Supplementary information

Resurgence of pertussis infections in Shandong, China: Space-time cluster and trend analysis

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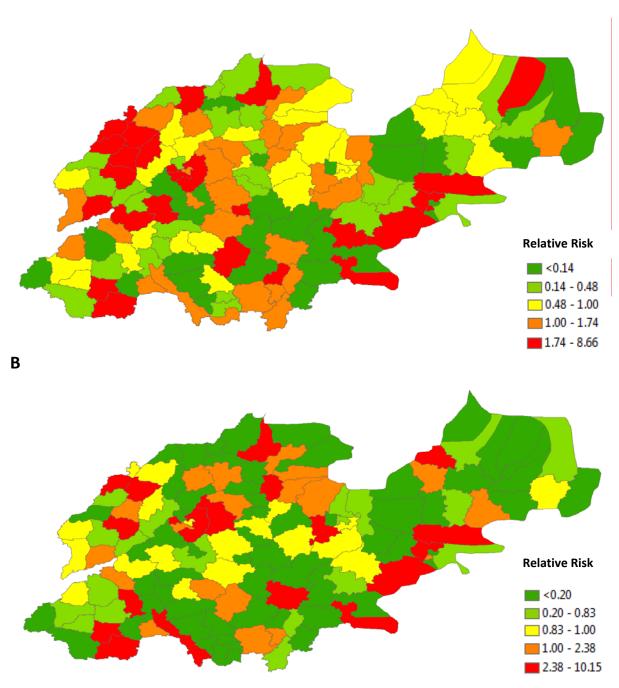
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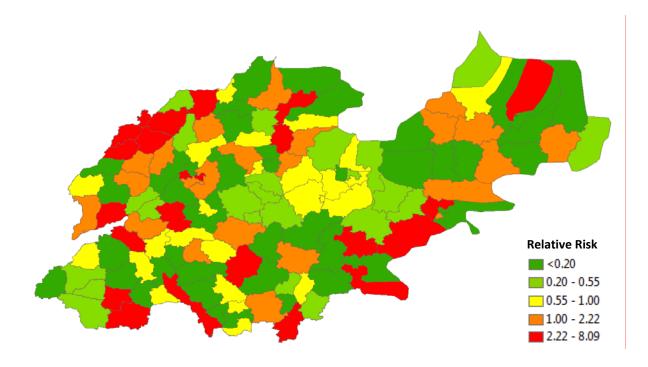
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Figure 1. Spatial distributions of the relative risks at county level across Shandong province, 2009-2017 (A: study period 2009-2017, B: period 1, C: period 2, D: period 3).

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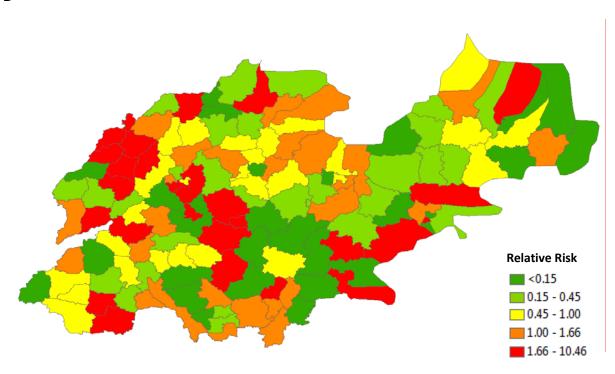
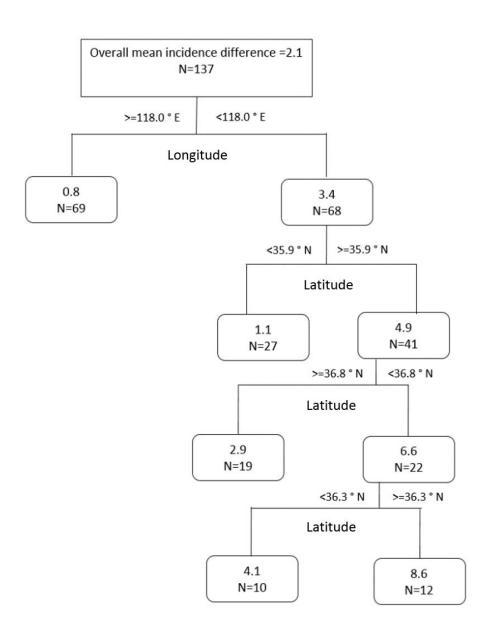
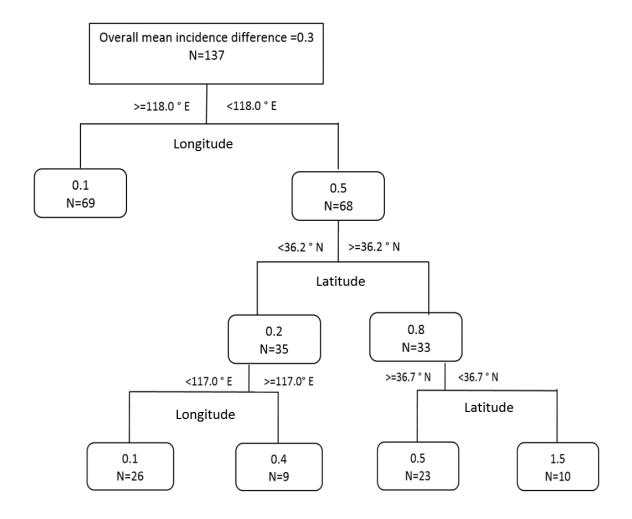
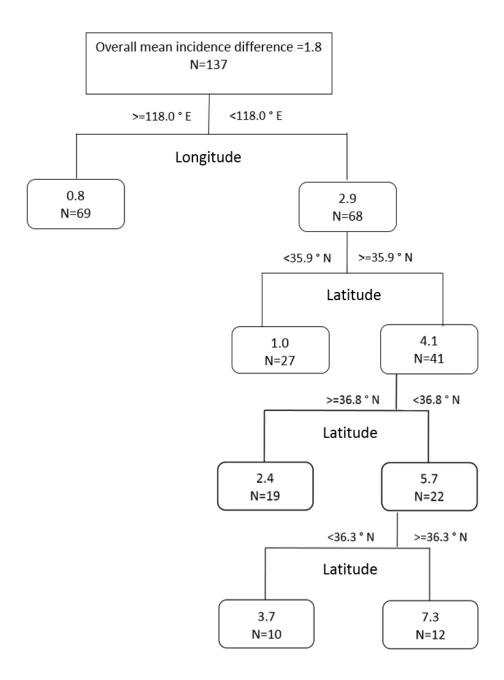


Figure 2. The regression tree modeling the hierarchical relationship between the differences of yearly mean pertussis incidence between periods with the locations of counties in Shandong, 2009-2017. (The regression tree shows the threshold values, mean differences in yearly average pertussis incidence between periods, N is the total number of counties; A: difference between period 1 and 3, B: difference between period 1 and 2, C: difference between period 2 and 3)

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The definition of Relative Risk in the study

For Shandong province A under study, the RR is defined to be the infection risk λ_Z of county Z compared to the risk $\lambda_{A/Z}$ in all other counties A/Z. Let

$$\lambda_Z = E(Y_Z)/E_Z$$

$$E_Z=N*P_Z/P_+$$

where Y_Z is the Poisson random variable of pertussis notifications in county Z, with expected cases given by $E(Y_Z)$, E_Z is the observed number of cases in county Z, P_Z is the population of county Z, P_+ is the total population at risk in the province and N is the total number of notifications. Analogously we define $\lambda_{A\setminus Z}$. This way, the RR is defined as $RR = \lambda_Z/\lambda_{A/Z}$.