

B.5 HOW HAVE THE RESULTS BEEN DISSEMINATED TO COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?

1. Conference and University Lectures: PI Daszak, and Co-investigators Shi, Epstein, Olival, and Zhang gave invited University and Conference lectures including Harvard Univ. Columbia Univ., Tufts Univ., Mt. Sinai, the 2nd International Symposium on Emerging Viral Disease in China, the 2nd International Symposium on the Infectious Diseases of Bats in Colorado, Cell Symposia: Emerging and Re-emerging Viruses 2017 in Virginia, The International Union of Microbiological Societies 2017 National Academy of Sciences in Singapore, 2018 Borneo Quality of Life Conference in Malaysia, 2017 Chemical and Biological Defense Science and Technology (CBD S&T) in California, Prince Mahidol Award Conference in Bangkok, Collaboration for Environmental Evidence Meeting in Paris, US-China NSF Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease (EEID) Meeting, and others that included specific discussion of the current project and results.

2. Agency and other briefings: PI Daszak and Co-investigator Shi introduced this project and discussed new opportunities about predicting and preventing zoonoses within National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, National Natural Science Foundation of China, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, US NASEM Forum on Microbial Threats, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the Health Working Group at the US Embassy in Beijing.

3. Public outreach: PI Daszak and Co-investigator Shi, Epstein, Olival, have presented this work to the general public in a series of meetings over Year 4 including at Cosmos Club briefings that EcoHealth Alliances hosts in Washington DC, over 10 meetings on the China National Virome Project and the Global Virome Project in China, Europe, Australia, Southeast Asia and Latin America. Co-investigator Olival presented this work at a public event on Disease Transmission and Technologies in New York, co-investigator Ross presented this work at EcoHealth Webinar on wildlife trade network research. Zhu broadly introduced this work to the conservation and ecological research community in China through field training workshops.

B.6 WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS?

Specific Aim 1: Assessment of CoV spillover potential at high risk human-wildlife interfaces.

- To commence an in-depth analysis of data collected from the integrated biological behavioral surveillance from Yunnan, Guangxi, and Guangdong provinces, incorporating questionnaires and serological testing results.
- To initiate lab analysis of human samples collected from the passive hospital surveillance from four hospitals in Yunnan province: 1) Dali College Affiliated Hospital; 2) Dali Prefecture Hospital; 3) Kunming No. 3 People's Hospital, and 4) Chuxiong Prefecture Hospital. The goal will be to identify examples of CoV spillover events in China that may lead to illness.

Specific Aim 2: Receptor evolution, host range and predictive modeling of bat-CoV emergence risk

- To repeat and continue in vivo experiments of SARSr-CoVs with spike variants on hACE-expressing transgenic mice (survival rate, histopathological analysis, etc) to evaluate the risk of cross-species infection of different SARSr-CoVs to humans;
- Continue searching for the receptor of SARSr-CoVs with deletions in the homologous region of SARS-CoV RBD (i.e. Rp3, Rs672), and SARSr-CoVs that are unable to utilize bat ACE2 (e.g. Rs4231).
- Continue the phylogeographic study of bat-CoV with newly collected samples to better understand the geographic distribution and evolution of bat-CoV genetic diversity in south China and SE Asia.

Specific Aim 3: Testing predictions of CoV inter-species transmission.

- Using the full-length infectious cDNA clone of MERS-CoV, chimeric viruses with the spikes of newly identified MERSr-CoVs will be constructed. The pathogenesis of these MERSr-CoVs will be tested on the human DPP4-expressing mouse model that has already been developed and validated in Y4.
- To conduct a population genetics study of *Rhinolophus sinicus* ACE2s, including the amplification of ACE2 genes from *R. sinicus* samples of different origin, test of the usage efficiency of *R. sinicus* ACE2s of different origins by SL-CoVs and kinetics study on the binding of SL-CoV RBD to different *R. sinicus* ACE2s.
- In collaboration with South China Agricultural University, gather data on the spatial structure and barn-level mortality records to parameterize our mathematical model of virus spread that incorporates a meta-population structure in individual and use this to fit the model on a training set of farms and validate it on a hold-out set.
- Using the intra-farm transmission model, we will (a) determine the characteristics of a farm that determine the likelihood and size of an outbreak given a spillover event, and (b) determine whether SADS and PEDV outbreaks on farms can be distinguished by differing dynamics, as measured by transmission parameters in our intra-farm transmission model.