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Living systematic reviews

From theory to implementation: a story about Zika virus

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Zika virus outbreak on the American continent

- > Transmitted by mosquitoes
- > (sexual transmission)
- > Size of the outbreak:
 - ~750,000 suspected or confirmed cases
 - 2767 confirmed microcephaly cases



n utero transmission

http://www2.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content &view=article&id=12390&Itemid=42090&Iang=en

Timeline of the outbreak

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Outcomes of interest

- > Microcephaly/congenital adverse outcomes
- > Guillain Barré syndrome (GBS)
- > NOT unique to Zika
- Establish causality between Zika virus and the outcomes
- > Causality framework
 - 35 questions on microcephaly in 10 dimensions
 - 27 questions on GBS in 10 dimensions
- > Sexual transmission of Zika virus
 - Sexual transmission framework
 - 8 key parameters



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Collecting evidence to answer questions

- > Whole body of evidence, published, unpublished, surveillance reports, etc.
- > Regardless of study type
- "ZIKV OR zika virus"
- > "Classic" systematic review

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Evidence over time



- > Emerging evidence
- > Peer reviewed publications: MEDLINE, EMBASE, Lilacs
- > Preprint publications: BiorXiv, ArXiv, PeerJ
- > Weekly reports from CDC, ECDC, WHO, PAHO



Evidence until 30-05-2016 assessed: >



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Zika Virus Infection as a Cause of Congenital Brain Abnormalities and Guillain–Barré Syndrome: Systematic Review

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Abstract

Background

The World Health Organization (WHO) stated in March 2016 that there was scientific consensus that the mosquito-borne Zika virus was a cause of the neurological disorder Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) and of microcephaly and other congenital brain abnormalities based on rapid evidence assessments. Decisions about causality require systematic assessment to guide public health actions. The objectives of this study were to update and reassess the evidence for causality through a rapid and systematic review about links between Zika virus infection and (a) congenital brain abnormalities, including microcephaly, in the foetuses and offspring of pregnant women and (b) GBS in any population, and to describe the process and outcomes of an expert assessment of the evidence about causality. 8

Conclusion from that review:



- * "This systematic review found sufficient evidence to say that Zika virus is a cause of congenital abnormalities and is a trigger of GBS."
- * "Rapid and systematic reviews with frequent updating and open dissemination are now needed both for appraisal of the evidence about Zika virus infection and for the next public health threats that will emerge."



EPA

7 September 2016

Based on a systematic review of the science literature up to 30 May 2016, WHO concluded that Zika virus infection during pregnancy is a cause of congenital brain abnormalities, including microcephaly, and that Zika virus infection is a trigger of Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Read the statement

WHO has published its interim guidance on the prevention of sexual transmission of Zika virus using all available evidence. The recommendation for both men and women is to practice safer sex or adstinence for a period of six months, whether they show Zika symptoms or not.

Read the guidance



EPA/S. Mendoza

http://www.who.int/emergencies/zika-virus/history/en/

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- > Quality of evidence
- > Aggregation of evidence

		Case-control			
Case reports/series	Ecological	Cross-sectional	Cohort studies	Trials	Systematic
		Animal experiment			
		Molecular and basic rese	arch		

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Included for the congenital abnormalities

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		↓ 'v1'	'v2'	
Type of study				
Case report		9	13	-
Case series		22	12	
Case-control study		0	2	
Cohort study		1	8	
Cross-sectional study		2	1	
Ecological study/outbreak report		5	3	
Modelling study		2	0	
Animal experiment/In vitro experiment		28	33	
Sequencing and phylogenetics		3	3	
		72	75	

Zika, summarised

- > Keep on top of emerging evidence
 - See how evidence evolves
 - Interest in the whole evidence pyramid
 - Do conclusions change?
 - Can we quantify the causal relations (meta-analyses)?
- > Ready to answer new/updated questions
 - Sexual transmission of Zika

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The concept living systematic review (1)



"Living systematic reviews are high quality, up-to-date online summaries of health research that are updated as new research becomes available, ..."

"There are four fundamental differences between conventional SR and living systematic review: publication format, work processes, author team management, and statistical methods."

Elliott, J., Turner, T., Clavisi, O., Thomas, J., Higgins, J., Mavergames, C., & Gruen, R. (2014). Living Systematic Reviews: An Emerging Opportunity to Narrow the Evidence-Practice Gap. *Plos Medicine*, 11(2), e1001603. http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1001603

The concept living systematic review (2)



"In the growing deluge of research the noble science of systematic review resembles archaeology: academic teams searching for buried artefacts and working tirelessly to reveal their true meaning."

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The concept living systematic review (3)

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The systematic review - components



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- > PRISMA guidelines
- > Transparency
- > Workflow management



Why automation?

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- The amount of research is increasing considerably with very fast pace that makes the preparing for SRs very challenging.

A study in 2007¹ about the survival rate of SRs shows that 23% of SRs need to be updated within 2 years of publishing

The development of technologies (i.e Machine Learning) makes things easier and more possible.

¹Shojania, K. G., Sampson, M., Ansari, M. T., Ji, J., Doucette, S., & Moher, D. (2007). How quickly do systematic reviews go out of date? A survival analysis. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *147*(4), 224–233.

Automated system for SRs overview



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Automation part 1

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Automation part 1 – searching and deduplication

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- Data searching is implemented through user-defined queries based on search terms for specific bibliographic fields
- > Web services to different databases with different data structures
- > Import from external formats is possible (i.e. RIS, XML..).
- Data is parsed in to formatted records, deduplicated before importing to local database (REDCap – Research Electronic Data Capture)
- > Involved reviewers will be notified by emails with new records.

Issues: Difference between databases

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- > Different data structures or unstructured data
- > Availability of APIs to access the data sources
 - LILACS, WHO Reports do not officially provide APIs (LILACS is the most important and comprehensive index of scientific and technical literature of Latin America and the Caribbean)

> Languages

Citations sometimes are provided in different languages.

Automated deduplication



- > Duplicates are visible in the new search data with the existing one
- Duplicates can be seen within the data sources themselves. E.g. PUBMED, EMBASE or PUBMED with EMBASE
- > The deduplication involves in comparing two citations based on their bibliographic data → Not quite a trivial task due to some issues in different data formats, incomplete data, missing or even errors
- > The deduplication was done manually using EndNote Wichor¹ procedure → Timeconsuming

¹Bramer, W., Giustini, D., de Jonge, G., Holland, L., & Bekhuis, T. (2016). De-duplication of database search results for systematic reviews in EndNote. *Journal Of The Medical Library Association : JMLA*, 104(3), 240-243. http://dx.doi.org/10.3163/1536-5050.104.3.014

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Issues: Unique identifiers?



- No universal identifier
 Different DOI's or missing DOIs
 - BioRxiv publication
 - Final publication

Miller, J. (2016). Mathematical models of SIR disease spread with combined non-sexual and sexual transmission routes. *bioRxiv*. doi:10.1101/087189

Miller, J. C. (2017). Mathematical models of SIR disease spread with combined non-sexual and sexual transmission routes. *Infectious Disease Modelling*, 2(1), 35-55. doi:10.1016/j.idm.2016.12.003

Issues: Data in different formats or incomplete



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- E-pub, Indexing Date, Publication Date
 2016-06-04 or 04 June 2016 or 04/06/2016 or 06/2016 or Summer 2016
 Pages: 212 219 or 212-19 or 212
- > Journal name

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Deduplication tools and algorithms



- > EndNote, Mendeley or some Reference Manager packages
 - Automated but low sensitivity
 - Integration is not easy
- Rule-based algorithm from Yu Jiang¹ show good results in terms sensitivity and specificity
 - Publication year and PMID should not be used as unique identifiers
- > EndNote with Wichor's protocol
 - Manual and time-consuming

¹Jiang, Y., Lin, C., Meng, W., Yu, C., Cohen, A., & Smalheiser, N. (2014). Rule-based deduplication of article records from bibliographic databases. *Database*, bat086, http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/database/bat086

Our algorithm



- Optimized rule-based deduplication of Yu Jiang
 Rule-based approach: combination of different bibliographic data to get the reasonable accuracy
- > Journal titles are compared using prefix matching and length similarity.
- Titles and text fields (pagination, volume, issue) are compared using the Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) algorithm and combined with the length similarity.
- > DOI comparison for non-arXiv, non-bioRxiv citations
- Combination of other bibliographic values: matched titles, matched authors, matched paginations, etc,.

Performance of the algorithm



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- > Total records: 1471 (840 Pubmed + 631 Embase)
- > True duplicates: 562
- > True unique: 909

	Endnote	Endnote partly	Endnote full	Our method
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True positive (n) (correctly identified)	356	409	551	555
False negative (n) (duplicates missed)	206	153	11	7
Sensitivity (%) (95% Cl)	63.3 (59.3-	72.8 (69.0-76.3)	98.0 (96.5-	98.8 (97.5-99.4)
	67.2)		98.9)	
True negative (n) (unique records)	909	909	907	908
False negative (n)(incorrectly identified	0	0	2	1
as duplicate)				
Specificity (%) (95% CI)	100.0 (99.6-	100.0 (95% CI:	99.8 (99.2-	99.9 (99.4-
	100.0)	99.6-100.0)	99.9)	100.0)

Automation part 2

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Automation part 2 – Assisted screening



- ML is employed in assisting with screening which substantially reduces the workload.
- Stimulated by the results from previous studies: Khabsa et al (Rayyan tool for SRs) with recall > 95%, Wallace et al (Semi-automated screening) reduces 40% - 50% workload
- > We aim to build up an automated screening for inclusion prediction of title/abstract and inclusion prediction of full-text.
- > Ongoing models will focus on: Random Forest, SVM and Naïve Bayes classifications.

Khabsa, M., Elmagarmid, A., Ilyas, I., Hammady, H., & Ouzzani, M. (2015). Learning to identify relevant studies for systematic reviews using random forest and external information. *Machine Learning*, *102*(3), 465-482. http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10994-015-5535-7

Wallace, B., Trikalinos, T., Lau, J., Brodley, C., & Schmid, C. (2010). Semi-automated screening of biomedical citations for systematic reviews. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 11(1), 55. http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-11-55

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Automation part 3

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Automation part 3 - Requirements

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- > Get the data from REDCap
- > Perform predefined analyses: counts, summary statistics, meta-analysis
- > Output tables and figures
- Integrate in 'human' written text
- > Handle citations/references
- Integrated publication possibilities Versioning



Example



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- > We included `r nrow(dbvv)` in vivo and in vitro studies of which `r nrow(subset(dbvv, male==1))` hold information on the male reproductive tract and `r nrow(subset(dbvv, female==1))` on the female reproductive tract `r insertref(dbvv[,1])`.
- We included 21 in vivo and in vitro studies of which 14 hold information on the male reproductive tract and 11 on the female reproductive tract [75–95].

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Rmarkdown

> Simple syntax

- > Use of programming code within document (R, Python, SQL, Bash, JavaScript)
- > Flexible output styles
- Easy citation [@bibtexkey] or [@bibtexkey1;@bibtexkey2]



Bibtex

> Simple syntax

}

- Stable citation keys (self-defined)
- > Import-export reference managers

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 C. and Balestra, P. and Galgani, S. and
 Ippolito, G.},
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 Genital Tract},
 journal ={Emerg Infect Dis},
 volume ={22},
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Limitations



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- > Feedback/commenting issue
 - Manual implementation of changes, from word back to markdown file
- > References in Word in plain text

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lende reproductive duct [75-55].		

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Versioning and traceability



Changes over time

- Methodological changes over time
 Versioning of methodology/PROSPERO
- > Search strategies that can be improved
- > Questions that need modification
- New questions that may arise

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Comments/discussion



- > Where/how can time be gained?
- Identifying studies for inclusion is one of the most labour-intensive and timeconsuming tasks of the systematic review process."¹
- > Peer review, publication process
 - Preprint availability?

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¹O'Mara-Eves, A., Thomas, J., McNaught, J., Miwa, M., & Ananiadou, S. (2015). Using text mining for study identification in systematic reviews: a systematic review of current approaches. Systematic Reviews, 4(1). http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/2046-4053-4-5

Outlook



- > Combining the right tools, not reinventing the wheel.
- Enabling reviewers to move from being archeologists to something more contemporary?
- > Have a system that notifies and supports the reviewer
- > Generalizability
- > Set up for outbreak response



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RESULTS: Our model estimated between 508 and 1,778 imported infections into Europe in 2016, of which we would expect between 116 and 355 symptomatic Zika infections; with the highest number of importations being into France, Portugal and Italy.

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Abstract

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