Using serology to measure incidence of recent *Vibrio cholerae* O1 infection

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Motivation

Cholera Risk and Burden



Lessler et al, 2018, The Lancet

OCV Effectiveness and Impact

WASH Effectiveness and Impact





- Numeric threshold of a single serologic biomarker to identify those 'recently' infected
- Low variability in antibody response to infection between people (e.g., age, infection inoculum, severity, co-morbidities)
- Cheap, simple and rapid assay

A Serological Survey for Cholera Antibodies in Rural East Pakistan

 The Distribution of Antibody in the Control Population of a Cholera-vaccine Field-trial Area and the Relation of Antibody Titre to the Pattern of Endemic Cholera *

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Seroepidemiological Studies of El Tor Cholera in Bangladesh: Association of Serum Antibody Levels with Protection

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Frequency of Reexposure to Vibrio cholerae O1 Evaluated by Subsequent Vibriocidal Titer Rise after an Episode of Severe Cholera in a Highly Endemic Area in Bangladesh

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Seroepidemiologic Survey of Epidemic Cholera in Haiti to Assess Spectrum of Illness and Risk Factors for Severe Disease

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Incomplete Correlation of Serum Vibriocidal Antibody Titer with Protection from *Vibrio cholerae* Infection in Urban Bangladesh

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Vibriocidal antibodies are useful

- Marker for recent infection (no agreed upon threshold)
- Indirect [non-mechanistic] correlate of protection (at least in adults) with no numeric threshold (only fold-rise)
- Other important markers of infection
 - Antibody responses to lipopolysaccharide (LPS) of *V. cholerae* (no threshold)
 - Antibody responses to O-specific polysaccharide of LPS (no threshold)
 - Antibody responses to the cholera toxin (typically the B-subunit) (no threshold)

Antibody kinetics after infection with V. cholerae



Introduction

- Can cross-sectional serological measures identify individuals recently infected with V. cholerae O1?
- Which serological measures are most important markers of infection over different time frames?
- Can serological models of recent infection be useful in epidemiologic practice?



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- Cohort of confirmed cholera cases and uninfected household contacts (used as 'controls')
- Serological followup from day of presentation through 1 year (cases) or 30-days (contacts)
- Vibriocidal antibodies, anti-CTB IgG and IgA, anti-LPS IgG, IgA and IgMs (subset only)



The data



Vibriocidal antibodies



Anti-CTB antibodies



How well can a single antibody identify infections in the last year?

antibody	sensitivity	specificity	modal
	mean (95% UI)	mean (95% UI)	titer
vibriocidal	79.3 (70.4-88.1)	92.9 (85.0-100.0)	320
CTB-lgG	77.0 (67.6-85.7)	84.5 (74.3-93.3)	32
CTB-IgA	69.1 (59.4-80.0)	81.1 (68.0-91.5)	9
LPS-IgG	57.0 (46.8-67.6)	91.9 (84.1-97.9)	61
LPS-IgA	70.4 (60.3-80.0)	78.5 (66.0-89.2)	13

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Are we overfitting? Is this generalizable?

External validation of model with data from (cholera-naive) 38 North American volunteers challenged with O1 El Tor Inaba and followed for 6-months

Focused on CTB, vibriocidal and demographics only

Clinical Infectious Diseases



Single-dose Live Oral Cholera Vaccine CVD 103-HgR Protects Against Human Experimental Infection With *Vibrio cholerae* O1 El Tor

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External validation with North American volunteers: Random forest model





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How big was that outbreak? Can serosurveys help?

Figure 1. Epi curve of suspected cholera cases (n=1,080,422), April 2017 to 17 March 2018.



Weekly number of cases حالات الاشتباه الأسبوعية 🗧

Estimating epidemic size in simulated epidemics



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- We can do a pretty good job identifying recent infections (within past year)
- We can classify with only 1-2 antibodies (vibriocidals and anti-CTB IgG or IgA, depending on exposure window)
- Demographic factors, like age, add little to the models
- 'one-size-fits-all' models may work to estimate recent infection incidence in endemic and epidemic settings



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Future challenges and questions

- What other immune responses might help classify incidence at different time frames?
- How do we adapt to partially vaccinated populations?
- Do those exposed but asymptomatic/mildly symptomatic have similar antibody trajectories?
- Can we adapt field-appropriate methods (like DBS) to collect these data in key areas of cholera transmission?
- How large will serosurveys have to be in low incidence settings?
- Serosurvey design recommendations for different uses

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