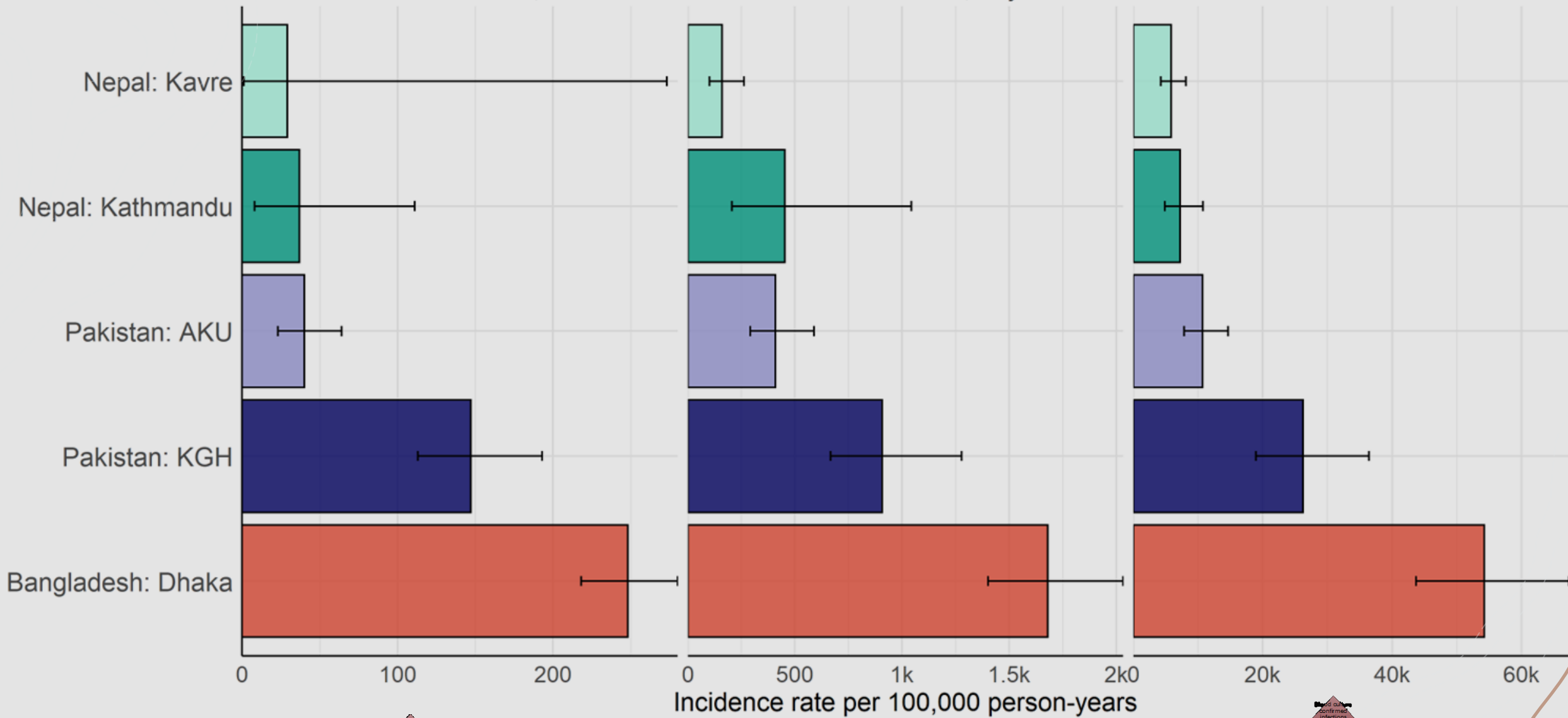
*Teunis et al, Stats in Medicine, 2020*

*Teunis et al, Epidemics, 2016*

Clinical Surveillance, Crude

Clinical Surveillance, Adjusted

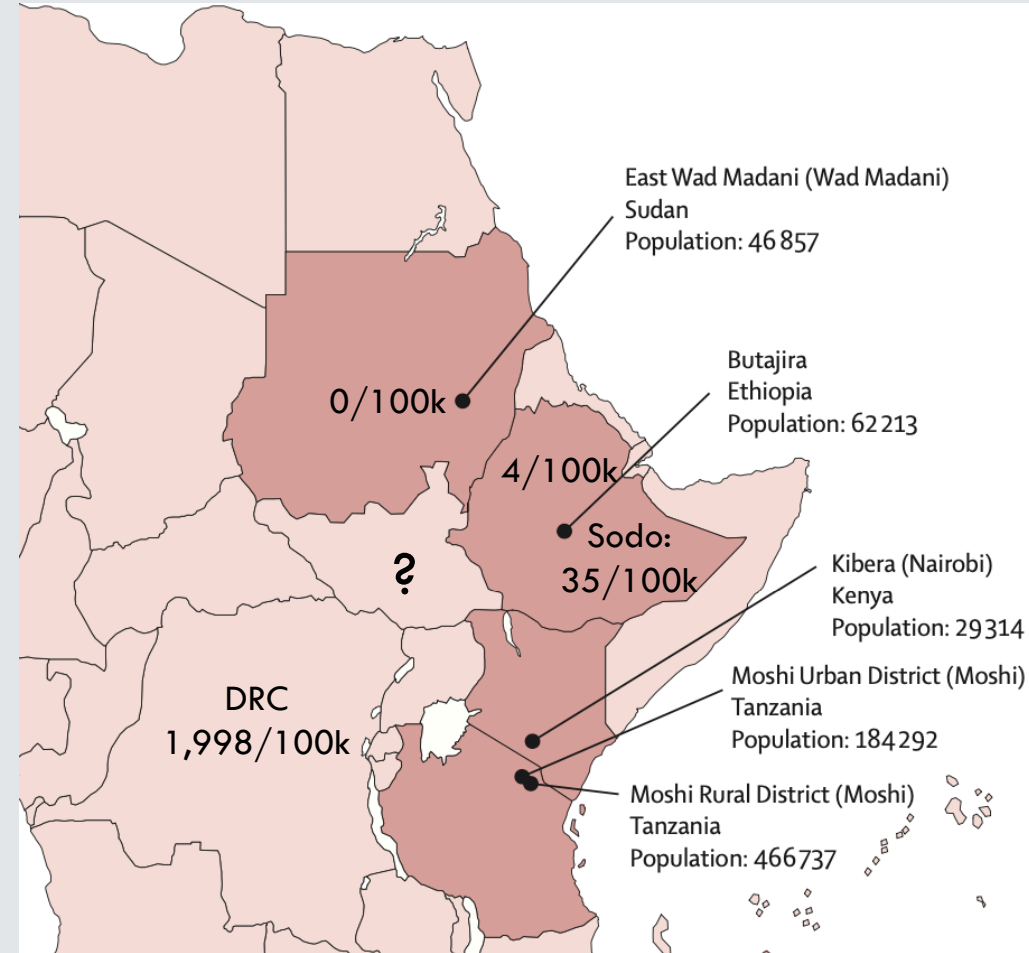
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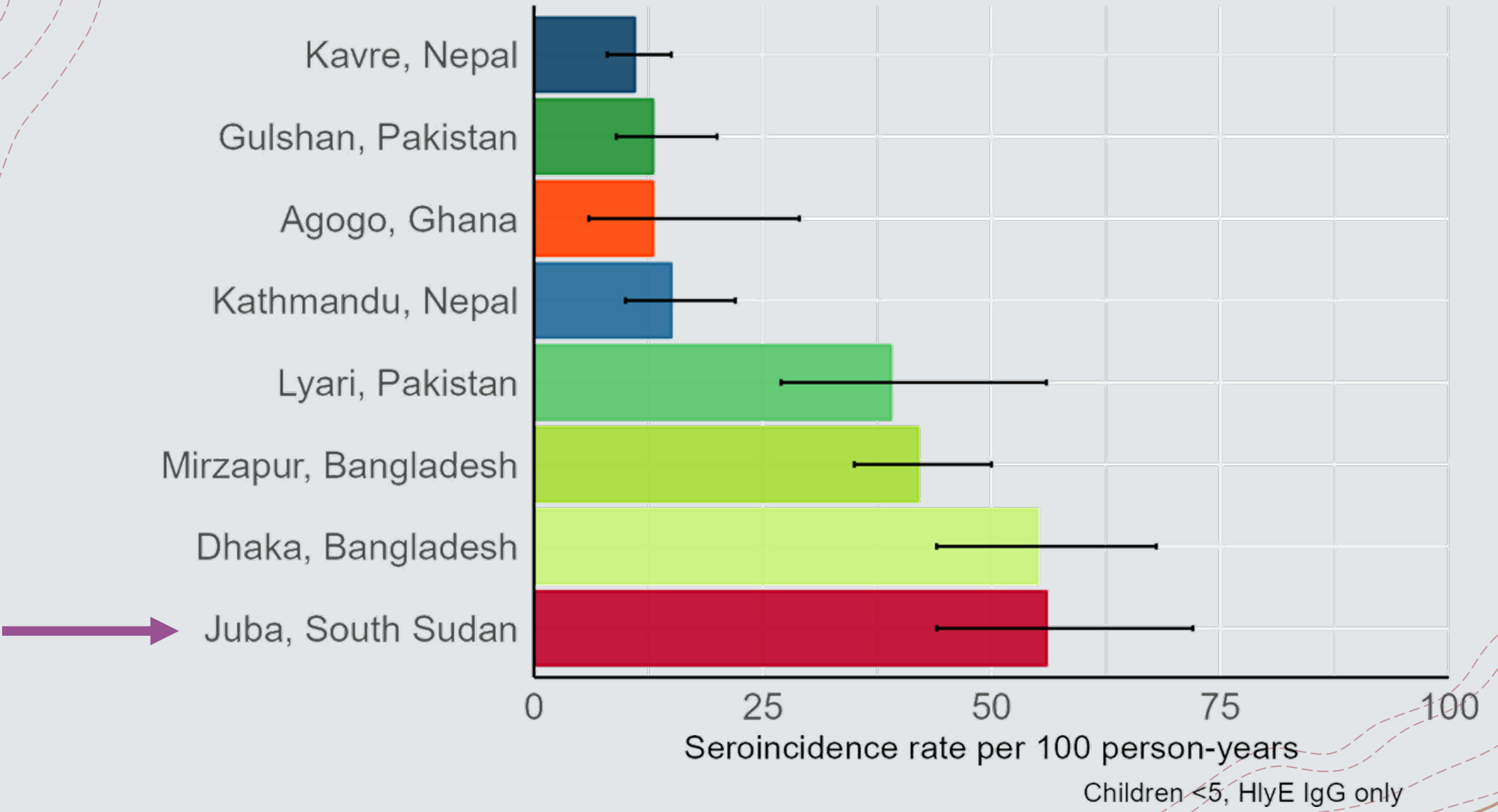
Age 2 to <5

# Settings where blood culture surveillance is not available

- + Covid serosurvey (DBS) 2020
- + 397 samples



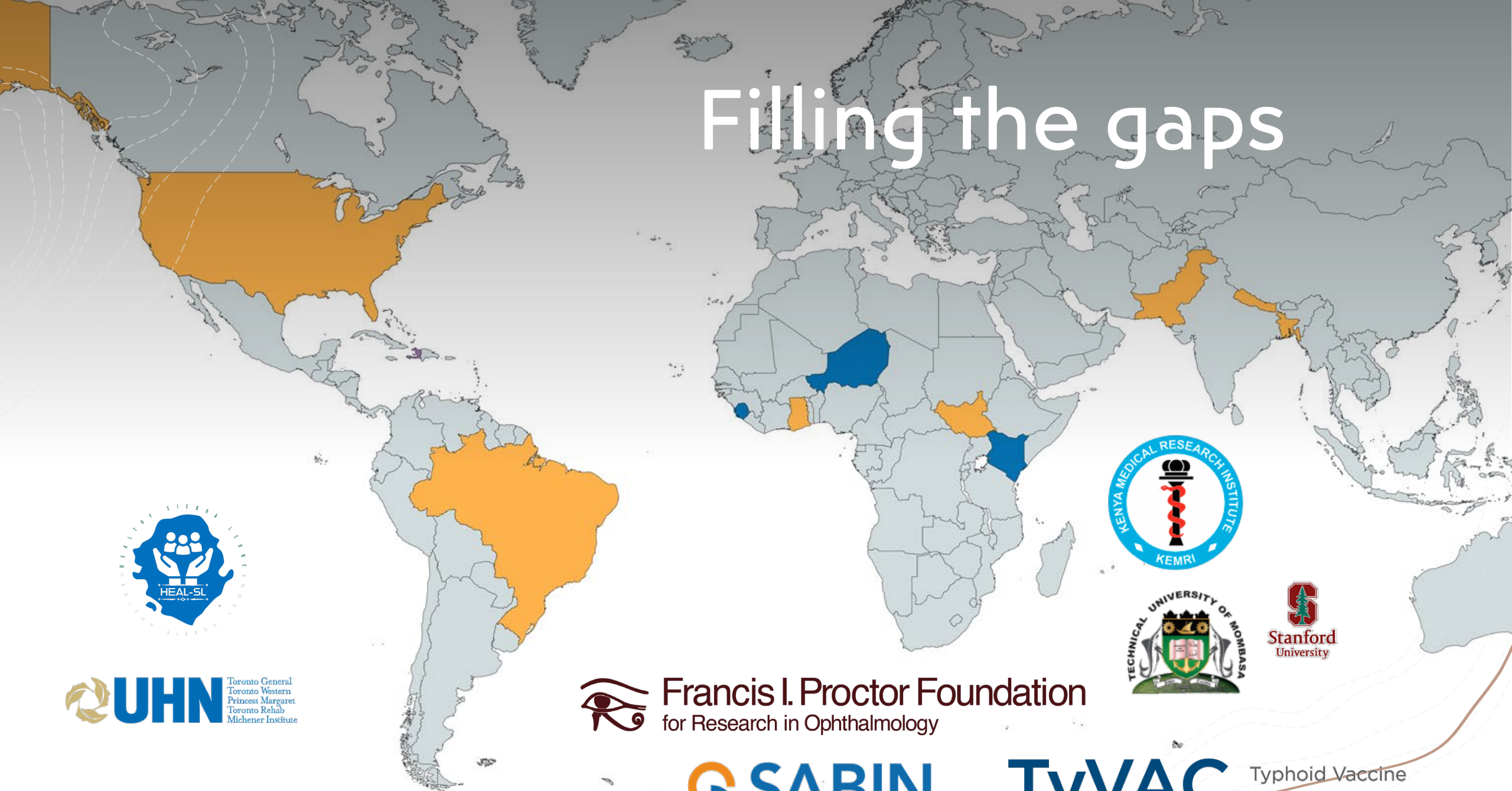
Marks et al, LGH 2017



Seroincidence rate per 100 person-years

Children <5, HlyE IgG only

# Filling the gaps



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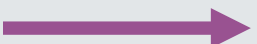
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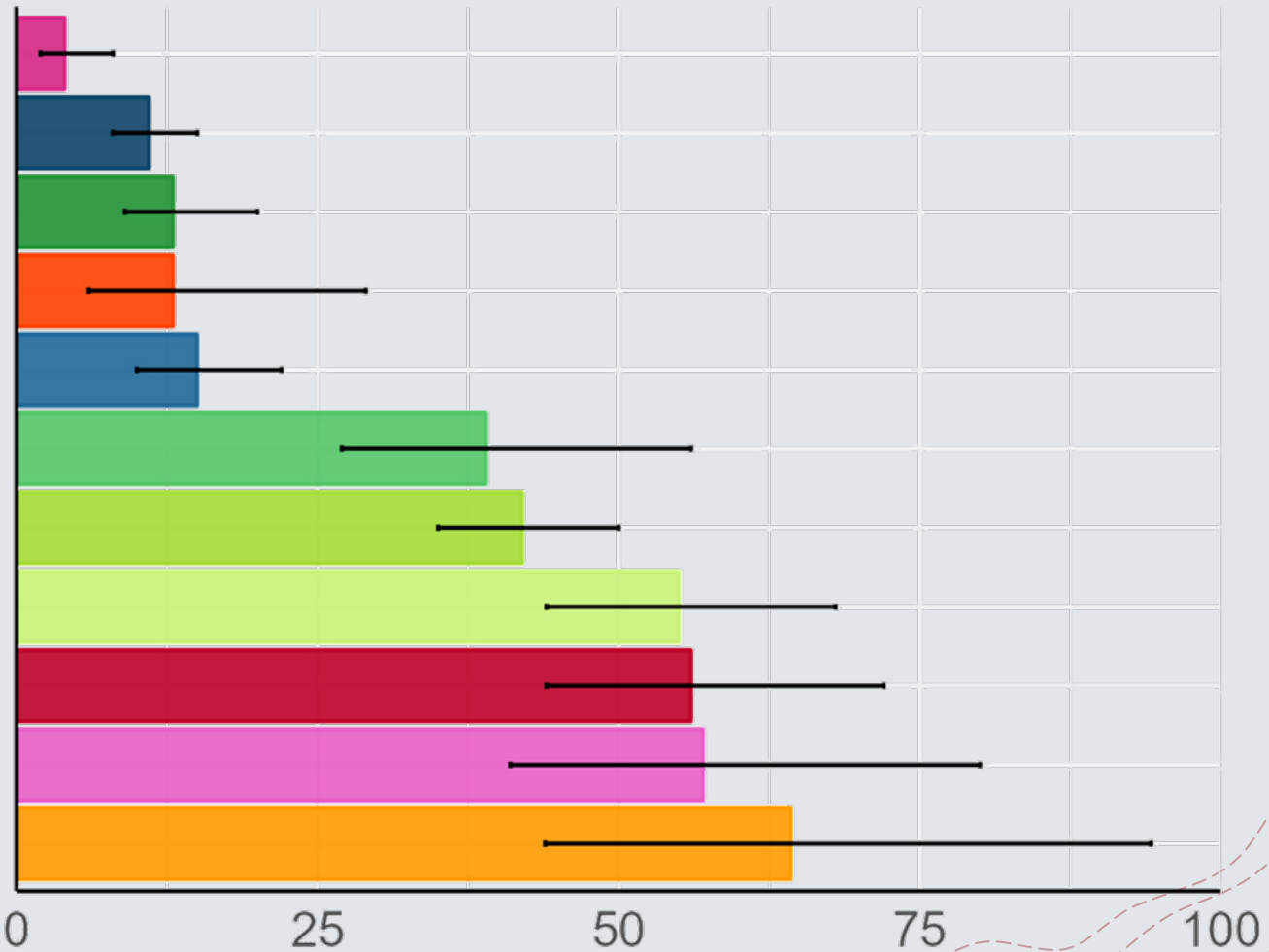
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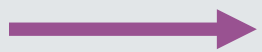
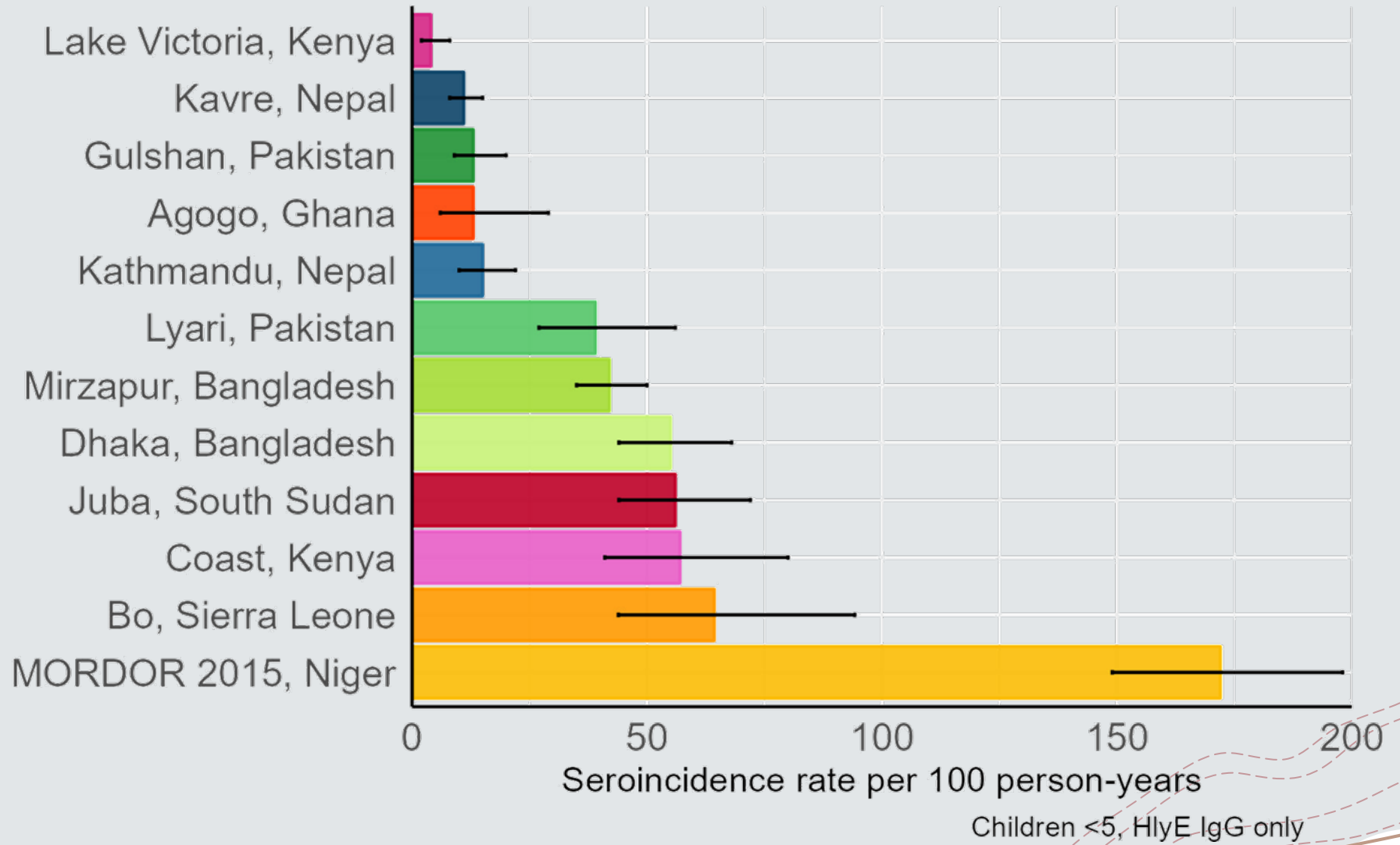


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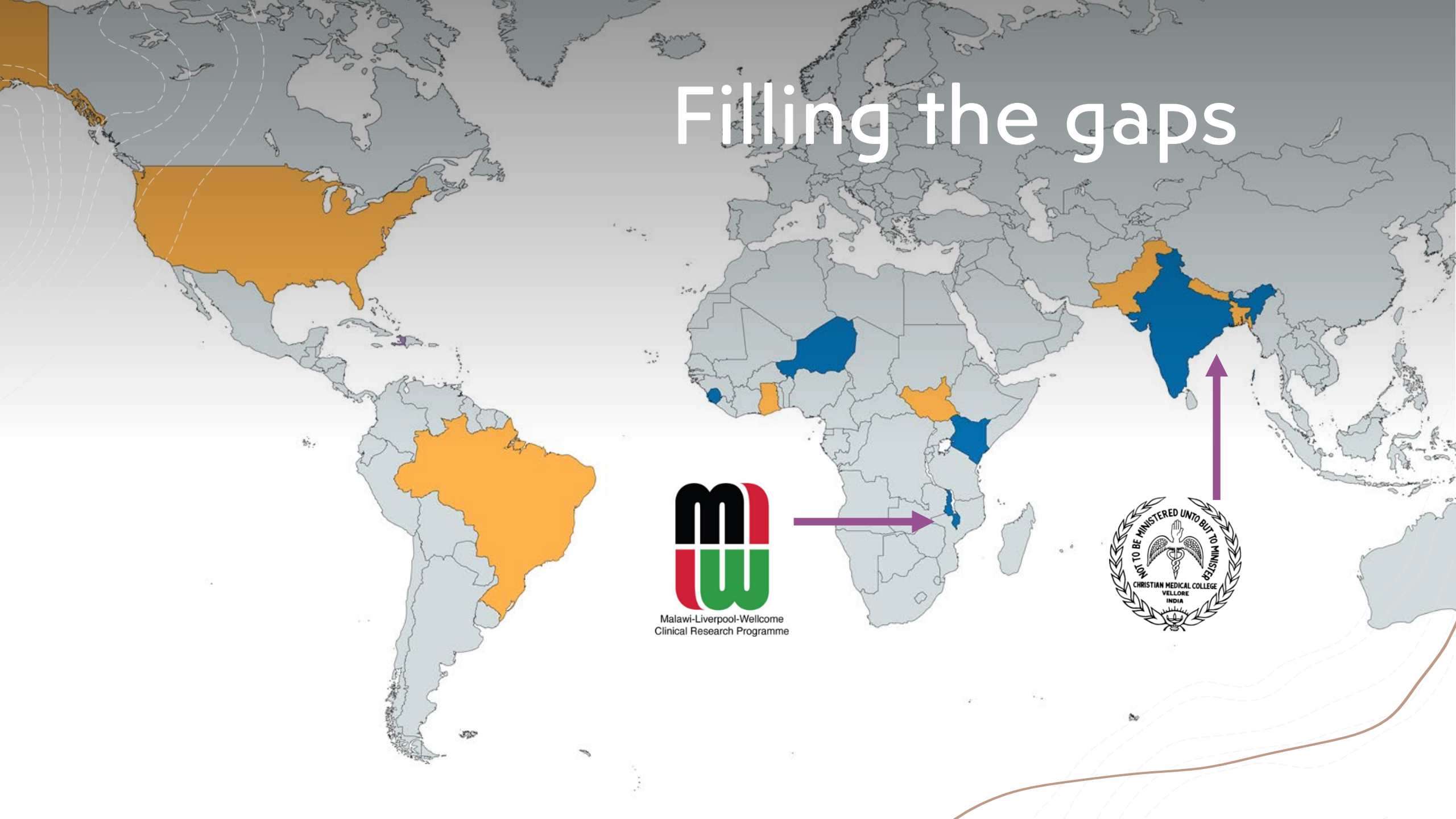
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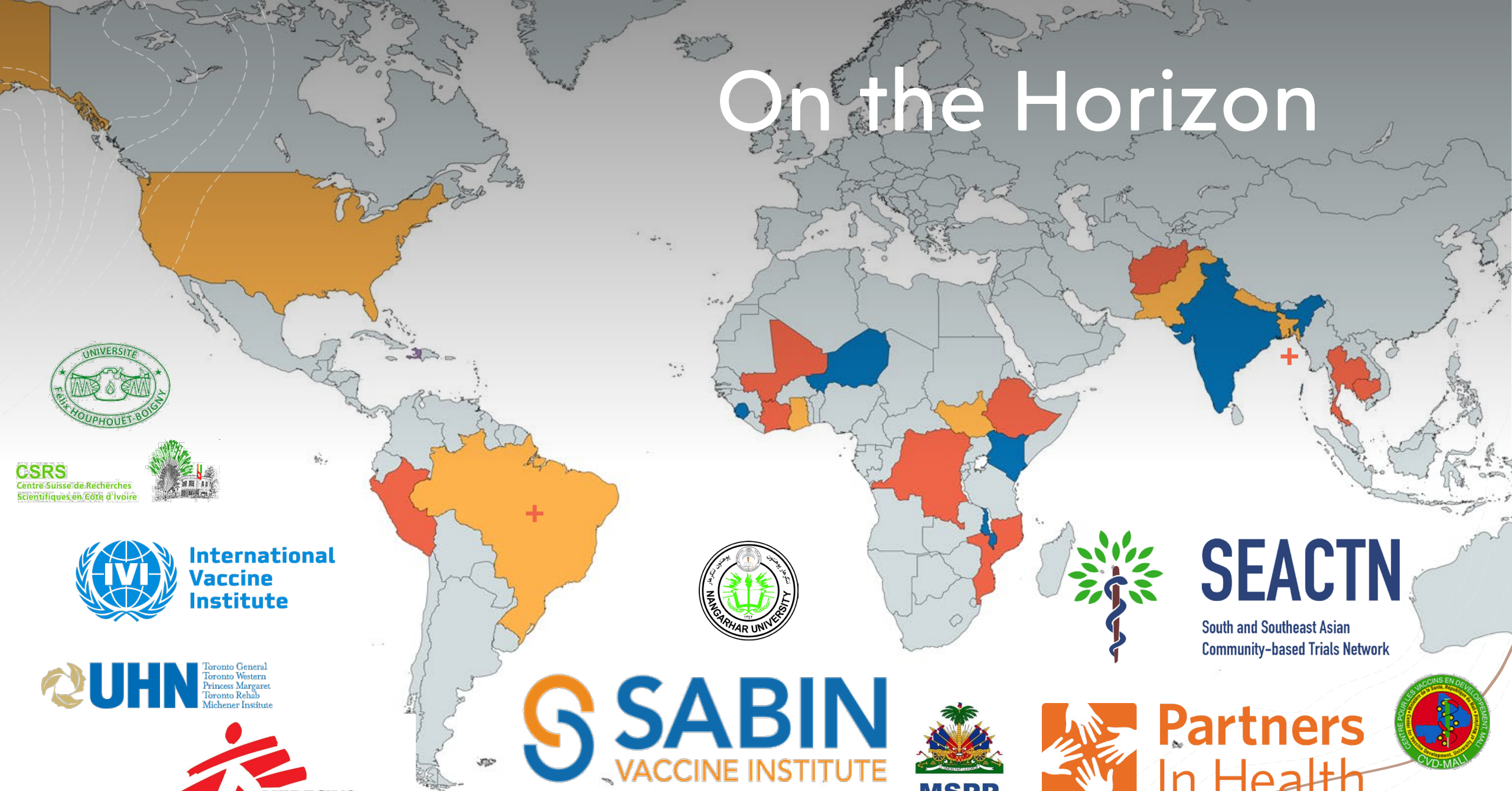
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# Filling the gaps





# On the Horizon



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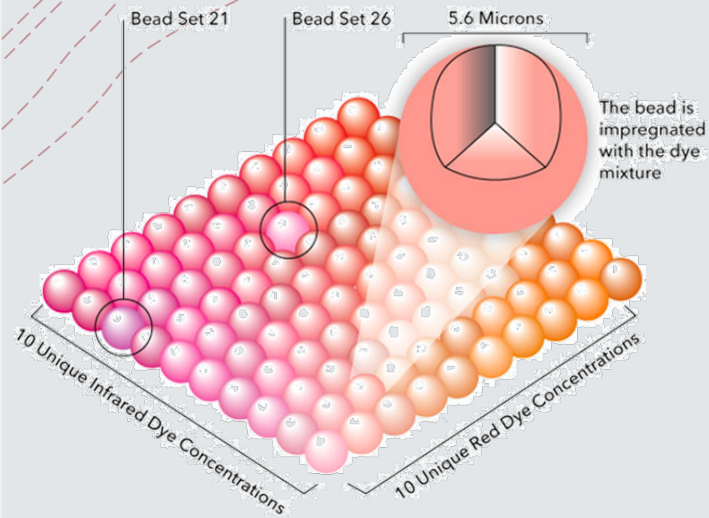
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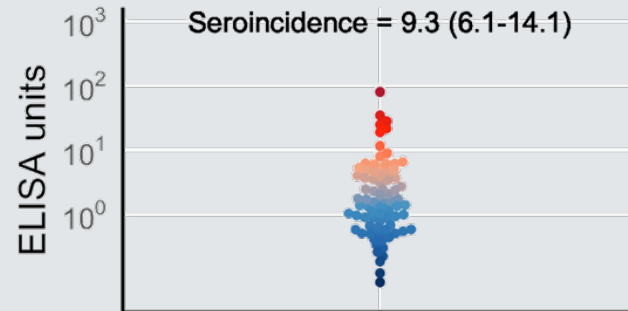
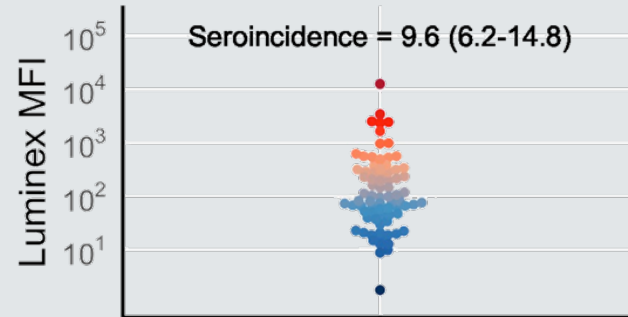
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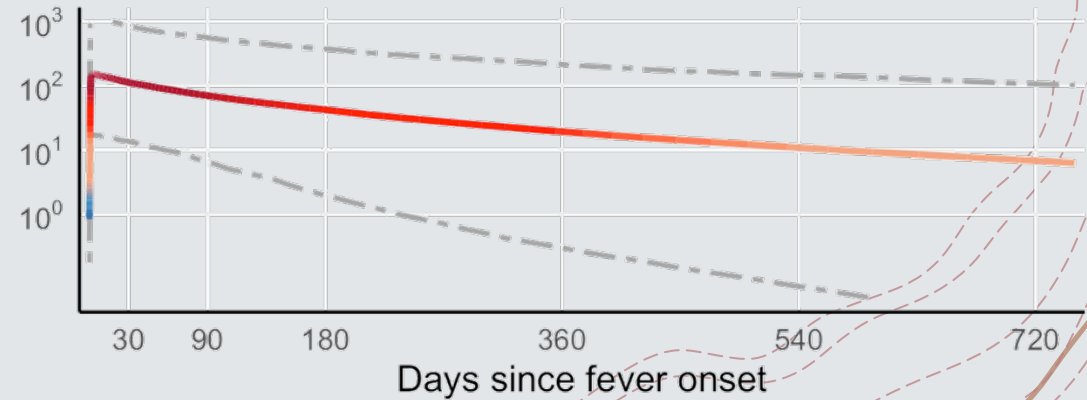
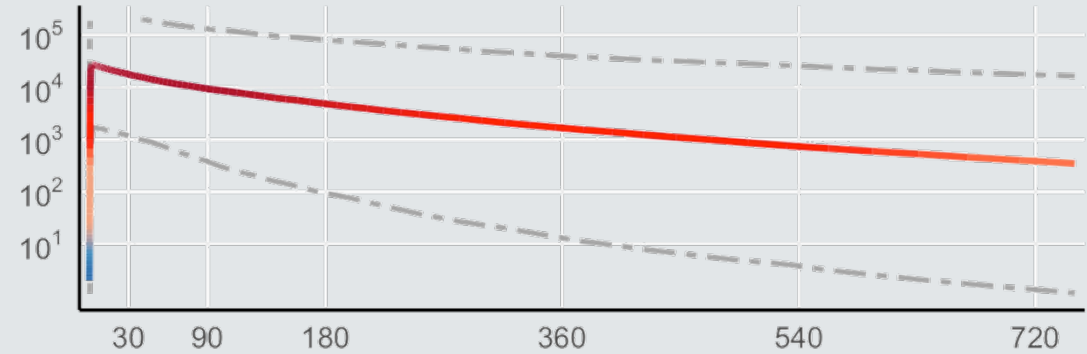
# Integrating HlyE into bead-based multiplex assays



HlyE IgG population responses



HlyE IgG antibody kinetics among confirmed cases



# Scaling enteric fever serosurveillance: Analytical tools

Open source  
analytical package for  
R available on GitHub  
<https://github.com/UCD-SERG/serocalculator>

Analytical training  
workshops

- Bangkok Aug 2022
- Kigali Dec 2023
- **Anywhere you invite us**



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for the `serocalculator` package. At the top, it displays the package name and version (0.1.0.9000), along with navigation links for "Reference" and "Articles". A search bar is visible in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "serocalculator" and contains a detailed description of the package's purpose: to estimate the frequency of seroconversions from antibody levels in a cross-sectional population sample. Below the description, there are sections for "Installing R" and "Installing the Serocalculator Package". The "Installing R" section provides instructions on how to set up the R environment, including installing `base R` and a GUI like `RStudio`. The "Installing the Serocalculator Package" section explains that the package is still in development as of November 21, 2023, and provides instructions on how to install the development version. On the right side of the page, there are several sections: "Links" with a link to "Browse source code", "License" with a link to "GPL-3", "Community" with links to "Contributing guide" and "Code of conduct", "Citation" with a link to "Citing serocalculator", "Developers" listing Peter Teunis, Kristina Lai, Kristen Aiemjoy, and Douglas Ezra Morrison, and "Dev status" showing a green "R-CMD-check passing" badge.

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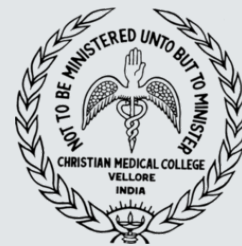
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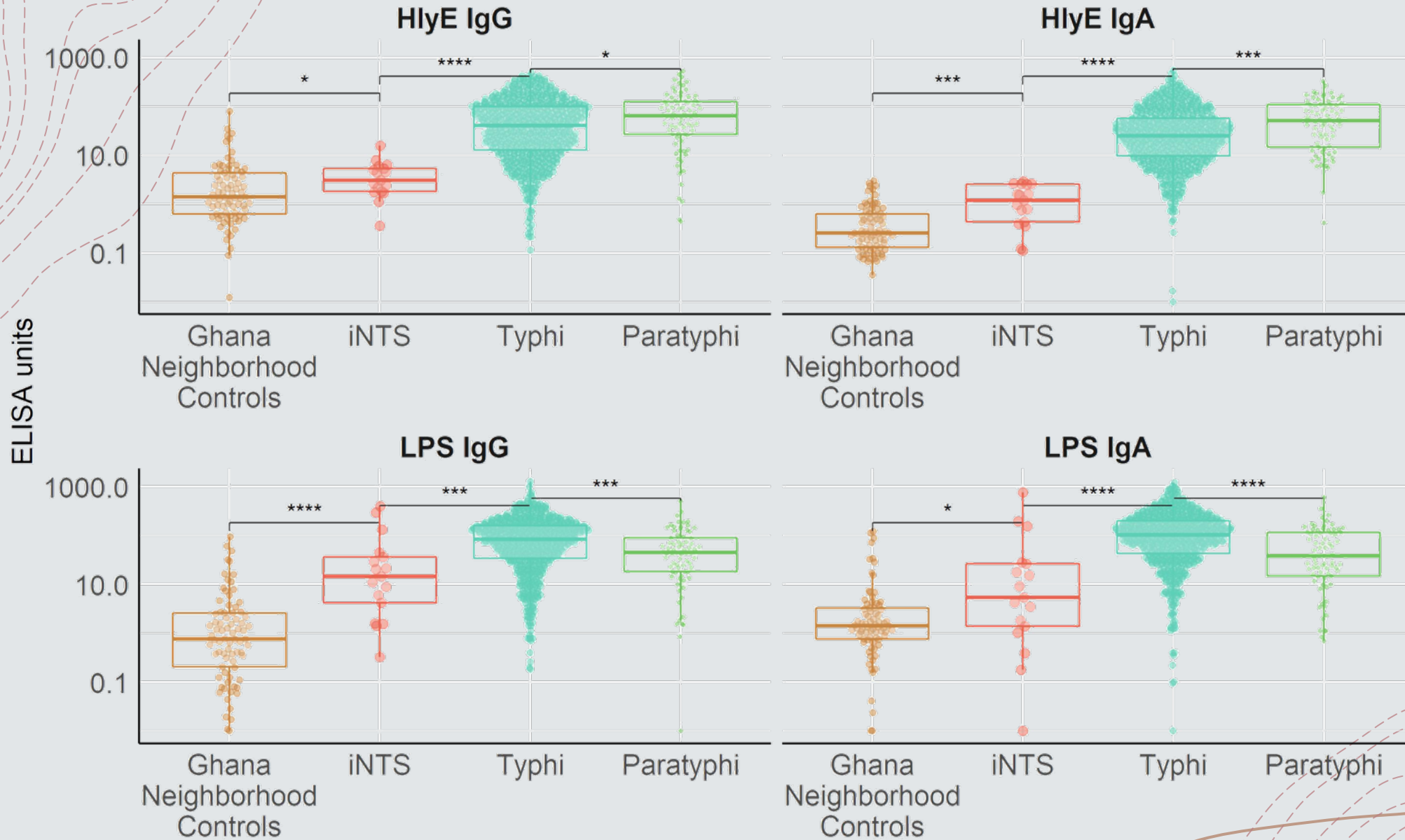




**Extra slides**

Study Site	Study Name	Age Range (y)	Age < 5 (n)	Total (n)	Year	Reference
<b>Bangladesh</b> Dhaka Mirzapur	SEES	0.5-18	101 151	401 596	2019-2021	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8">https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8</a>
<b>Kathmandu Valley, Nepal</b>	SEES	0.5-25	186	846	2019-2020	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8">https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8</a>
<b>Pakistan</b> Karachi Hyderabad	SEES	0.5-25	126	494	2019-2020	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8">https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8</a>
<b>Agogo Ghana</b>	SETA	2-19	18	79	2016	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8">https://doi.org/10.1016/S2666-5247(22)00114-8</a>
<b>Juba, South Sudan</b>	COVID	1-70	66	1244	2020	<a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/28/11/22-0239_article">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/28/11/22-0239_article</a>
<b>Dosso, Niger</b> 2015 2020	MORDOR	0-5	449 558	449 558	2015 2020	<a href="https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2787602">https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2787602</a>
<b>Kenya</b> <b>Coastal (Ukunda, Msambweni)</b> <b>Western sites (Chulaimbo, Kisumu)</b>	CHIKV, DENV	3-18	31	1401	2017	<a href="https://bmcinfectdis.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12879-023-08157-4">https://bmcinfectdis.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12879-023-08157-4</a>
<b>Vellore, India</b>		0-21	364	1217	2022	
<b>Blantyre, Malawi</b>		1-14	387	937	2023	
<b>Bo, Sierra Leone</b>	HEAL-SL	2-95	35	455	2022	Jha P et al, in preparation
<b>Araraquara, Brazil</b>	Dengue cohort	2-16	150	432	2014-2015	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actatropica.2019.105313">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actatropica.2019.105313</a>
<b>United States</b> California - COVID serosurvey Boston-Pediatric cohort	CA-FACTS	3-50 1-18	3 54	205 80	2021 2017-2020	<a href="https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-2548374/v1">https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-2548374/v1</a>

# Cross-reactive antibody responses in iNTS?

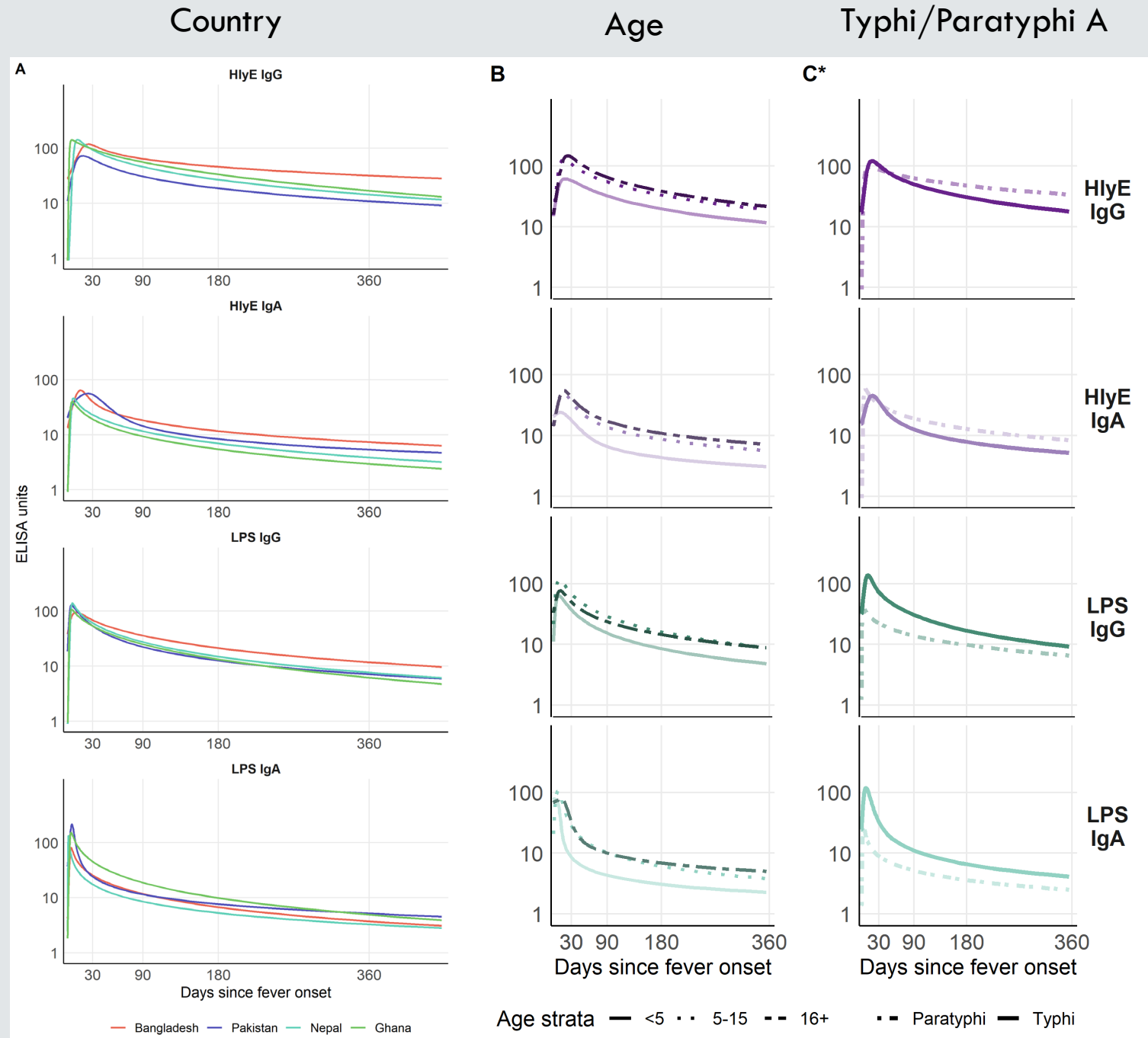


HlyE IgA  
Typhi vs iNTS  
**AUC: 0.97**  
(95% CI: 0.96-0.99)

LPS IgA  
Typhi vs iNTS  
**AUC: 0.88**  
(95% CI: 0.78-0.99)



# Variation in antibody kinetics by:



# Schools as a Platform for Rapid Typhoid Seroepidemiological Assessments: Evidence from Nepal

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# Background

- High typhoid burden in Kathmandu Valley; limited evidence in the other regions of Nepal.
- Blood culture surveillance studies are expensive, logistically intensive, and take many years to complete
- Serologic surveys are an alternative approach to generate accurate typhoid incidence estimates
- Schools are a potential alternative population to quickly estimate typhoid burden, but it's unclear whether they provide a representative sample for assessing community exposure to *S. Typhi*



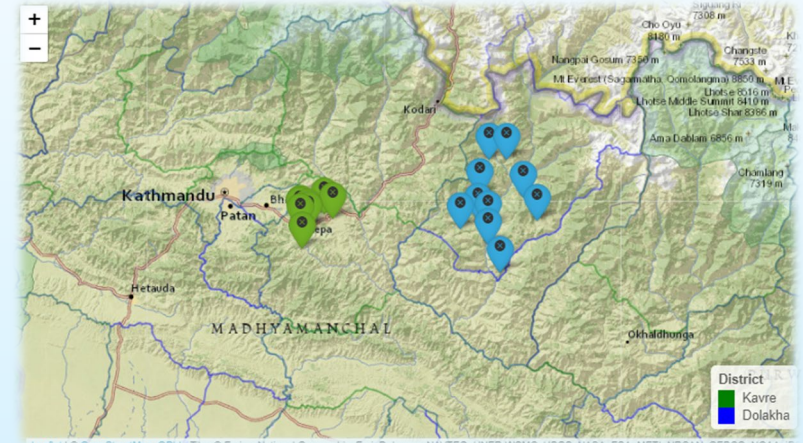


# Objectives

- Determine the feasibility of using a school-based sampling frame for typhoid sero-epidemiology, evaluating participation rates and resource requirements
- Compare school-based and population-based seroincidence estimates from the same communities to determine whether school-based estimates provide unbiased estimates compared with household-based surveys

# Methods

- Random sample of 18 primary and secondary schools
  - 8 in Kavre district
  - 10 in Dolakha district
- Up to 100 children randomly selected from each school
- Inclusion criteria: Age between 4 and 18 years
- Fingertick capillary blood collected onto filter paper
- HlyE IgG and IgA antibody levels determined by kinetic ELISA
- Estimated seroincidence in each community using previously published methods (Aiemjoy et al, 2022)

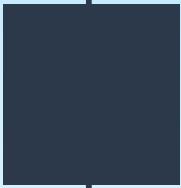




# School and Population Sample



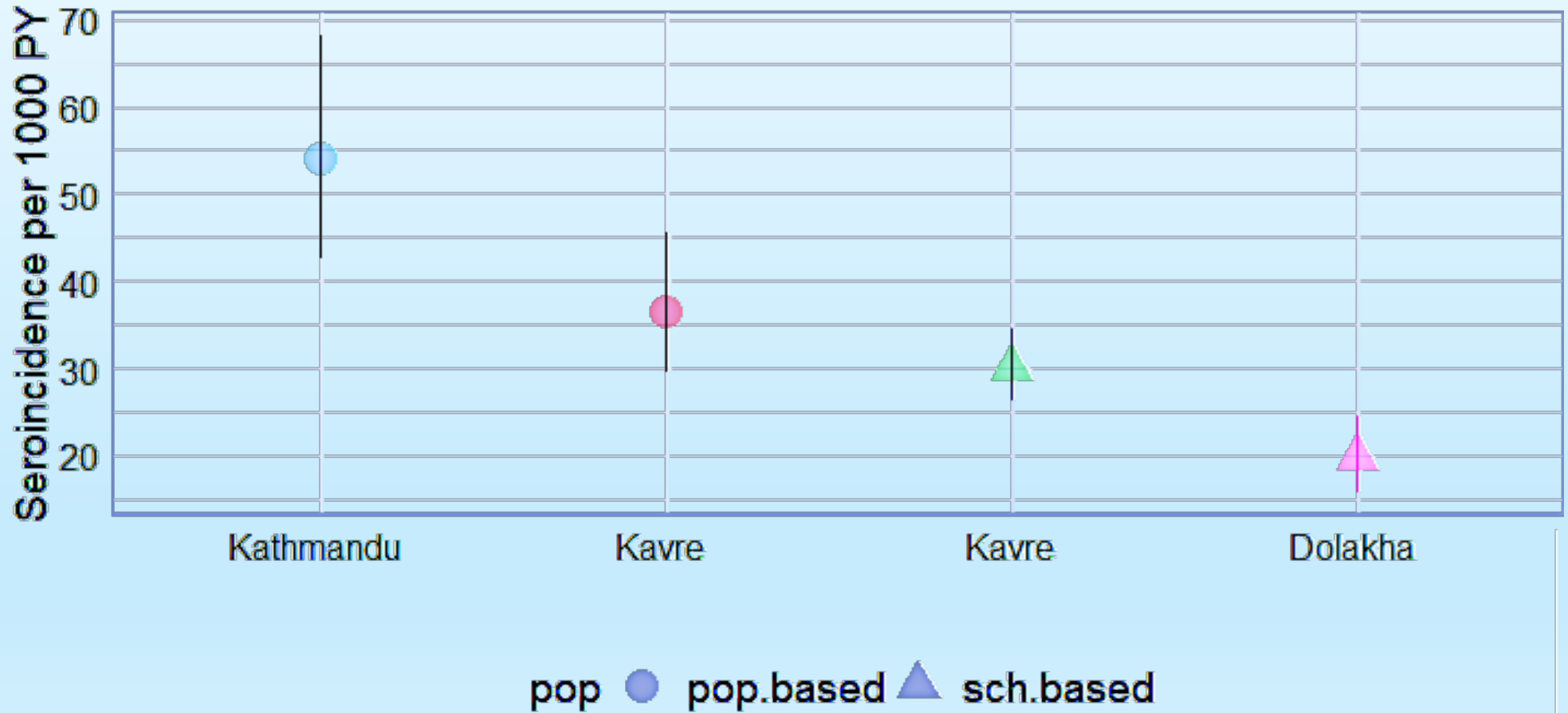
	Population		School	
	Kathmandu	Kavre	Kavre	Dolakha
Median age (IQR)	12.0 (5.8–17.8)	10.2 (5.1–15.7)	11(8-14)	9(7-12)
Sample size	353	481	816	522
Duration of study, Months	24	24	4	2
Research Staff Required	8	8	4	4
Consent Rate	76.5%	86.4%	88.3%	98.3%



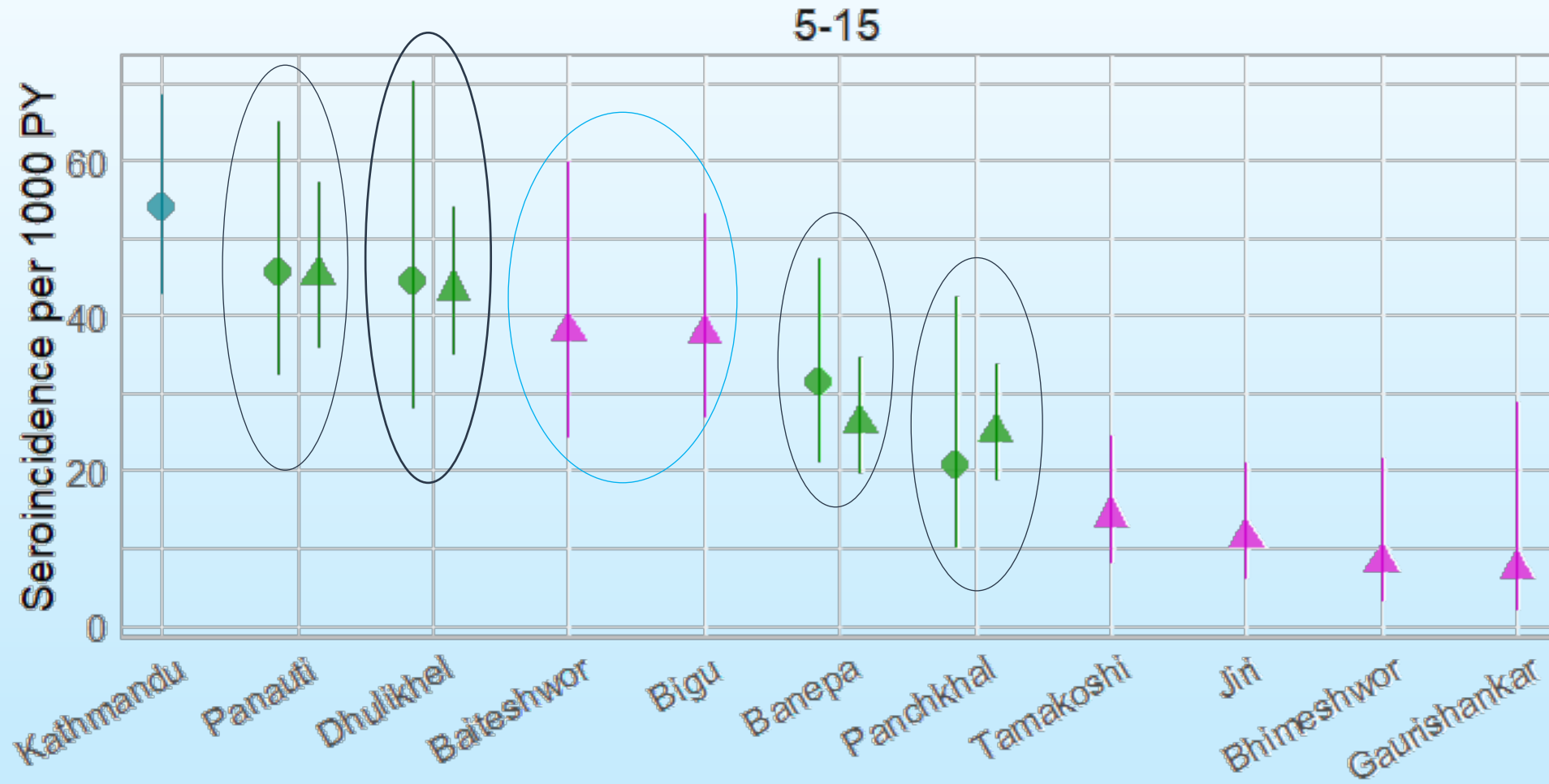
# RESULTS

## Seroincidence by District and Sampling frame

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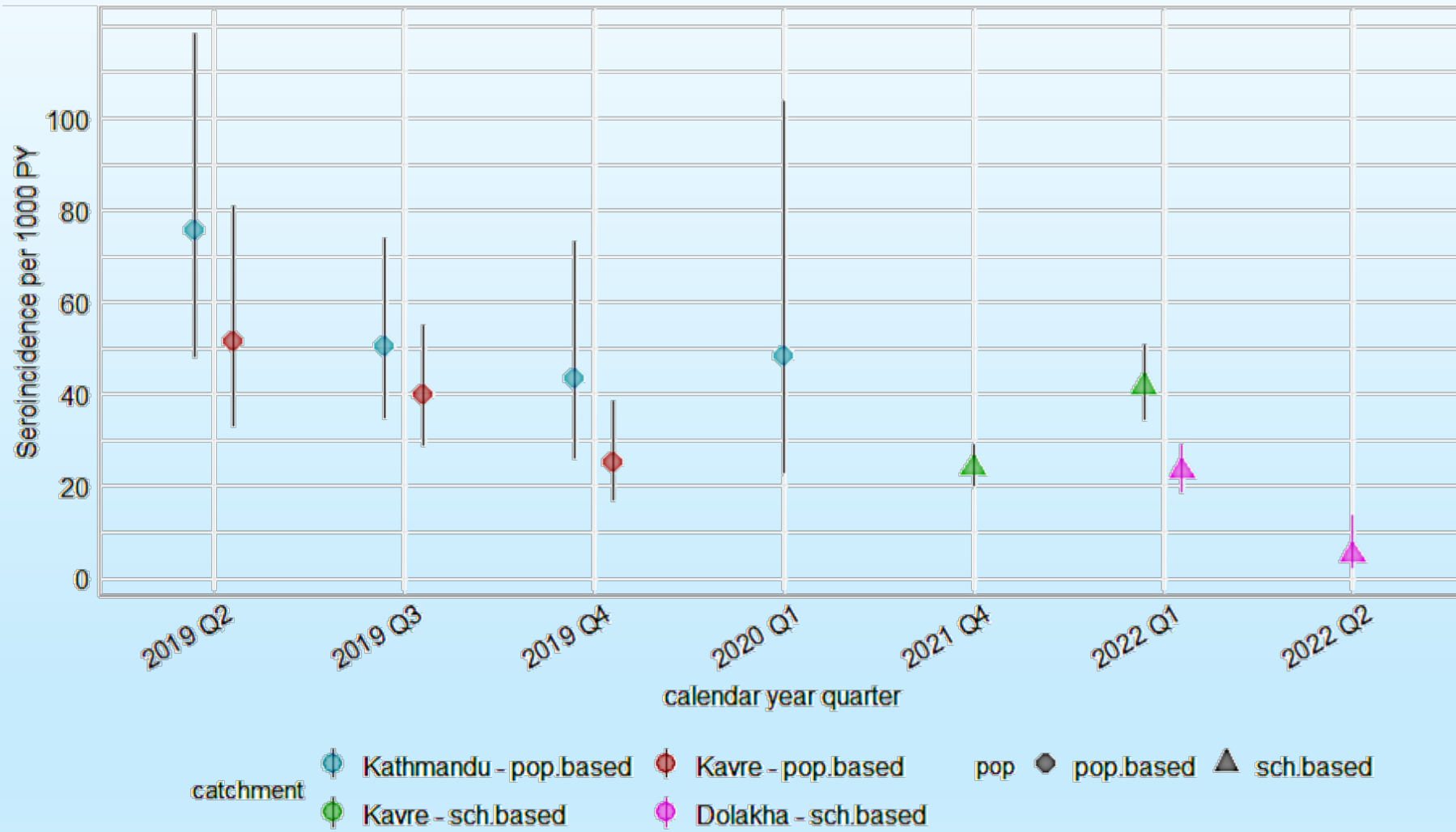
# Seroincidence by Municipality and Sampling frame



- pop. based survey
- catchment
- dolakha
- kathmandu
- kavre
- ▲ school survey



# Seroincidence by Timepoints and Sampling site



# Conclusions

- Seroincidence estimates derived from school based sampling were similar to those derived from household surveys
- Participation rates were higher in school based surveys compared with household surveys, and sampling was able to be performed in a fraction of the time and with fewer personnel, markedly reducing costs
- School-based surveys could enable rapid mapping of typhoid risk in communities where blood culture-based surveillance is not available, as well as monitoring of typhoid exposure trends following vaccine introduction
- In settings where surveys for helminths or other infections are performed at school, typhoid surveys could be part of an integrated surveillance system to leverage resources and enhance scalability

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# Enteric fever seroincidence estimates using cross-sectional rapid serosurveys in Bangladesh

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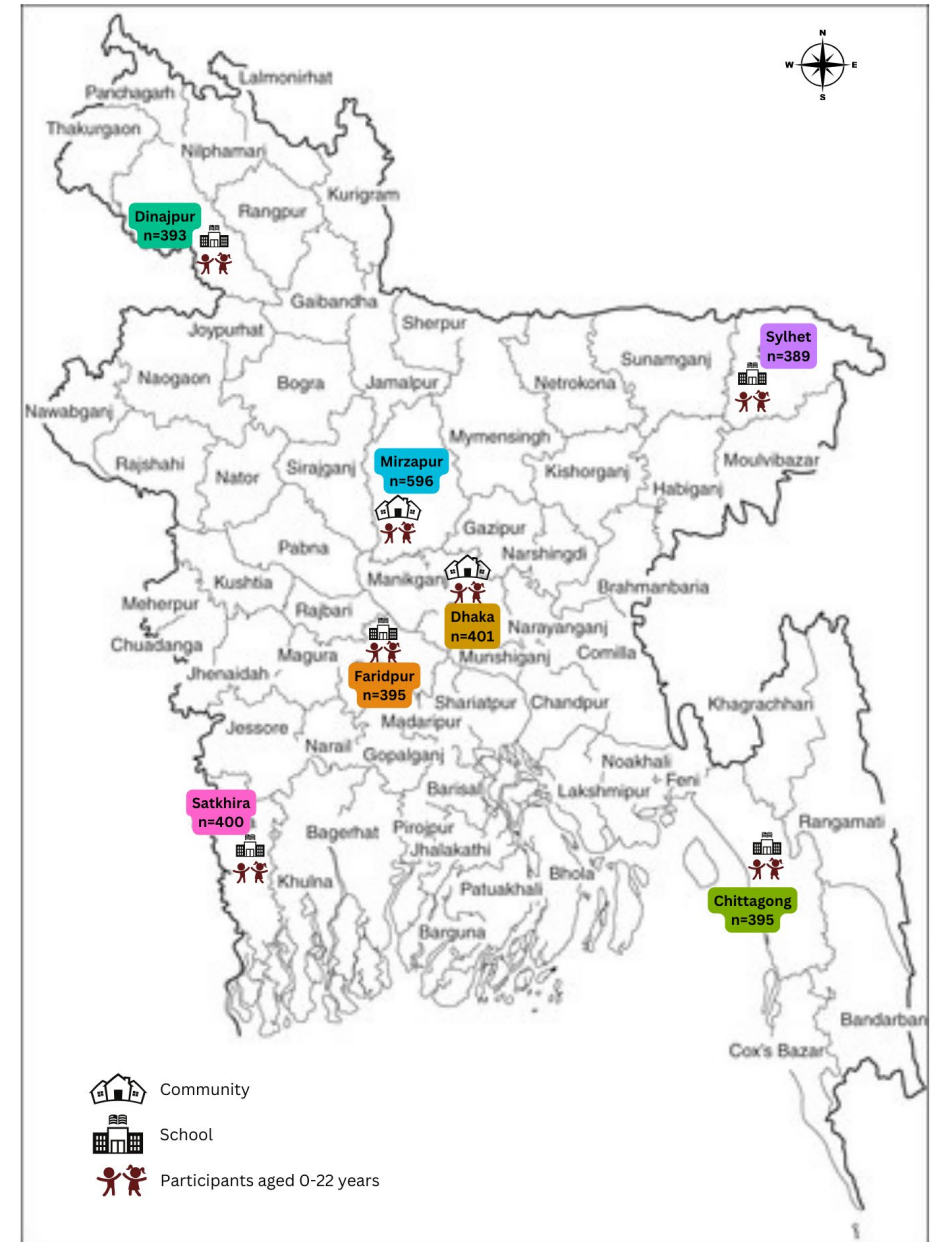
# Study design

## For Dhaka and Mirzapur\*

- ✓ From June 2019 to June 2021
- ✓ Collected dried blood spot samples

## For the remaining areas

- ✓ January to June 2022, 3-5 days for each survey
- ✓ Collected venous whole blood samples
- ✓ Additional benefits to participants-  
Blood grouping and Hepatitis B/C tests,  
Science camps



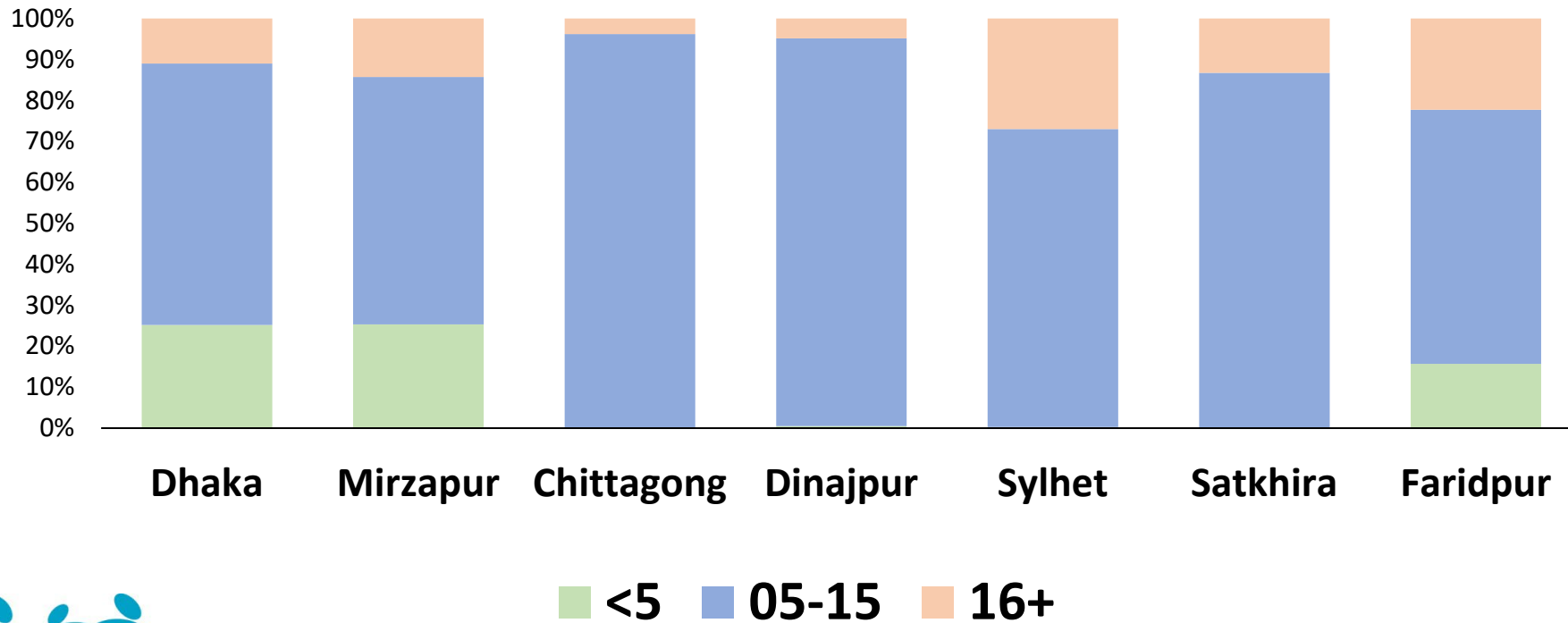
\*Aiemjoy et al., The Lancet Global Health, 2022

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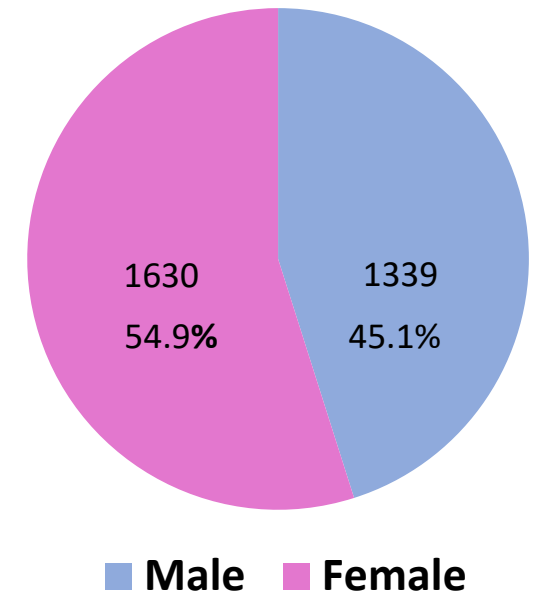
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# Characteristics of the study participants

## Age distribution

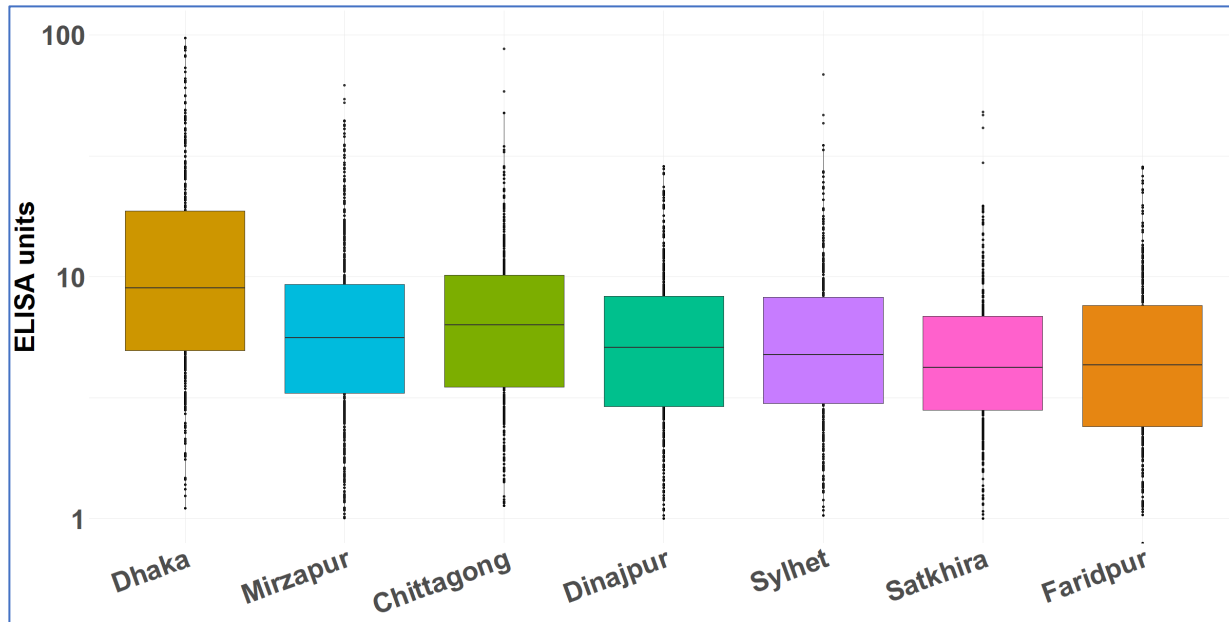


## Sex distribution

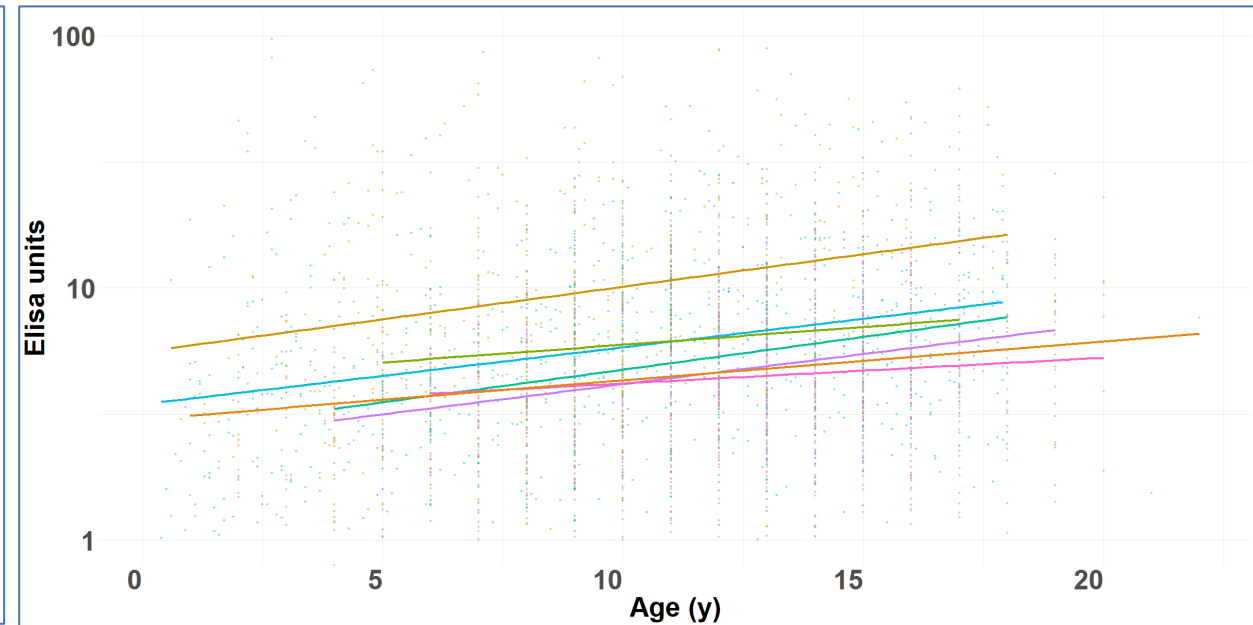


# Anti-HlyE IgG response among study participants

## By study communities



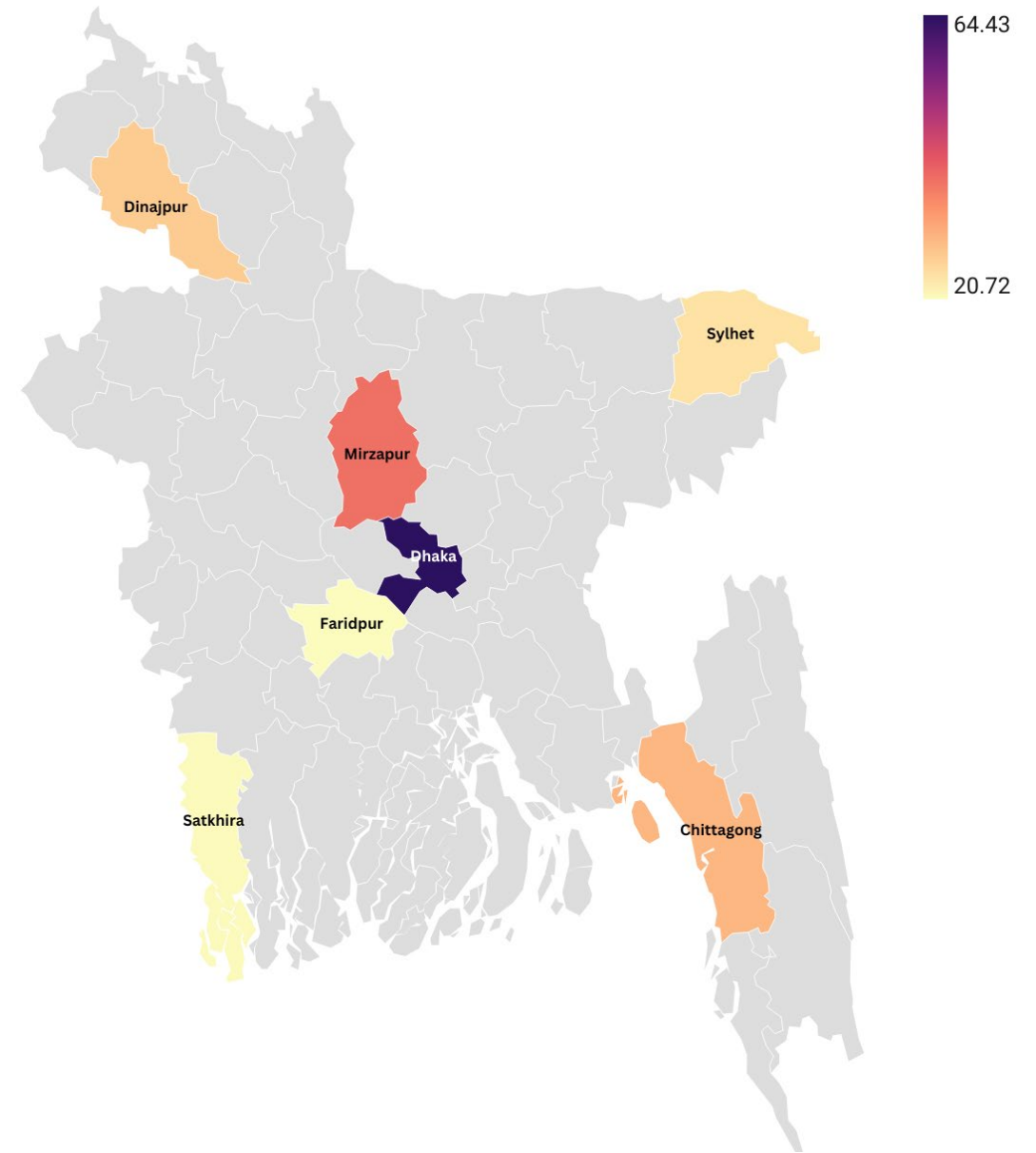
## By age





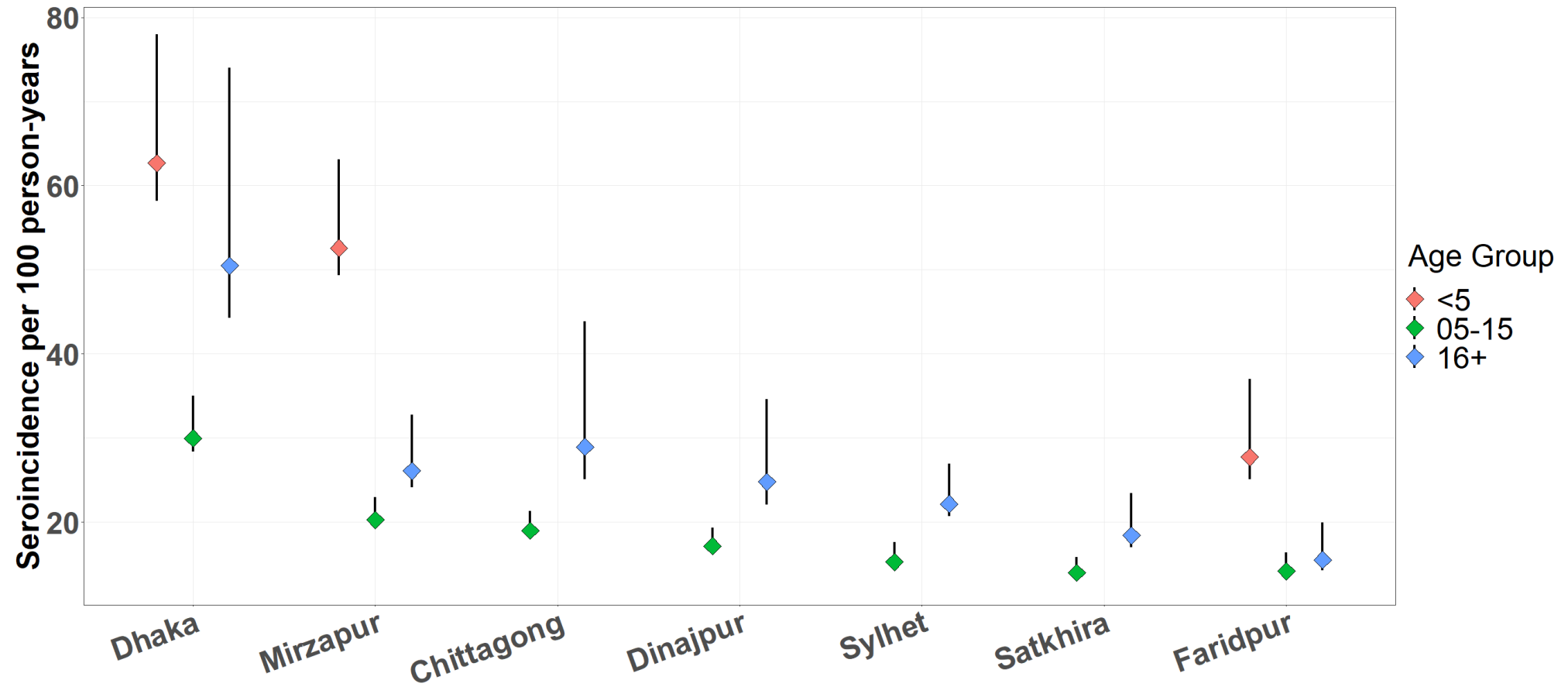
# Enteric fever seroincidence among study participants

Study areas	Seroincidence per 100 person-years (95% CI)
Dhaka	64.4 (55.4- 75.0)
Mirzapur	39.0 (34.8- 43.8)
Chittagong	30.1 (26.4- 34.4)
Dinajpur	27.3 (23.9- 31.1)
Sylhet	24.3 (21.3- 27.8)
Satkhira	21.0 (18.5- 23.9)
Faridpur	20.7 (18.2- 23.6)



Seroincidence per 100 person-years (Age 0 to 22 years)

# Enteric fever seroincidence by age group



# This tool enables us..

To detect high enteric fever burden areas

To detect priority age groups for enteric fever



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# Mapping Typhoid Transmission Geospatial Analysis and Seroepidemiology for TCV Prioritization

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# Data Sources

1. Impact Assessment of Typhoid conjugate vaccine following introduction in Routine Immunization Program of Pakistan (IATRP)

October 2020 to September 2023

- Total cases tested : 30,503
- XDR-positive: 18603

Hospital and Lab based data

2. Serosurveillance and Environmental Surveillance for Enteric Fever (SEES)

March 2018 to June 2022

- Population-based: 794
- School-based: 1363

Campaign

- November 2019

Routine Immun

- January 2020

3. (SEAP) Phase II & III, and ITRIPP study

January 2017 to September 2023

- Total cases tested : 61,936
- XDR-positive: 35,543

# Extracting Geospatial information from Hospital and Lab Data

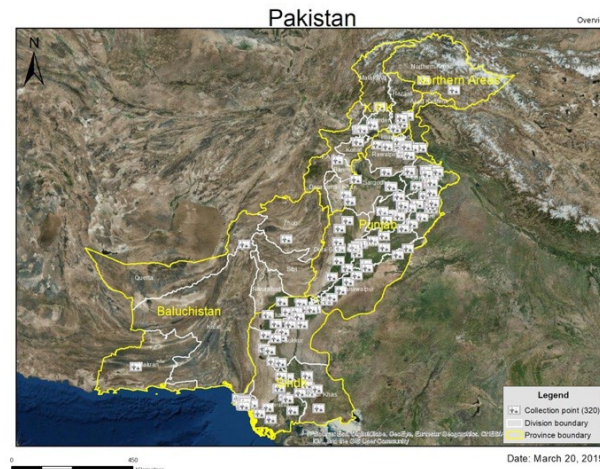
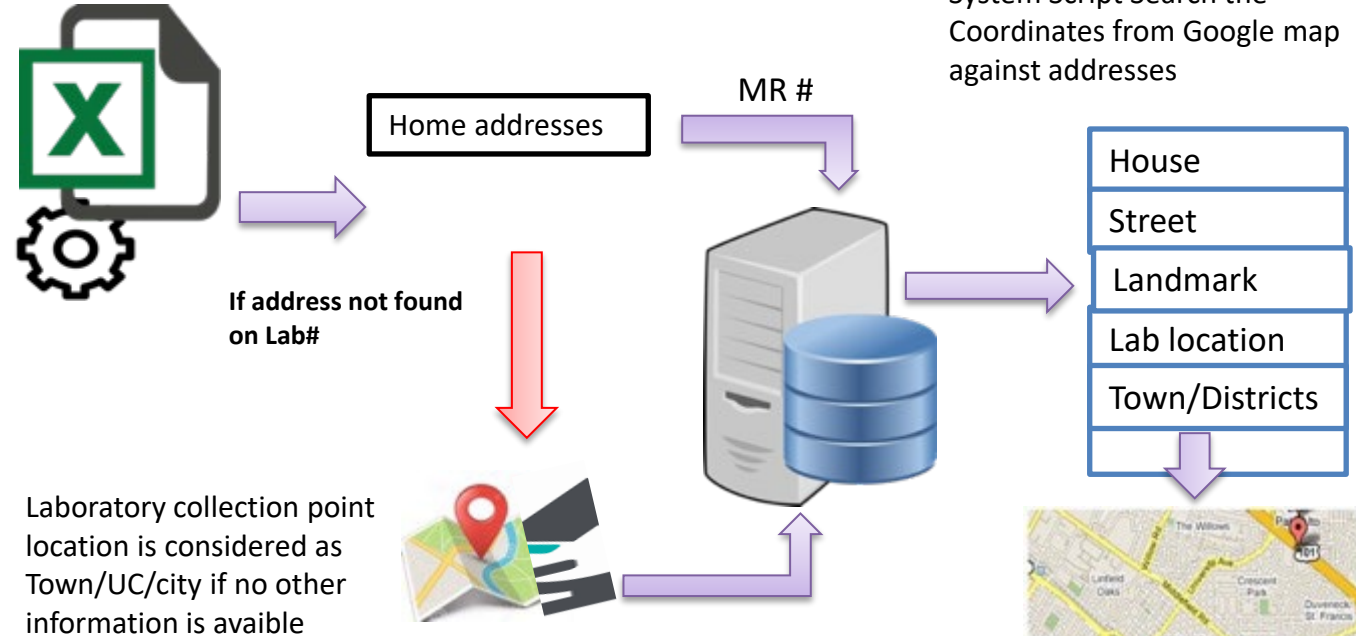
## Hospitals

- Aga Khan University Hospital
- Liaquat University of Medical and Health Science Hospital, Hyderabad
- Aga Khan Maternal and Childcare Center AKMCCC, AKU
- Children's hospital and Institute of Child Health
- Shifa International Hospital
- Qasimabad Hospital, Hyderabad
- Bhattai Hospital, Hyderabad
- Kharadar General Hospital
- National Institute of Child Health
- Jinnah Postgraduate Medical center

## Labs

- Aga Khan University Lab network – all over Pakistan
- Liaquat University of Medical and Health Science (LUMHS) Laboratory Network
- Chughtai Lab Network
- Shaukat Khanum Hospital Laboratory Network

List of Typhoid cases

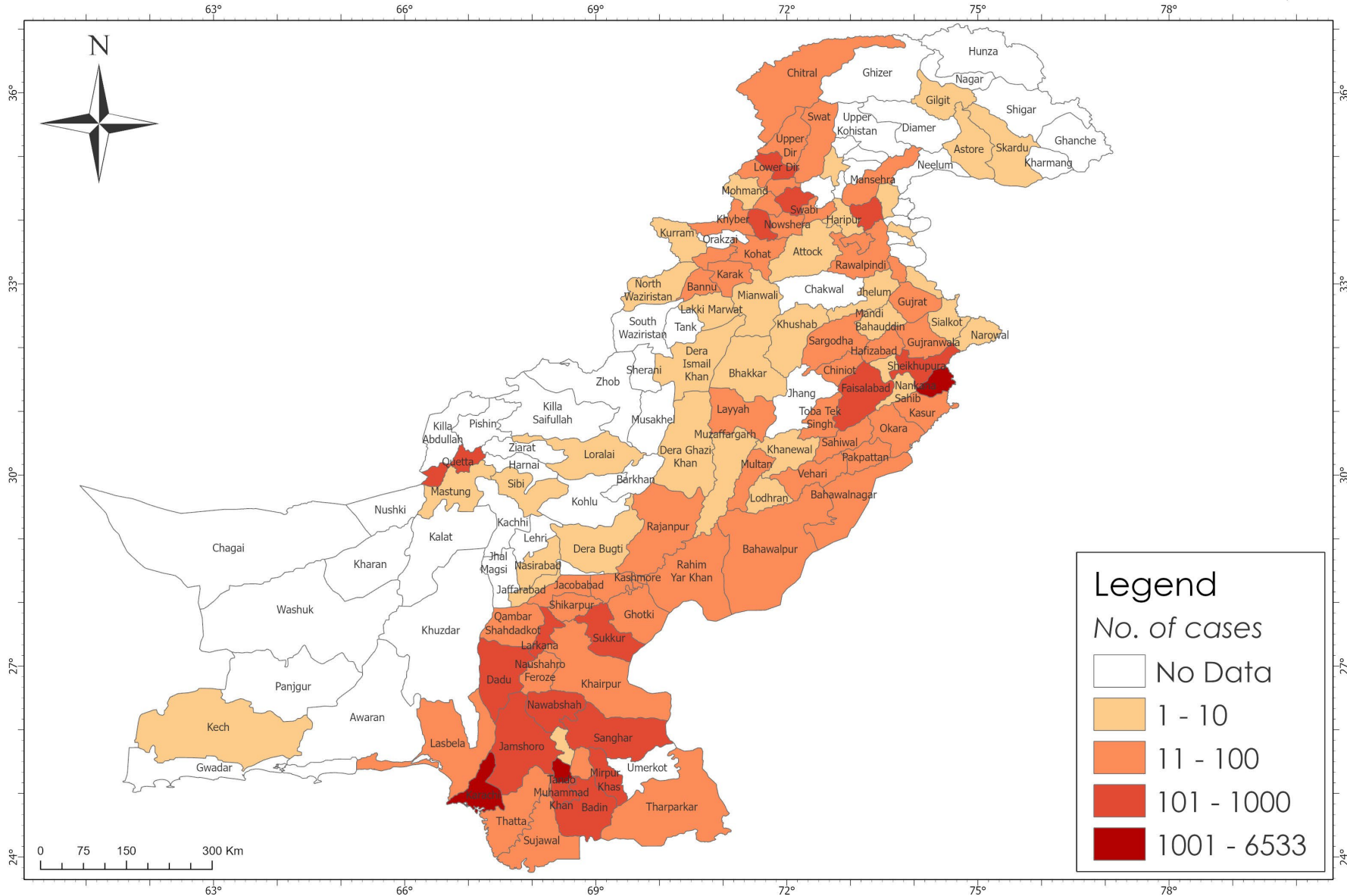


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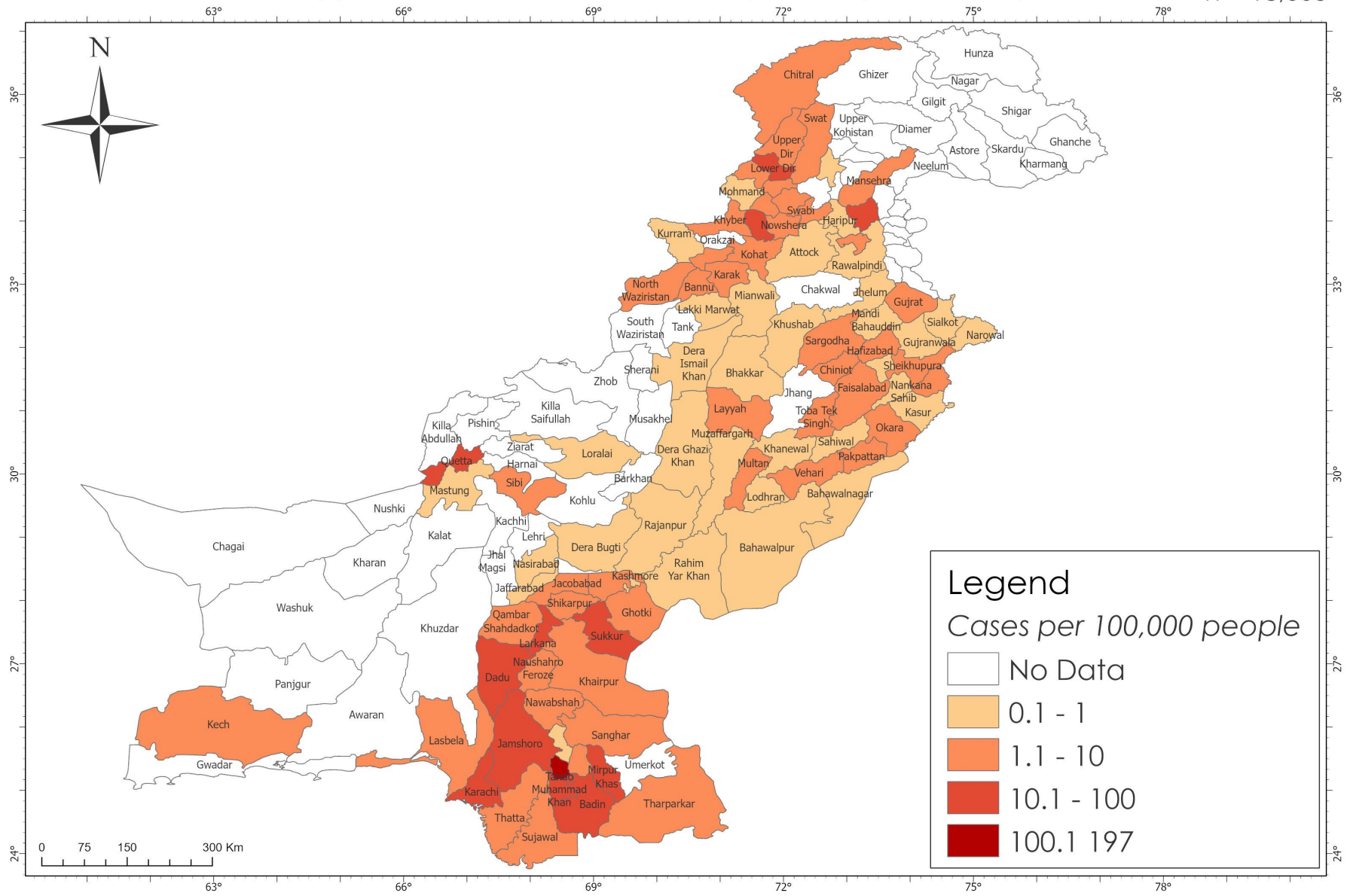
# XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan

n = 18,603



Sindh Cities	XDR Cases
Karachi	6533
Hyderabad	4342
Jamshoro	462
Larkana	498
Dadu	158
Sanghar	180
Nawabshah	158
Mirpur Khas	289
Thatta	29
Sukkur	149
Qambar Shahdadkot	65
Tando Allahyar	45
Tando Muhammad Khan	99
Punjab Cities	XDR Cases
Lahore	1010
Faisalabad	108
Gujranwala	41
Multan	67
Rawalpindi	34
Sargodha	41
Sheikhupura	108
Bahawalnagar	14
Bahawalpur	14
Chiniot	13
Hafizabad	12
Kasur	25

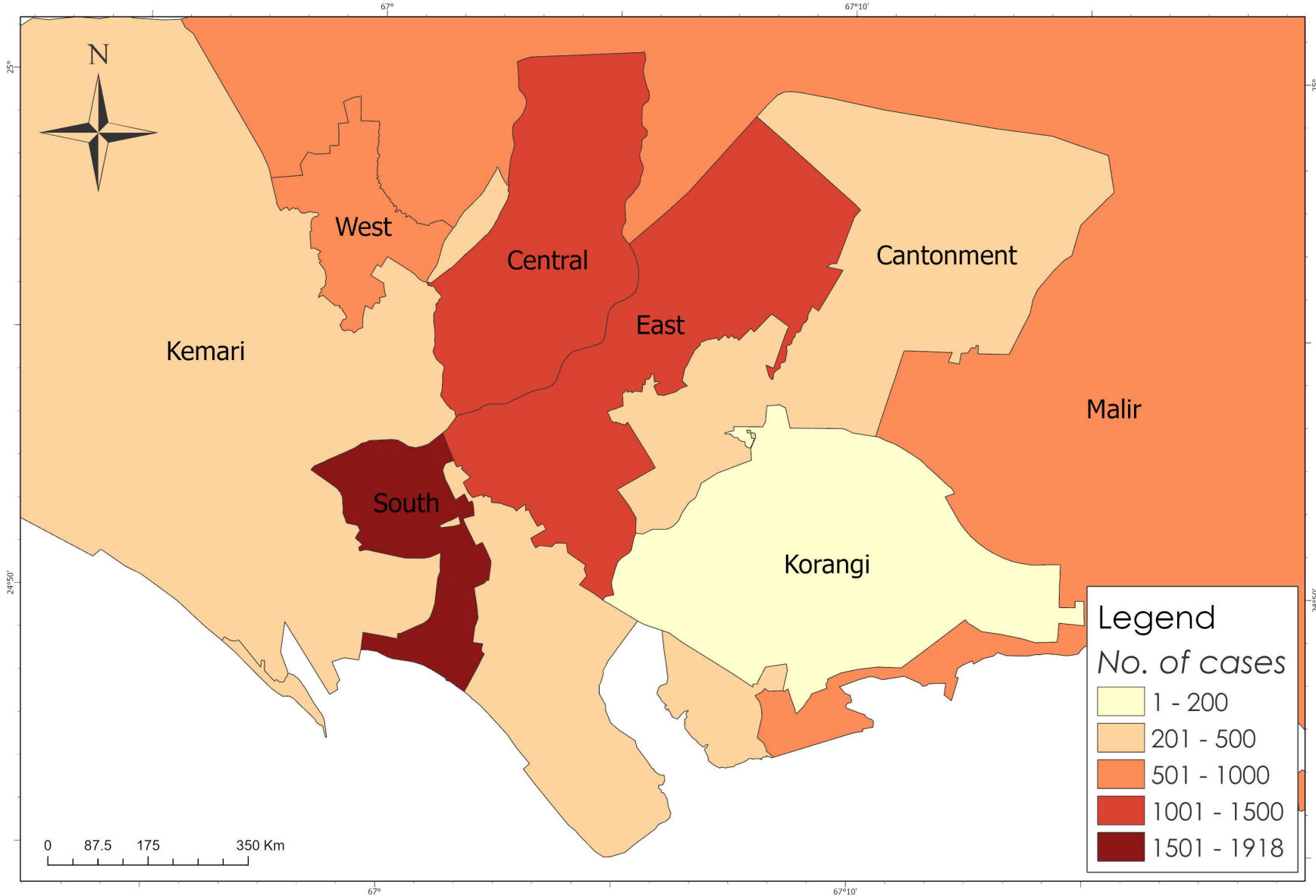
# XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan (Density over Population) n = 18,603



Sindh Cities	Density over 100,000 people
Hyderabad	197
Karachi	41
Jamshoro	47
Larkana	33
Mirpur Khas	19
Sukkur	10
Qambar Shahdadkot	5
Sujawal	2
Tando Allahyar	5
Tando Muhammad Khan	16
Punjab Cities	Density over 100,000 people
Lahore	9
Faisalabad	1
Gujranwala	1
Multan	1
Rawalpindi	1
Sheikhupura	3
Chiniot	1

# XDR-Typhoid Cases in Karachi

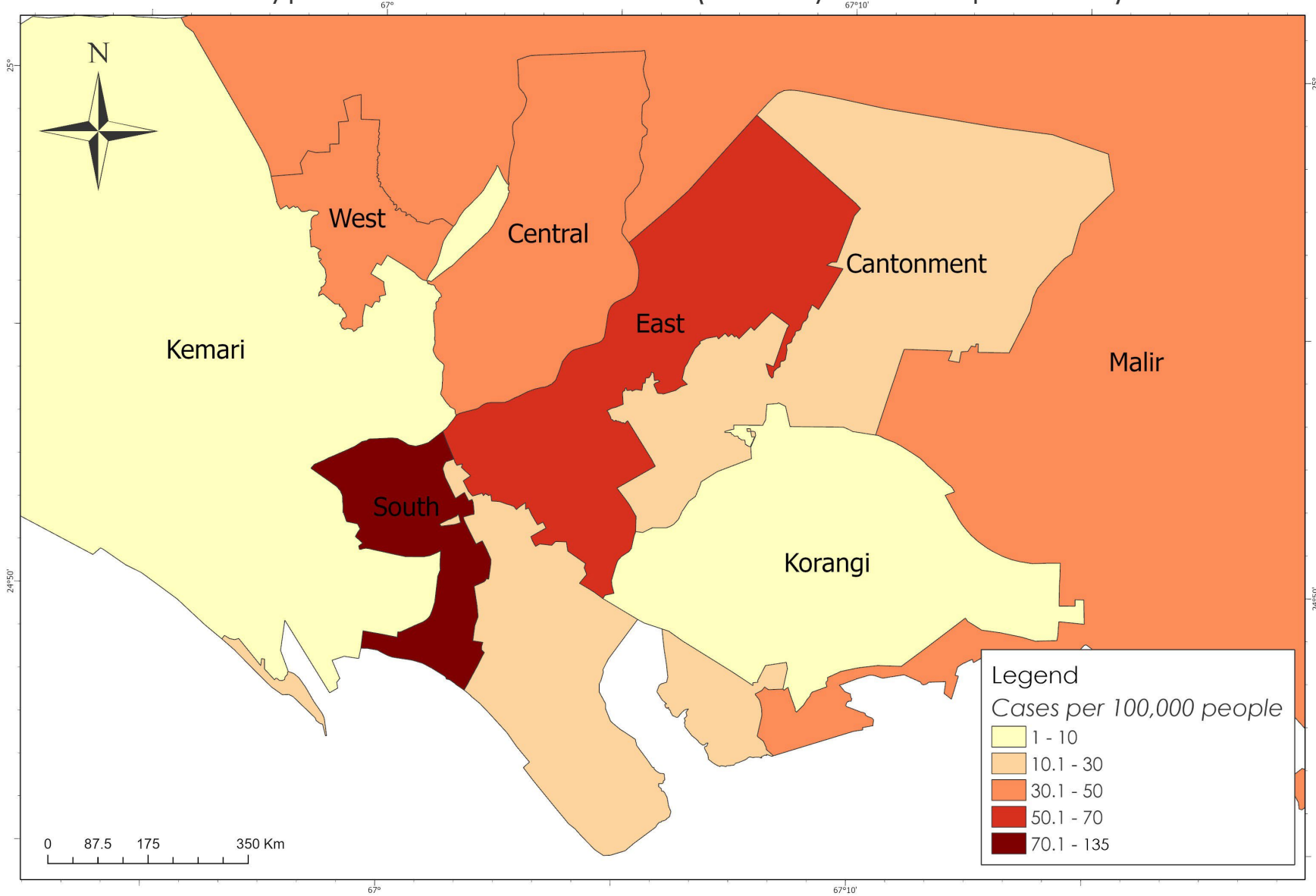
n = 6,533



Karachi Districts	XDR Cases
Karachi South	1918
Karachi East	1426
Karachi Central	1221
Karachi West	722
Malir	619
Karachi Cantonment	258
Kemari	202
Korangi	167

# XDR-Typhoid Cases in Karachi (Density over Population)

n = 6, 533



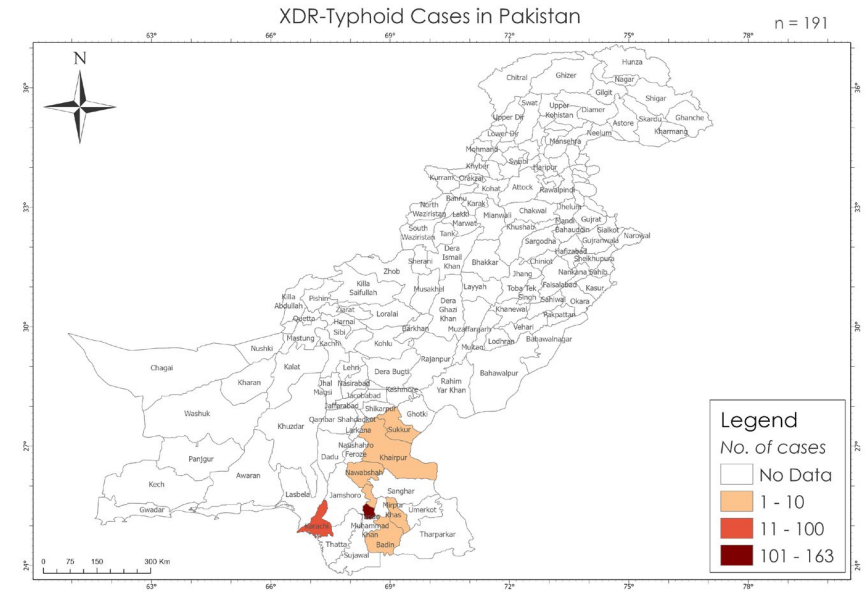
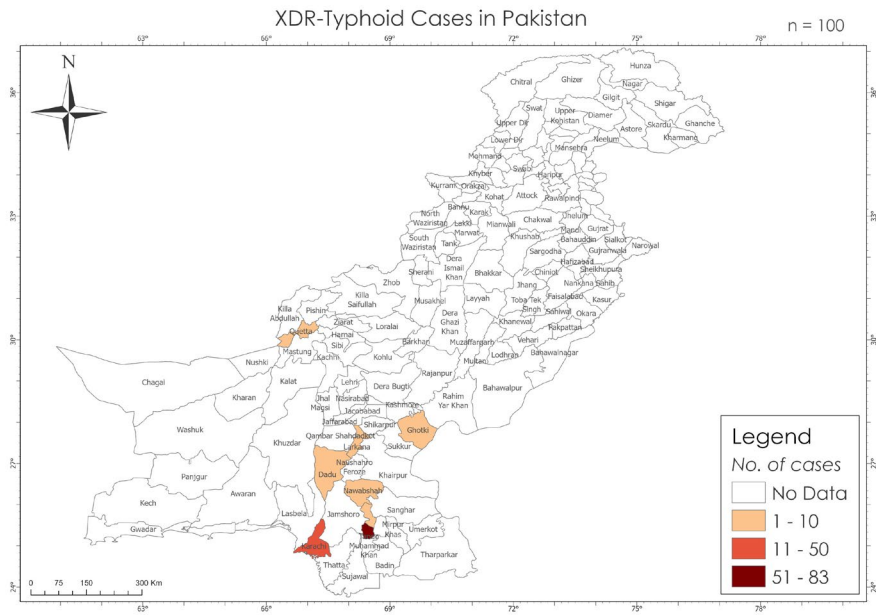
Karachi Districts	Population	Cases per 100,000 people
Karachi South	1,416,936	135
Karachi East	2,610,998	55
Karachi West	1,560,284	46
Karachi Central	2,971,626	41
Malir	1,812,104	34
Karachi Cantonment	873,955	30
Kemari	2,348,599	9
Korangi	2,457,019	7

# Number of XDR-positive Cases

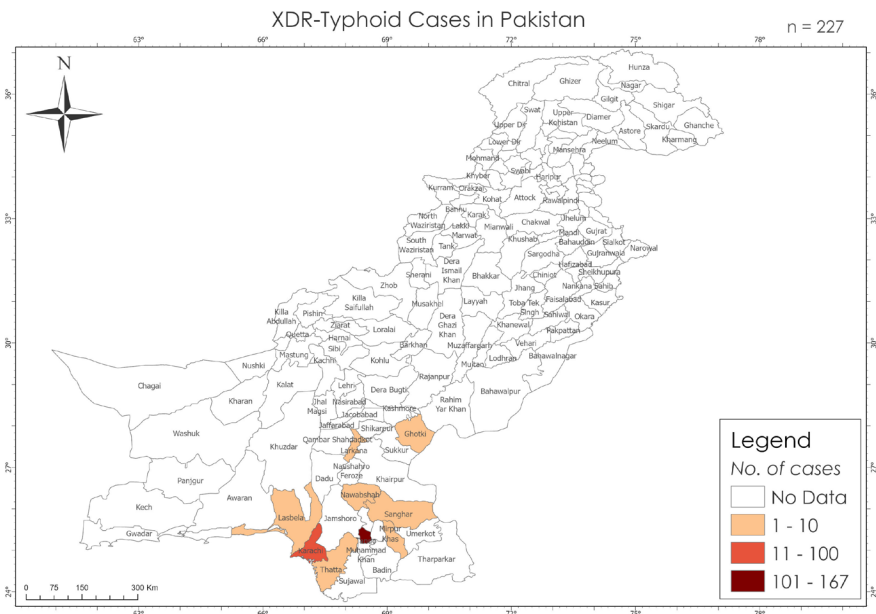
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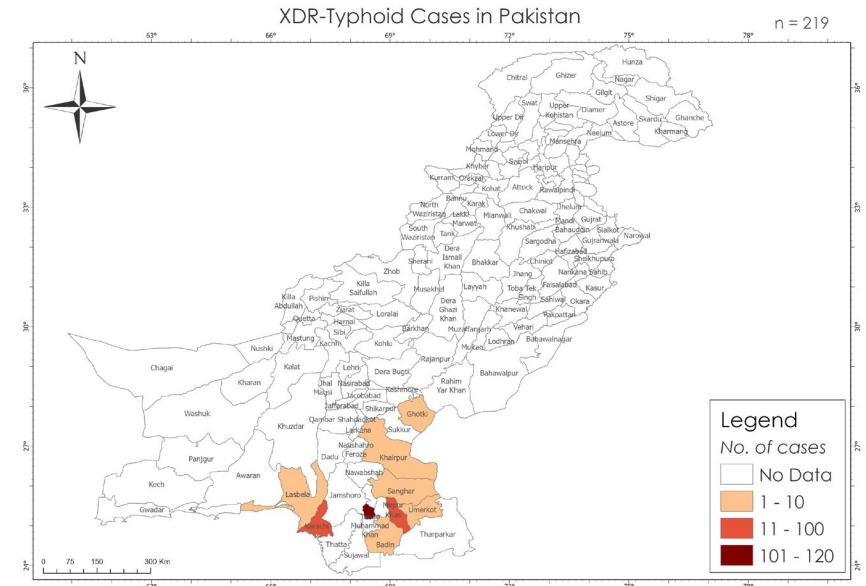
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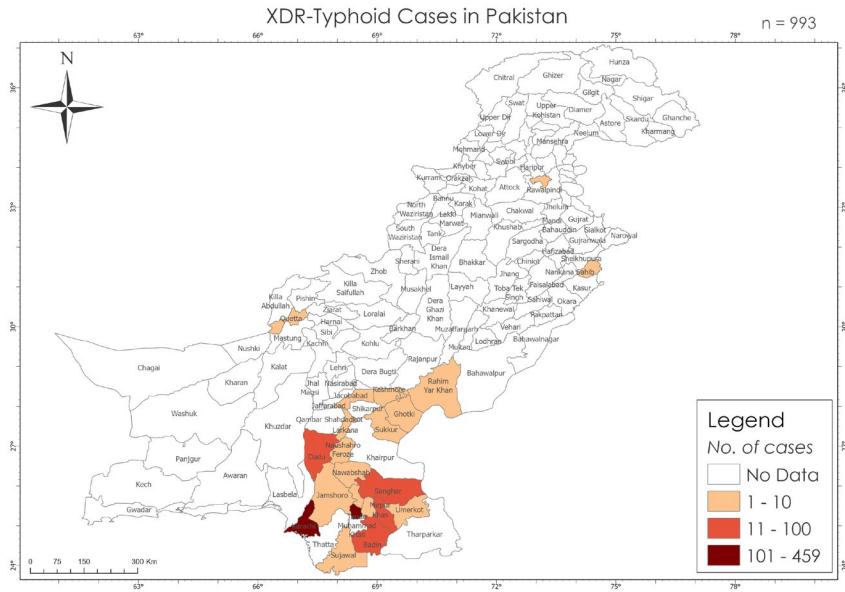
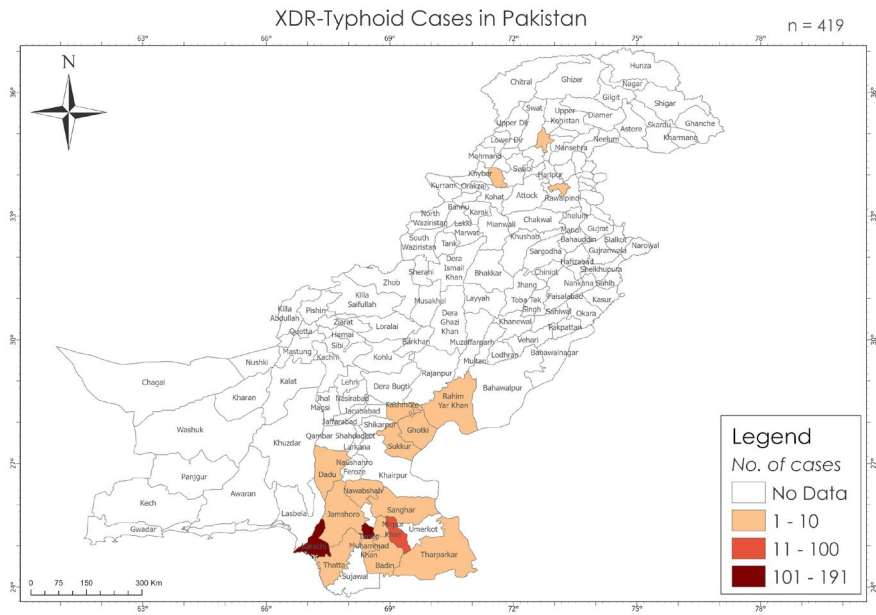
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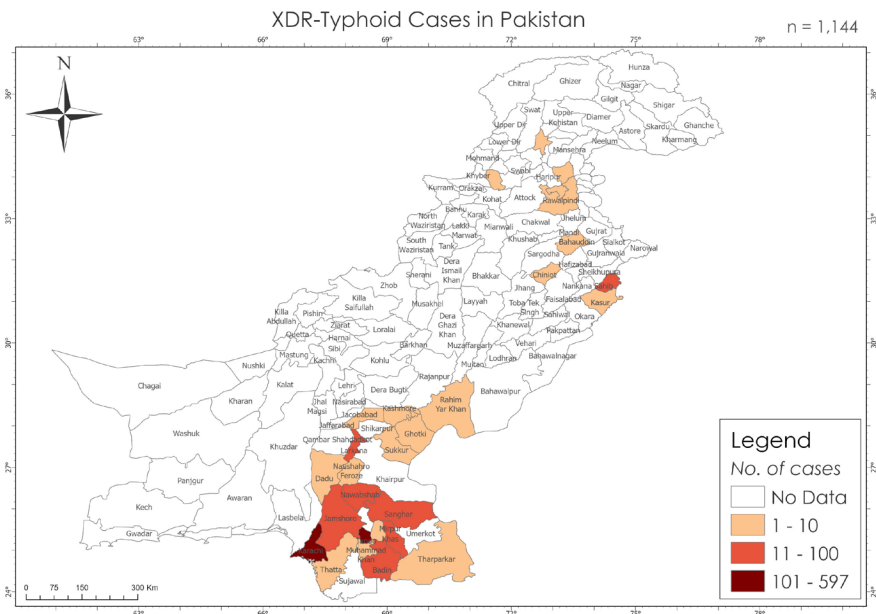
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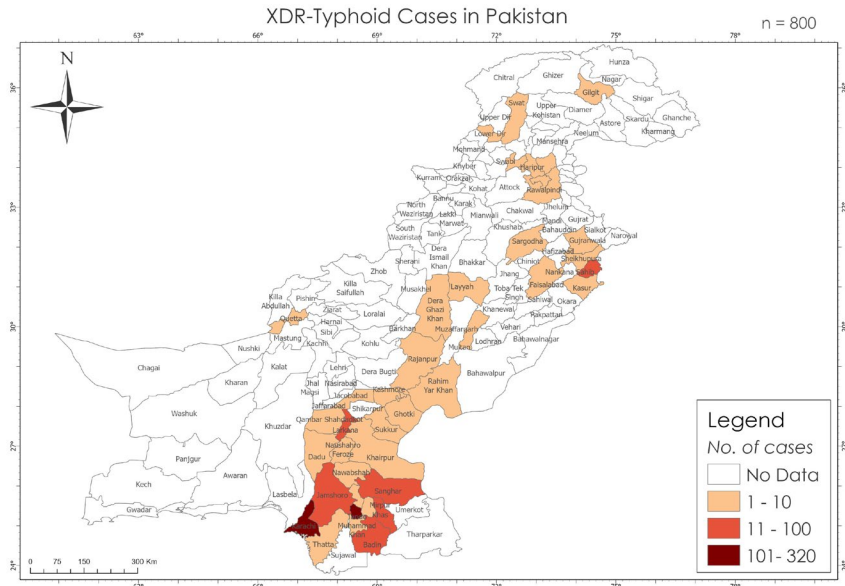
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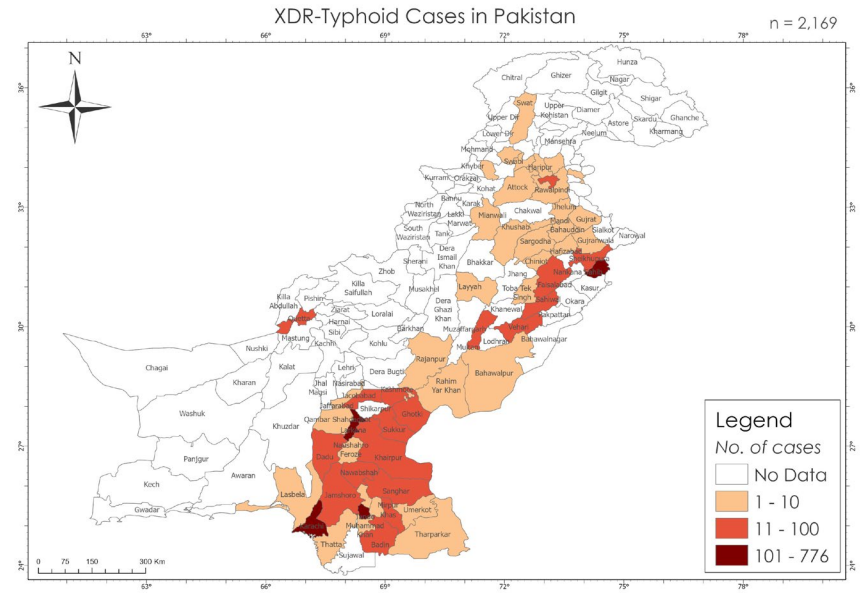
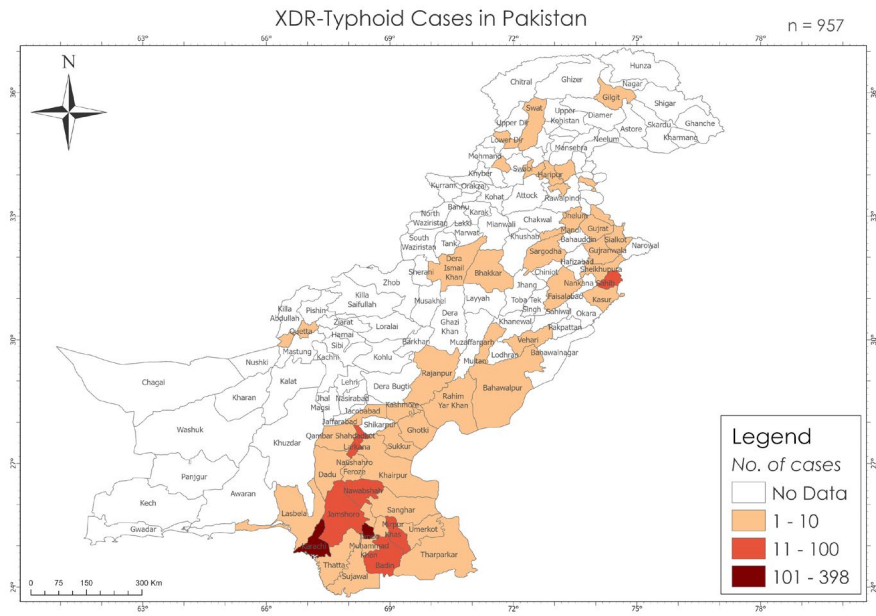
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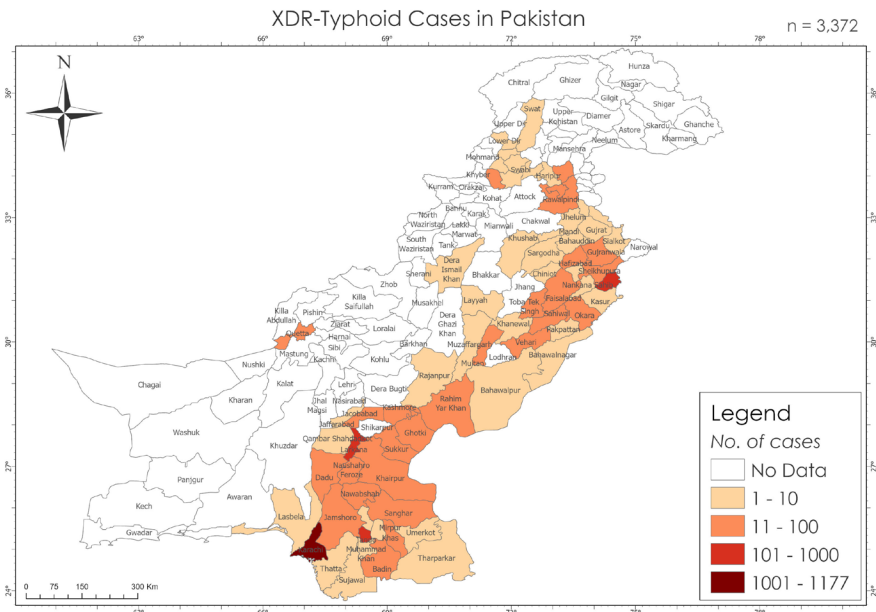
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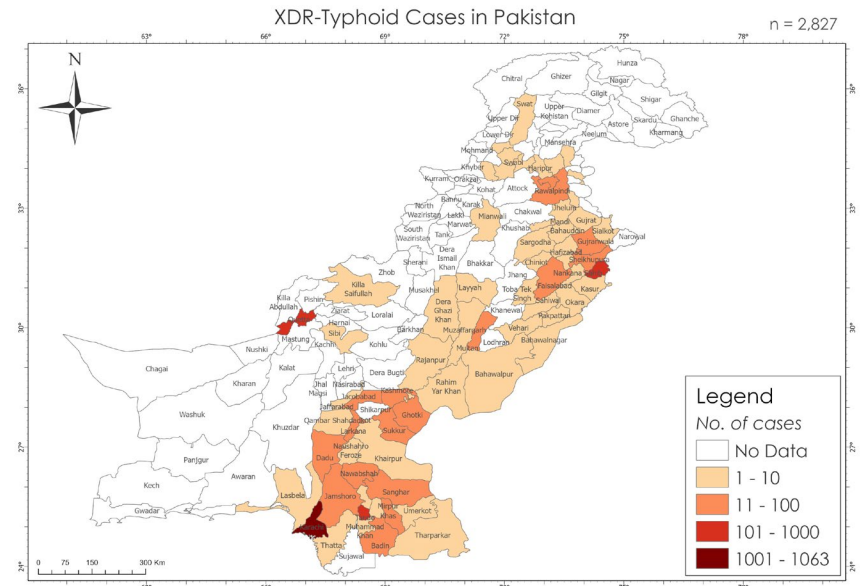
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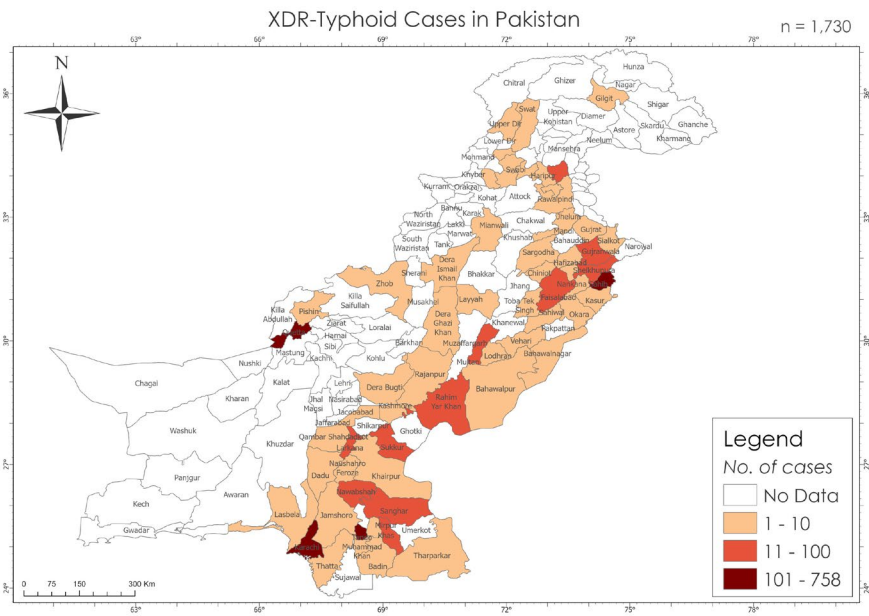
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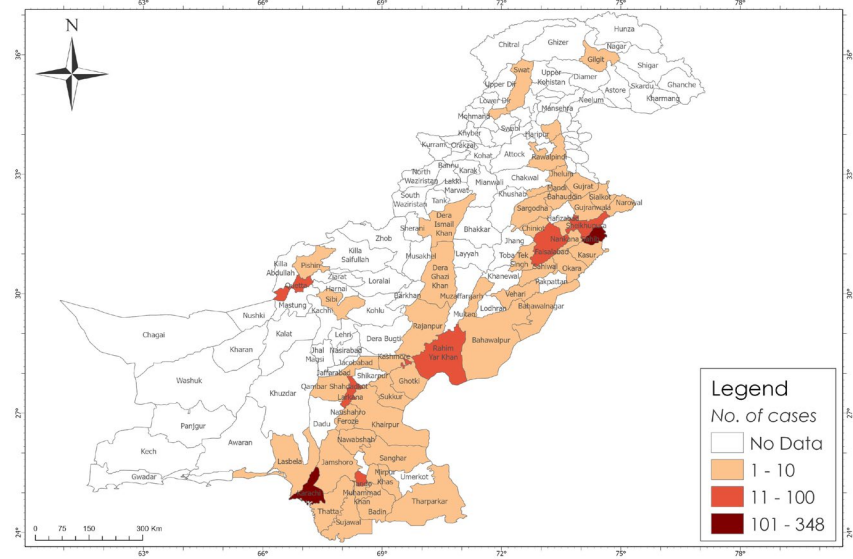
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XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan

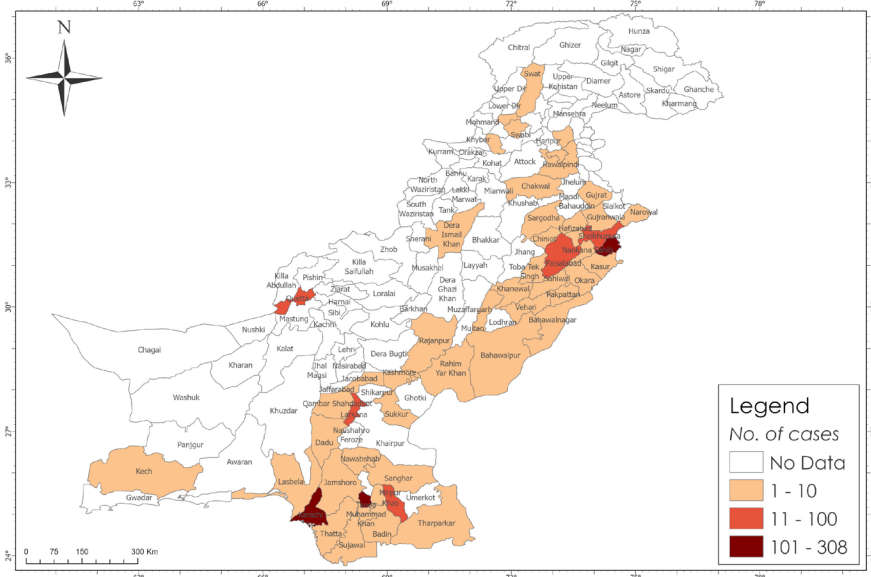
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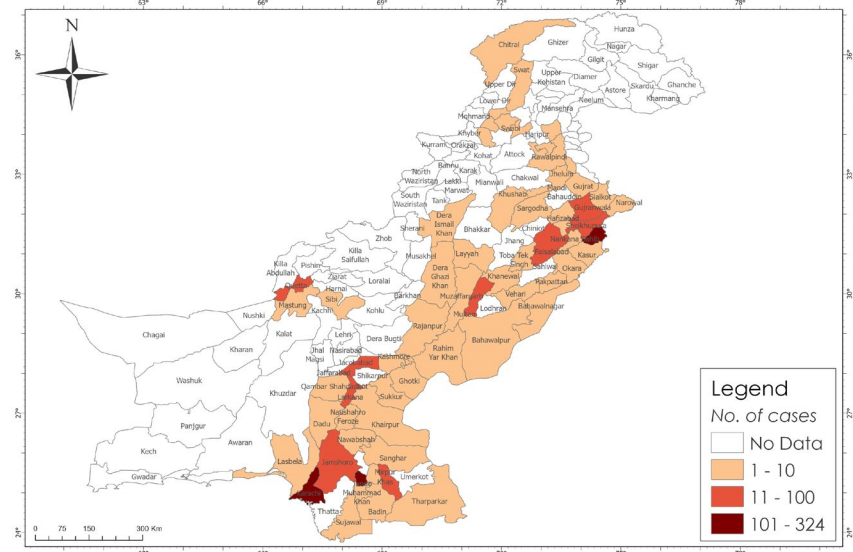
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July - September

XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan

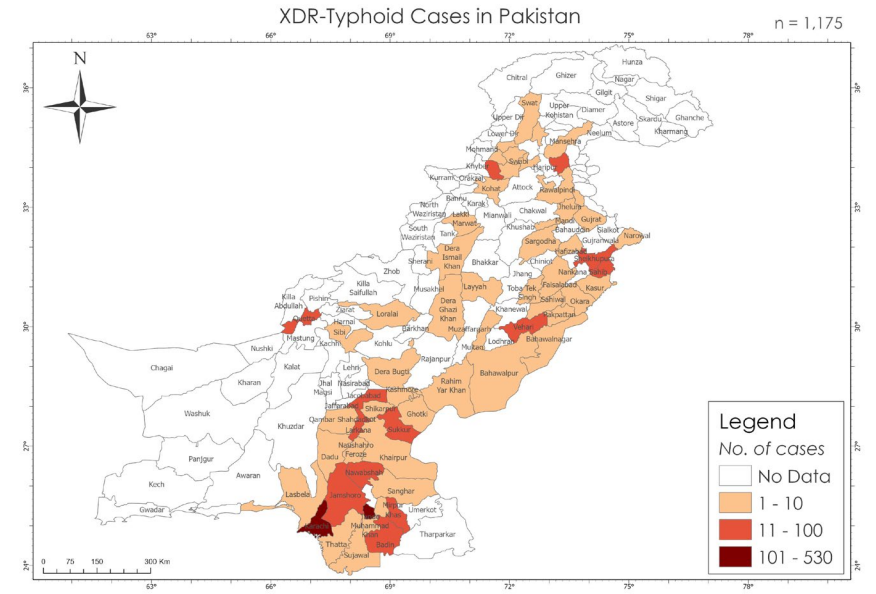
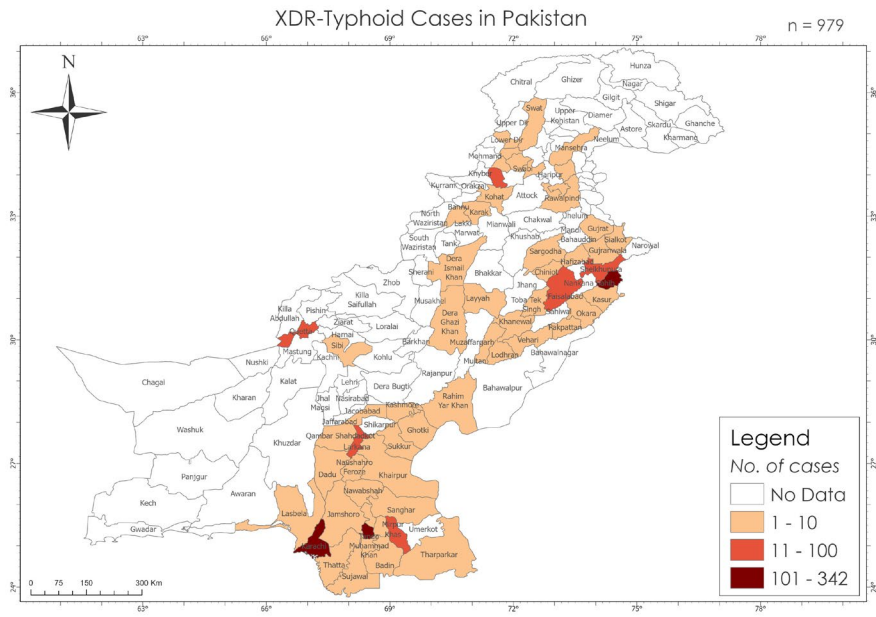
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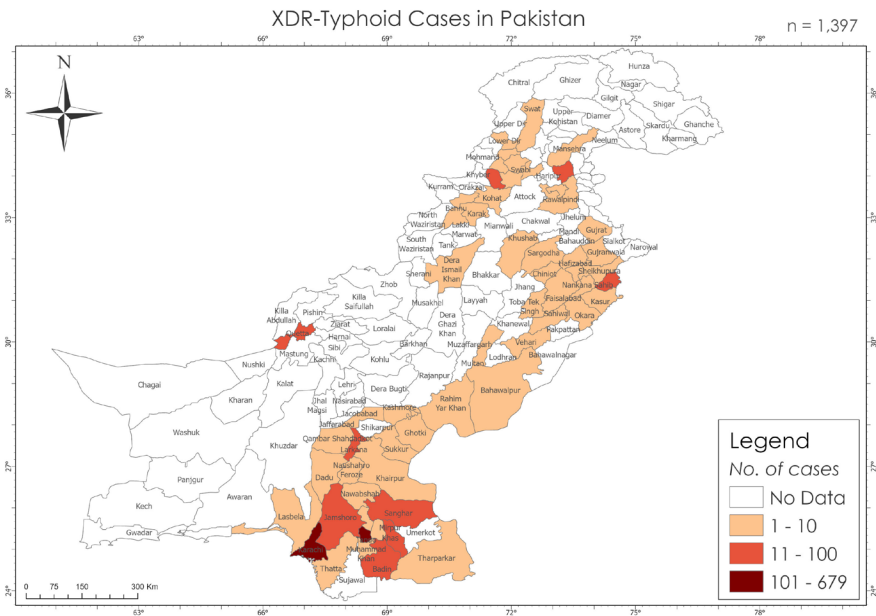
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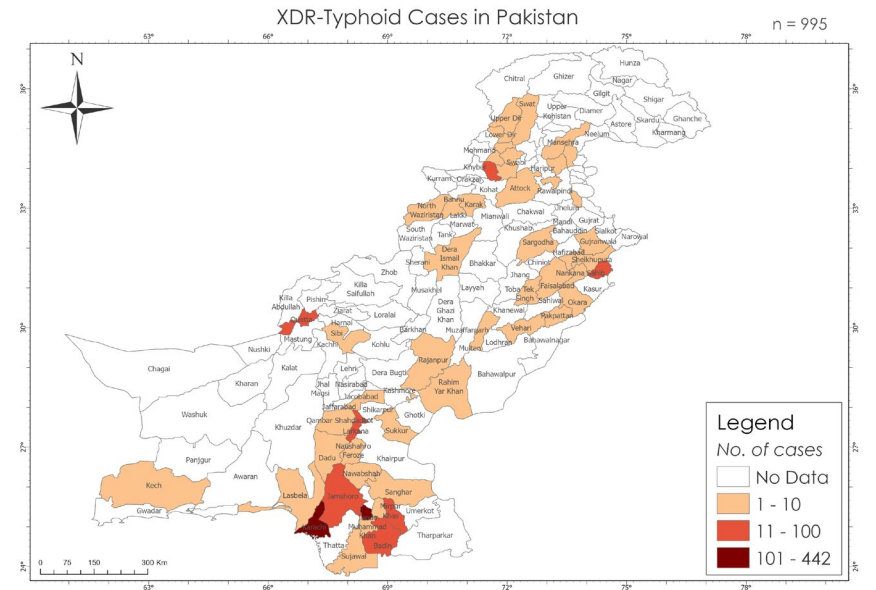
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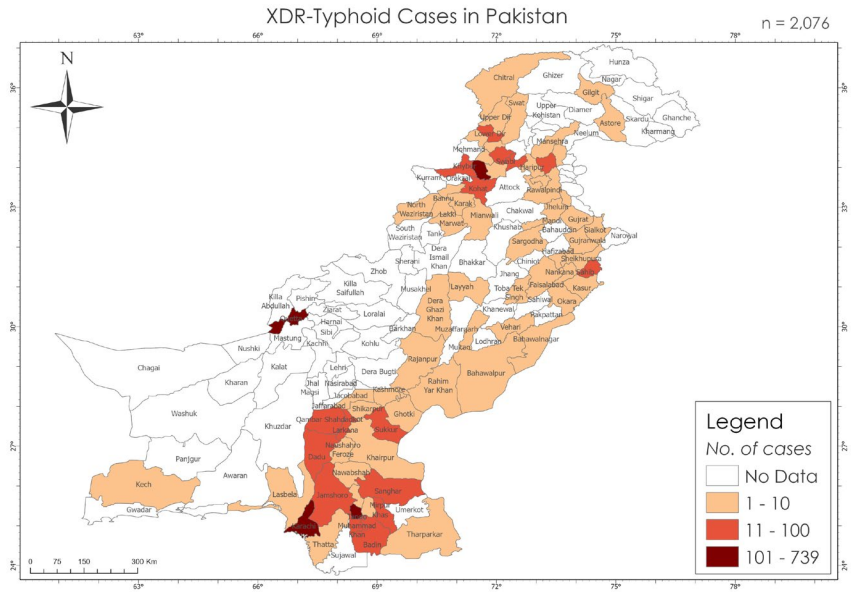
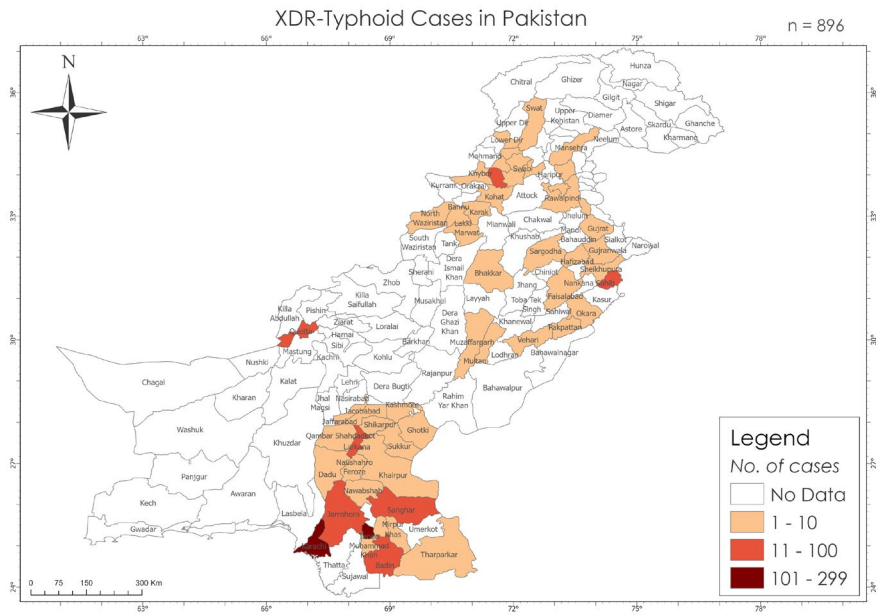
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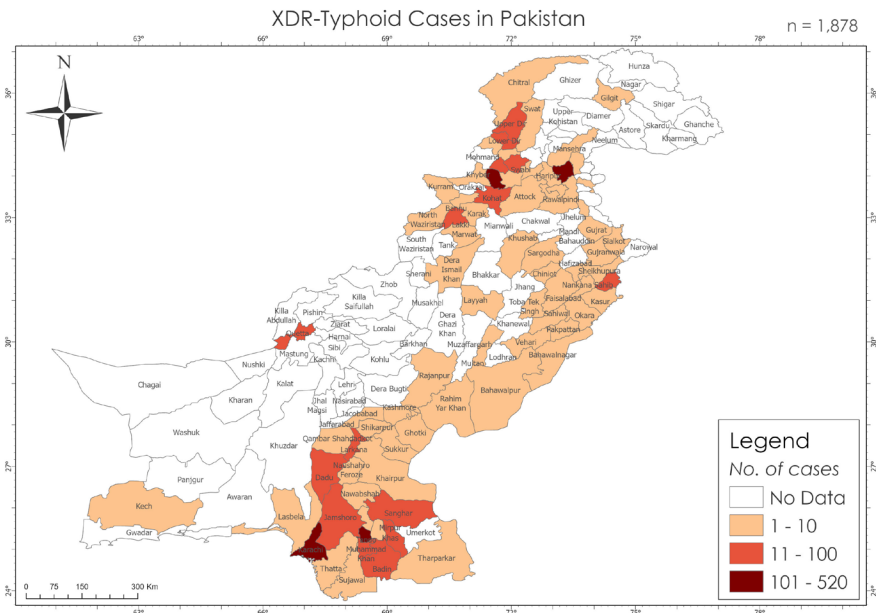
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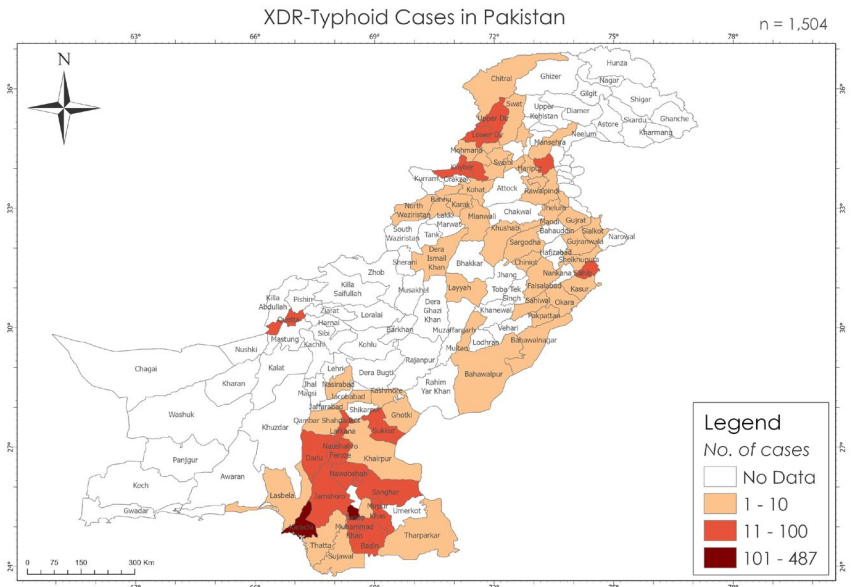
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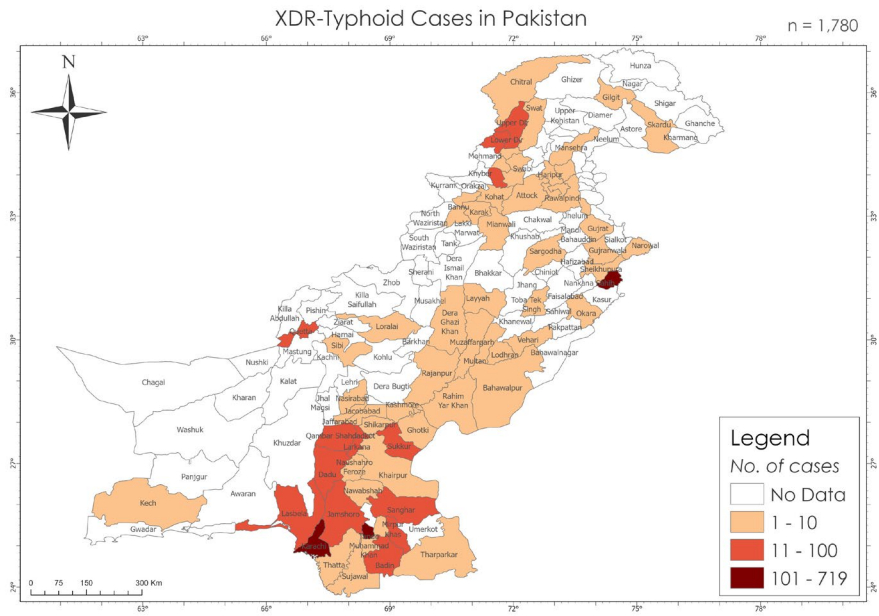
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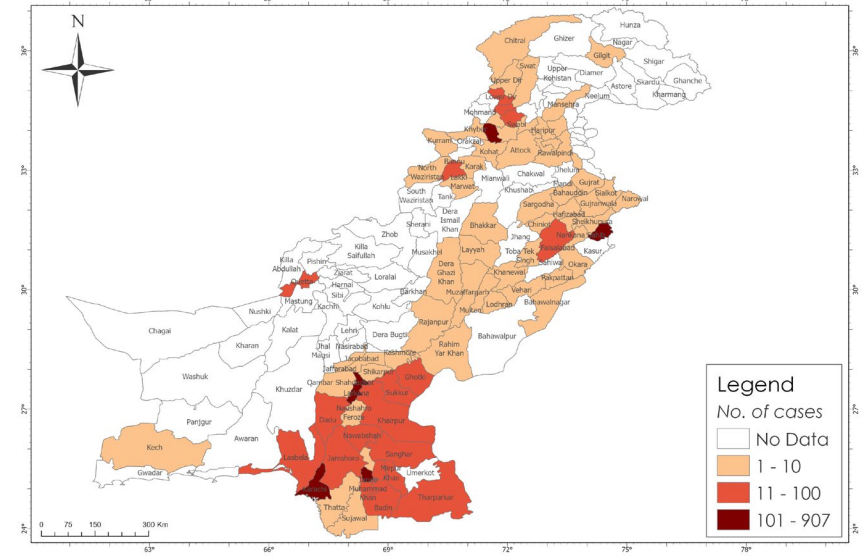
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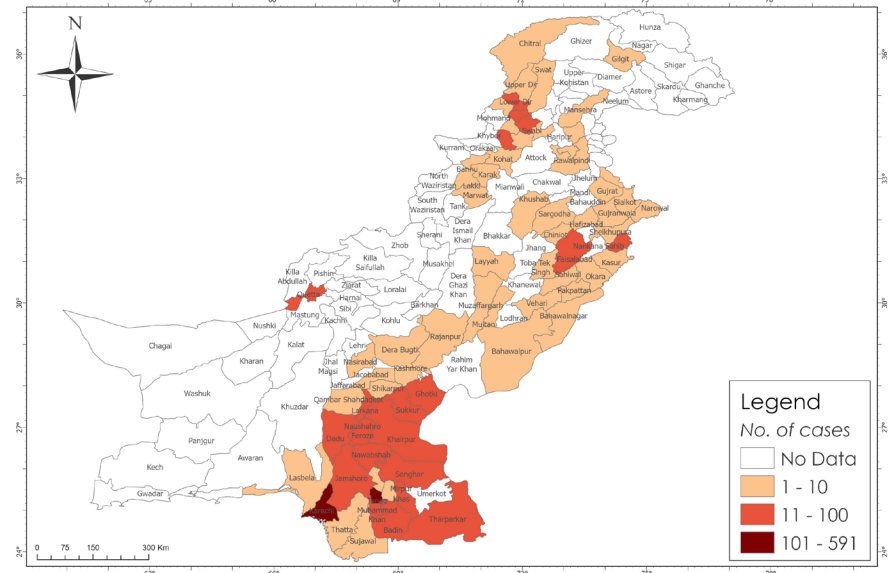


XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan n = 2,909

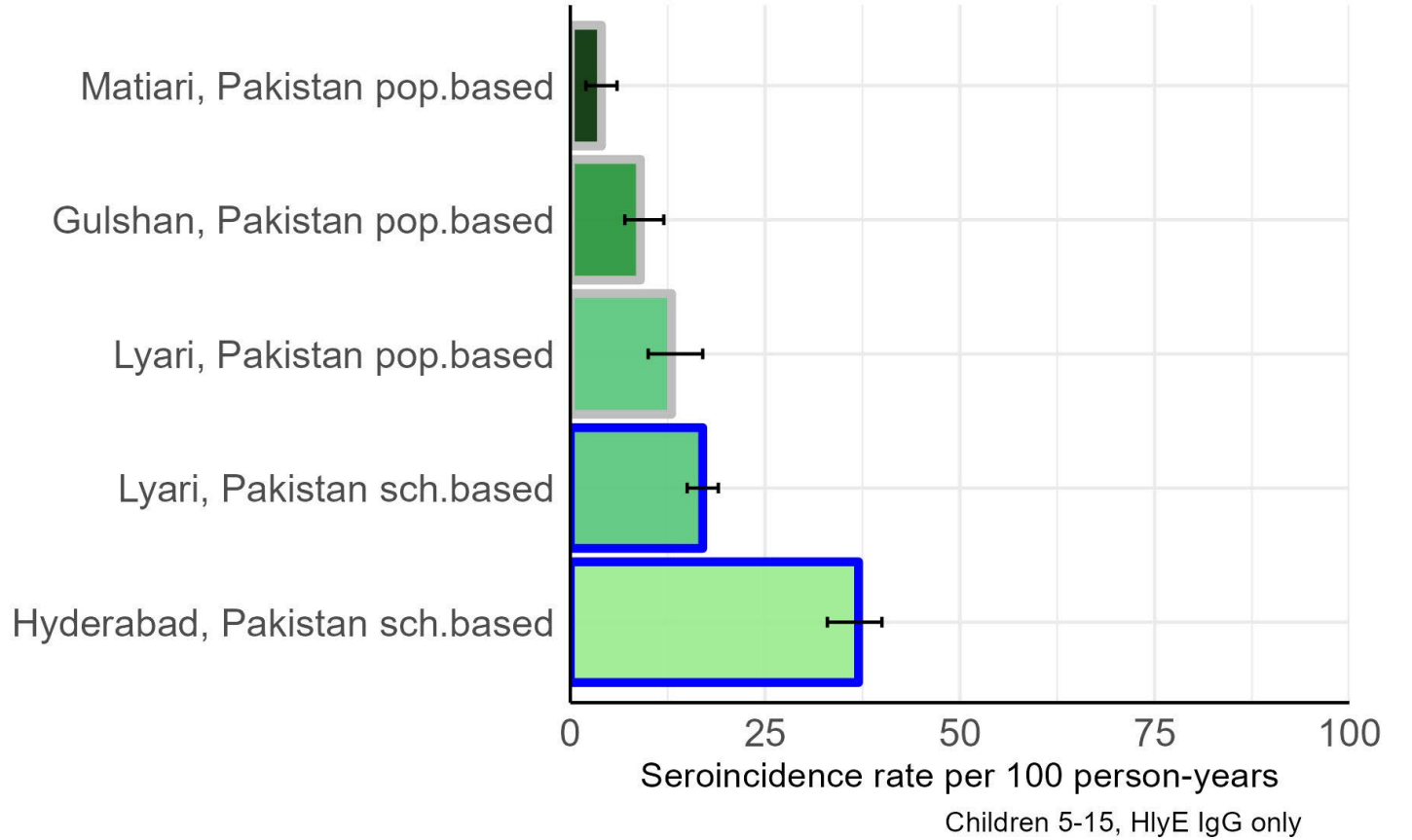


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XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan n = 1,990

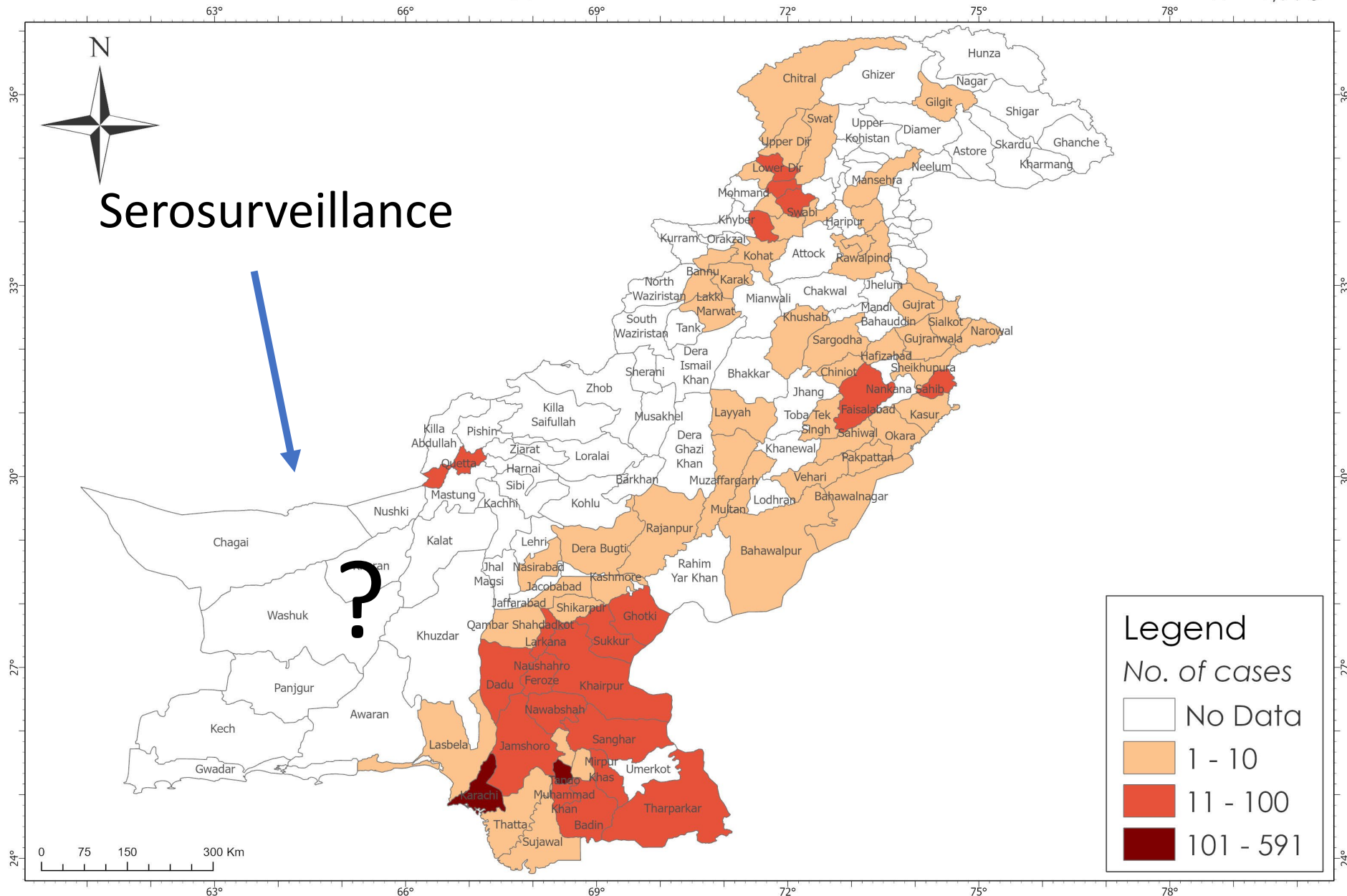


July - September



# XDR-Typhoid Cases in Pakistan

n = 1,990



## Conclusions

- Hyderabad had the highest clinical (blood culture) incidence and seroincidence
- Serosurveillance is a strategy to efficiently fill in the gaps in areas where blood culture is not available
- In Lyari, where we had both population-based and school-based serosurveys, seroincidence estimates were comparable

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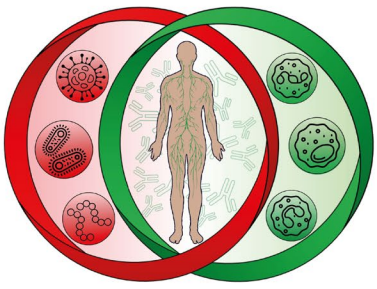
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# Seroincidence of Enteric Fever based on Targeted Serosurveillance in Blantyre, Malawi

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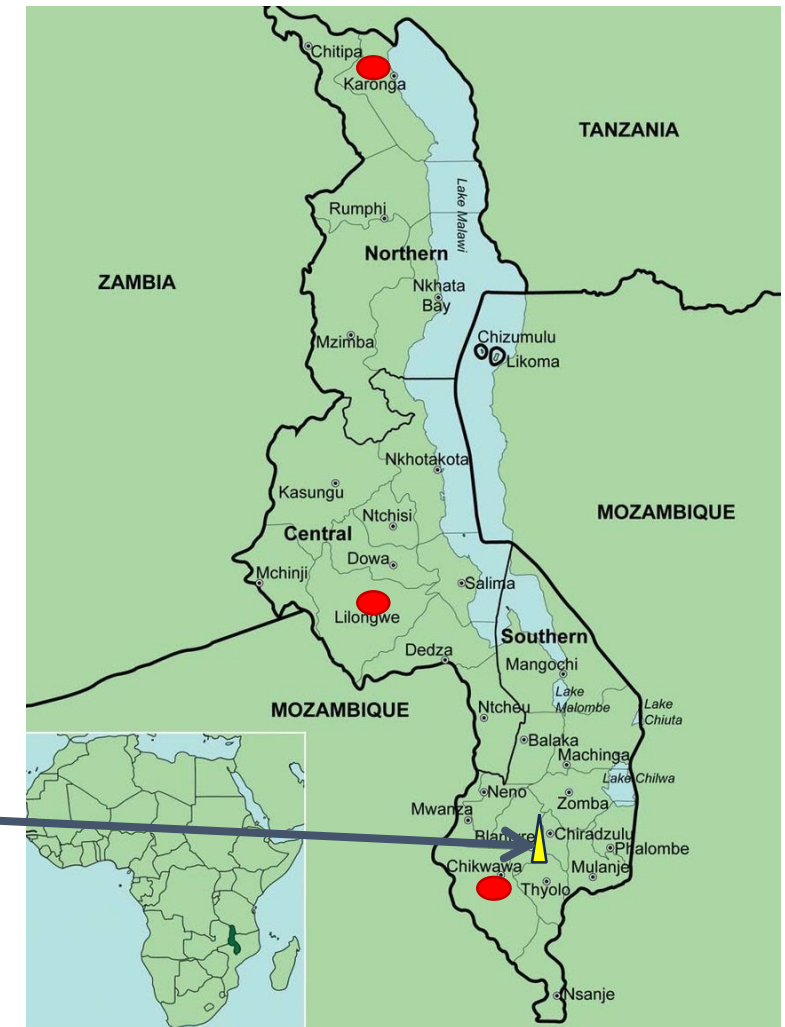
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# Study Design

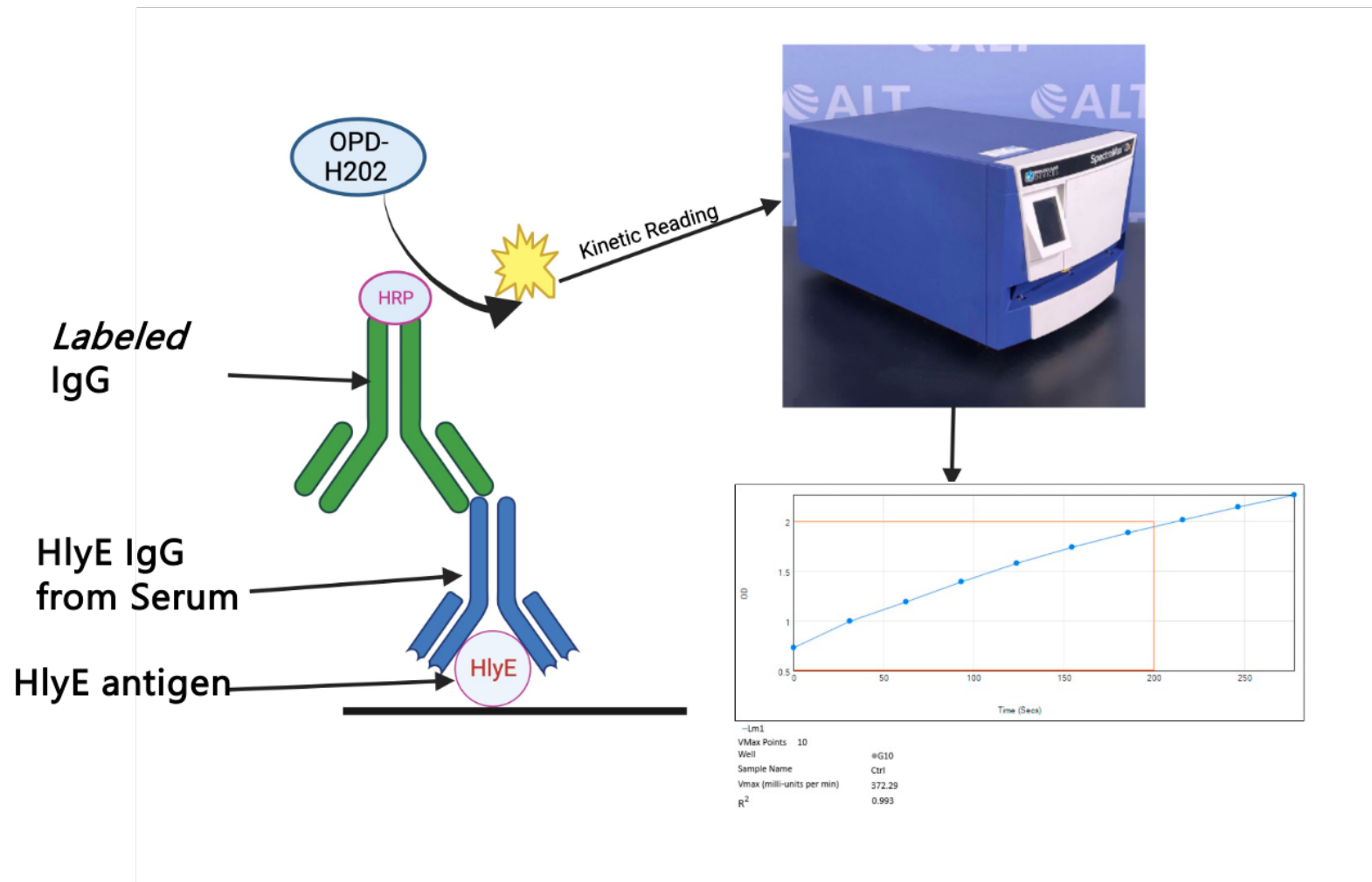


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- This was a cross sectional study in Ndirande, Blantyre , Malawi between Dec 2022 to June 2023
- The target was to recruit 1300 individuals of 1 to 14 years based on adjusted clinical incidence
- Recruited 966 of age groups 1-2 and 3-4, 5-9, 10-14 years



# Laboratory Methods



# Data Analysis



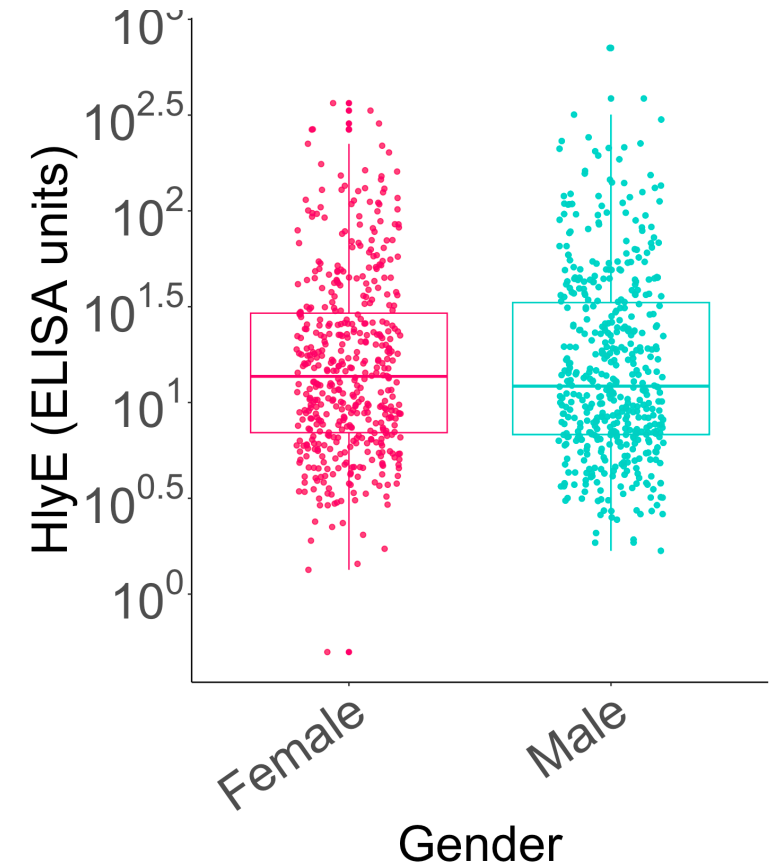
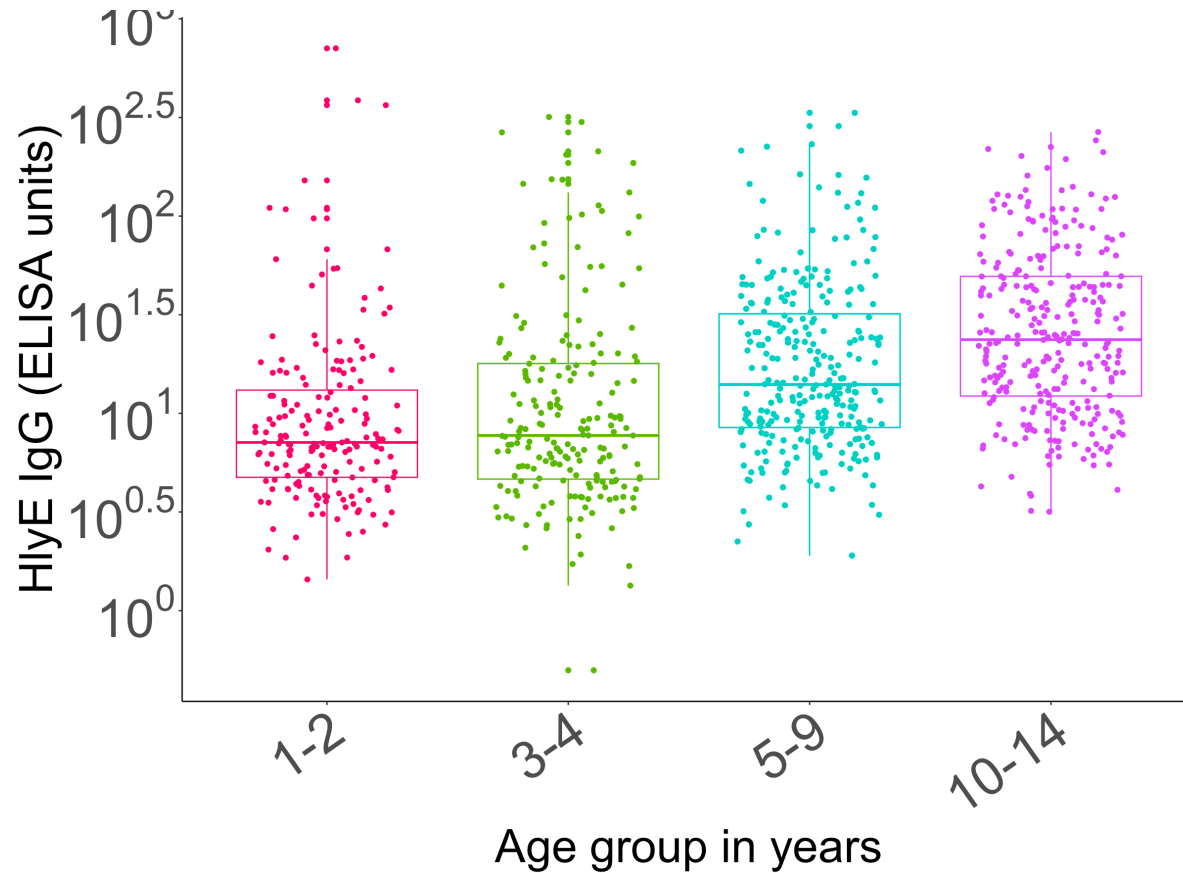
- Antibody dynamics from a longitudinal cohort of 1,420 blood culture–confirmed enteric fever cases in Nepal, Ghana, Bangladesh, Pakistan were used
- Age- stratified incidence rates were estimated using the age-specific antibody response parameters

# Participants demographic characteristics



Characteristic	Category	Value, N = 966 (%)
Age, y, median (IQR)		6 (3 -11)
Age group	1 to 2 years	183 (18.94)
	3 to 4 years	204 (21.12)
	5 to 9 years	287 (29.71)
	10 to 14 years	292 (30.23)
Sex	Female	476 (49.28)
	Male	490 (50.72)

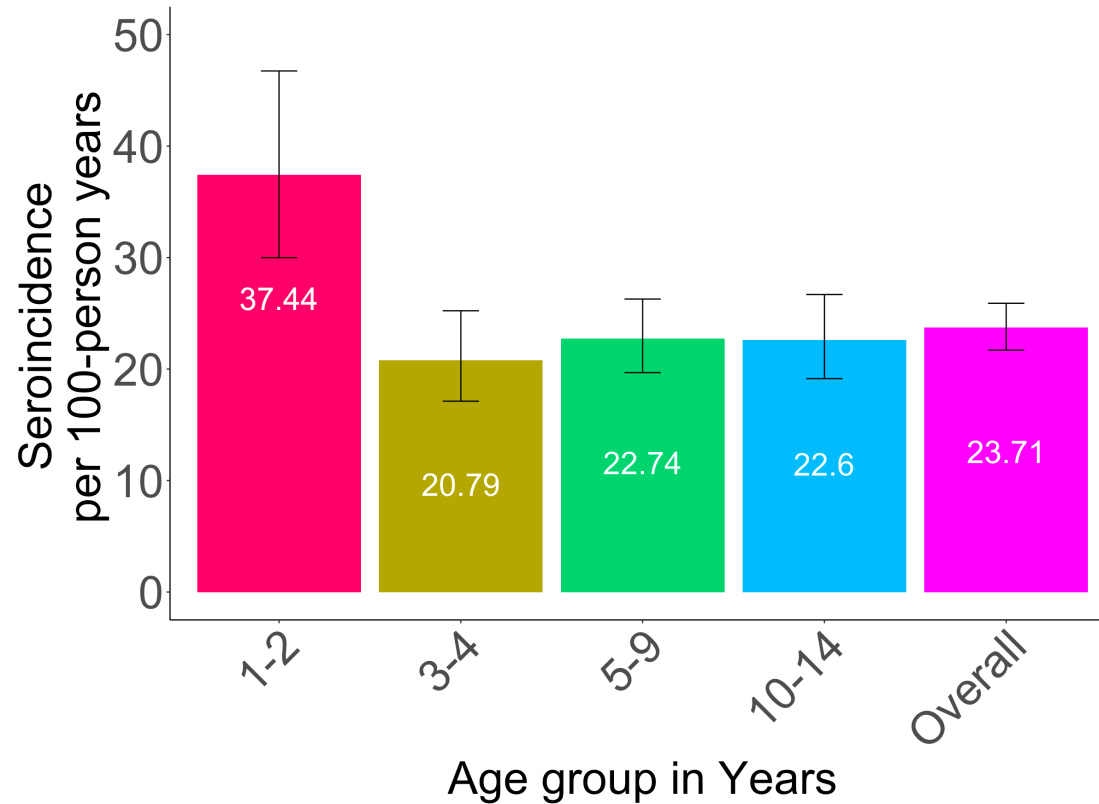
# HlyE IgG ELISA units by Demographic Characteristics



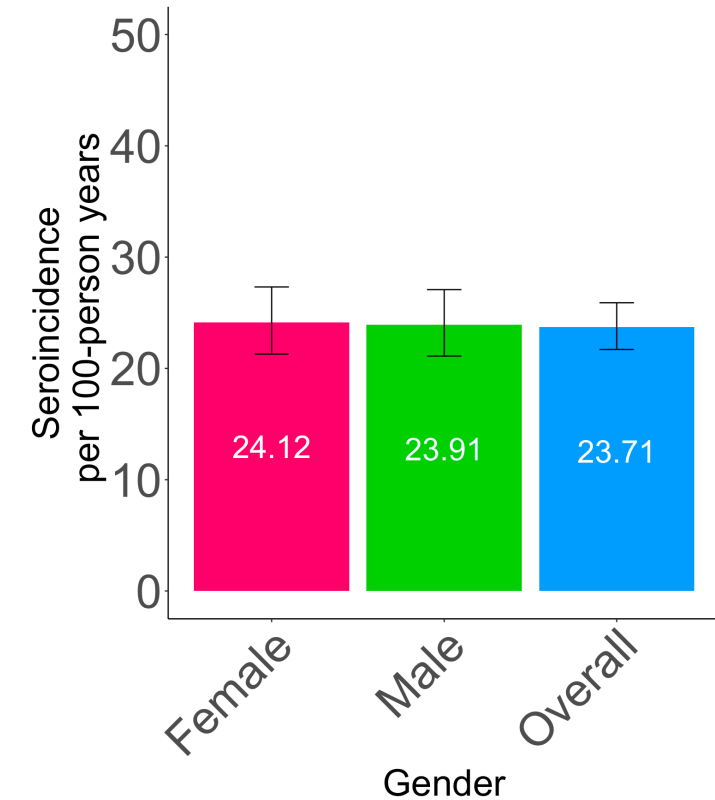
Increase in HlyE IgG levels by age suggesting hyperendemicity

# Seroincidence by demographic characteristics

A



B



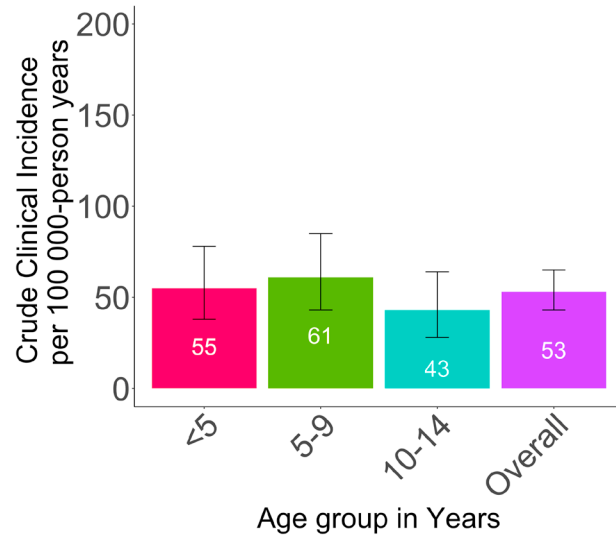
**Higher force of infection in younger Children**

# Case-based incidence vs Seroincidence

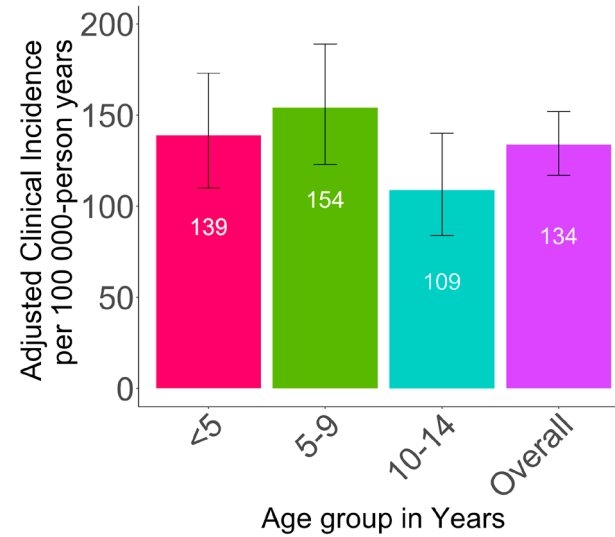


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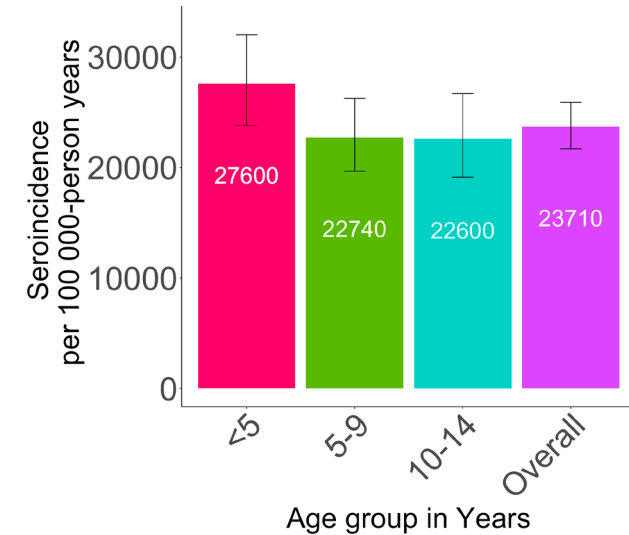
## Clinical Incidence (Crude)



## Clinical Incidence (Adjusted)



## Seroincidence



**Higher Seroincidence rate than clinical-incidence rate in Urban Malawi**

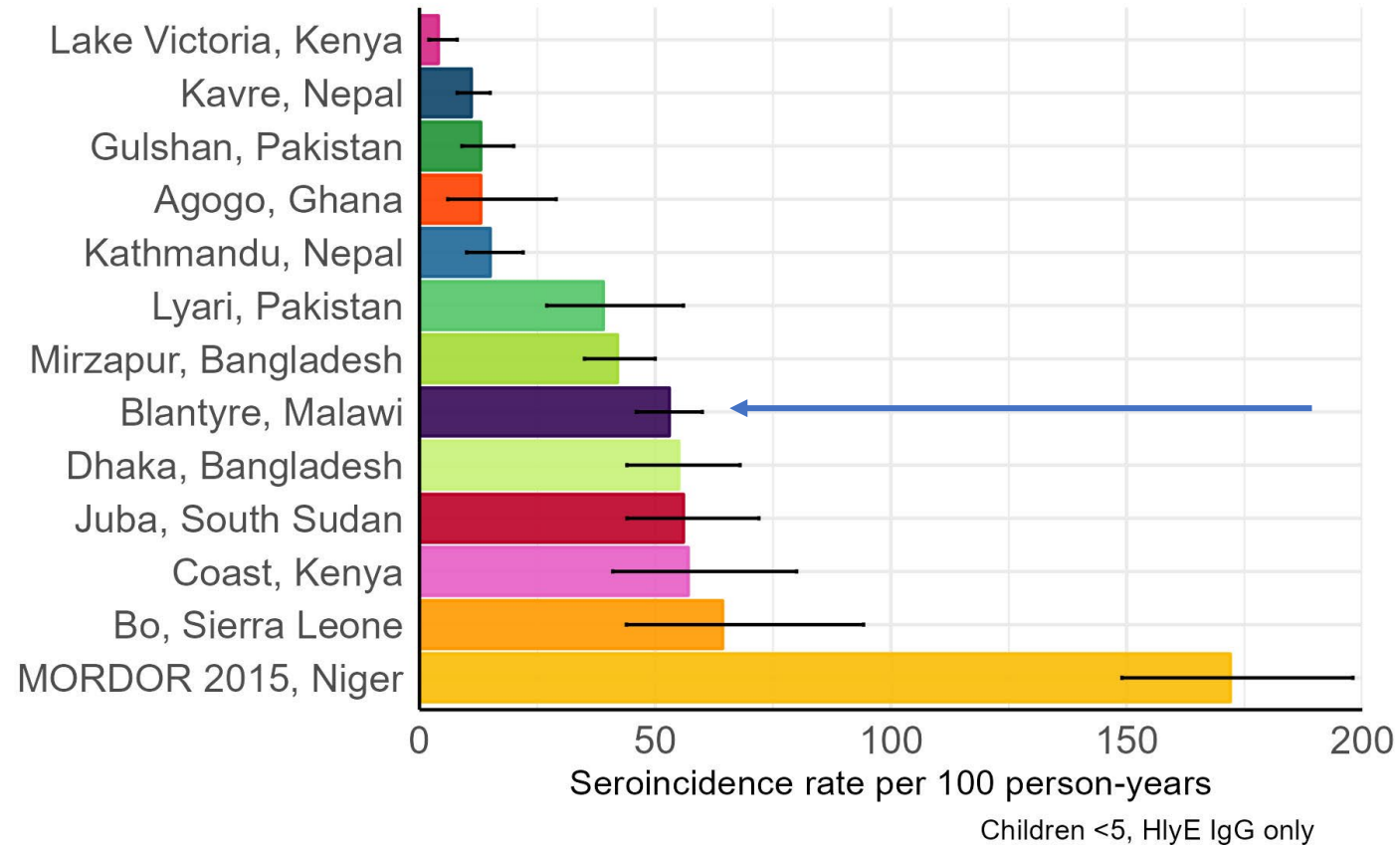
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# Malawi Seroincidence vs other Countries



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*courtesy of Assoc Prof Richelle Charles*

# Conclusion

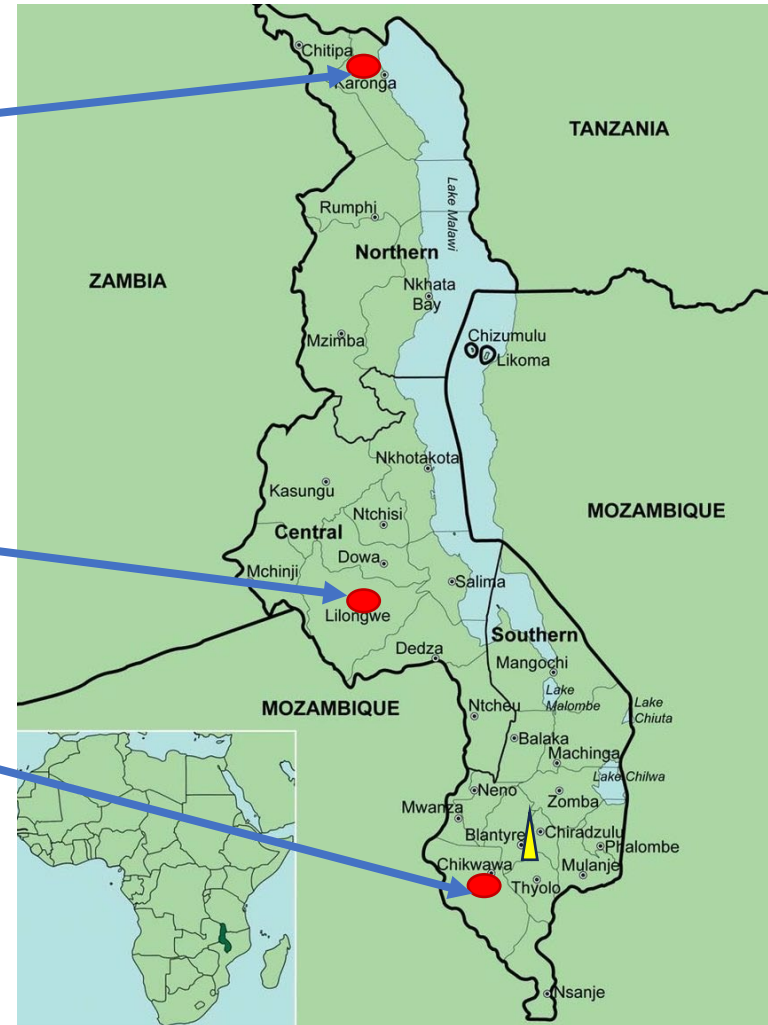


- Higher *Salmonella typhi* Seroincidence rate than clinical incidence estimates in Urban Malawi
- Malawi amongst the high Enteric fever burden countries
- The approach has a potential to expand the geographical scope of typhoidal *Salmonella* surveillance and generate incidence estimates in Malawi

# Way Forward



- Analyse samples from other sites of Malawi to have a proper national burden of Enteric fever



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