

Agricultural land-uses consistently exacerbate infectious disease risks in Southeast Asia

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Supplementary Information

Supplementary Note 1 - Example Search Strategy

Here we provide an example of the search strategy used for EMBASE:

1. zoonoses or zoonosis or infectio* or communicab* or emerg* or disease*
2. exp Communicable Diseases
3. South east Asia or SE Asia or Southeast Asia or Brunei or Cambodia or Indonesia or Laos or Malaysia or Myanmar or Philippines or Singapore or Thailand or Timor or Vietnam – TITLE AND ABSTRACT ONLY
4. exp Asia, Southeastern
5. 1 or 2
6. 3 or 4
7. land use* or land cover* or landscape* or habitat* or deforest* or agricultur* or farm* or urbani* or suburbani* or fragment*
8. 5 and 6 and 7

Google and Google Scholar were also used to search for published articles that may not have been indexed within the databases. The internet search engines typically returned several thousand results. Therefore, the searches were restricted to the first fifty hits and links to potentially relevant material were followed from the original hit. Finally, bibliographies of articles included in the review and previously published reviews were checked for references.

Supplementary Note 2 - Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

- Geographical Location – Southeast Asia defined as Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos PDR, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, East Timor and Brunei as part of the ASEAN region.
- Population – Adults in Southeast Asia aged 18 and above that work or live in or near agricultural land (NB – studies that assess total populations including both adult and children will be included).
- Type of exposure - Agricultural land use exposure was defined as any person who partakes in the cultivation of land and breeding of animals and plants to provide food, fibre, medicinal plants and other products to sustain and enhance either for domestic, residential, occupational or economic purposes.
- Type of comparator - No exposure to agricultural land use
- Types of outcome: Change in prevalence or incidence of infectious disease as a function of land use or land use change.
- Type of disease: All infectious diseases that are prevalent in humans in Southeast Asia with a biologically plausible link to land-use change including emerging, zoonotic, bacterial, viral, parasitic and vector-borne infections.
- Types of study – Peer reviewed empirical observational studies

Exclusion Criteria

- Articles based on non-communicable disease
- Articles based on infectious diseases of plants, invertebrates or fish
- Articles that do not study the impact of land use or land use change
- Articles that do not have a study context in SE Asia
- Articles not in English
- Theoretical research, reviews, commentaries or letters.
- Studies that presented odds ratios based on the co-infection of more than 1 disease
- Studies that assessed the impact of using human faeces (night soil) as fertiliser in agriculture
- Studies that assessed risk factors of disease in children

Duplicates were removed using reference management software (Endnote and Mendeley). If the inclusion of an article was in doubt in either the first two stages, the article was included, and the suitability determined at a later stage.

Supplementary Figure 1- Meta-analysis of adjusted odds ratios

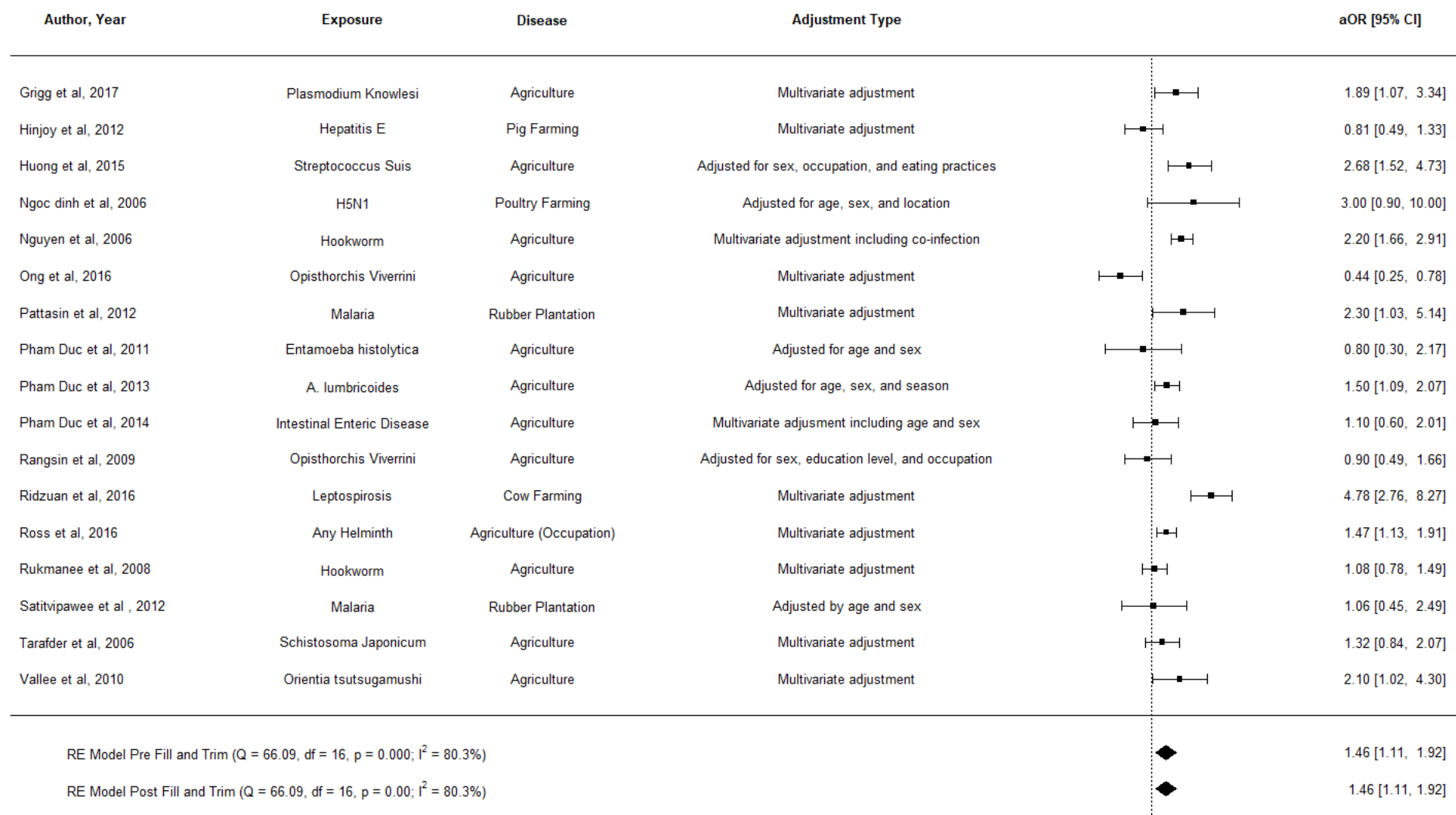


Figure 1 Adjusted meta-analysis of mutually exclusive risk estimates to determine the impact of within study confounding on the association between occupational or residential exposure to agricultural land use and infectious disease prevalence. Agriculture (Non-specific) is defined as a category where a person indicates they work or live in or near agriculture regardless of the type of agriculture. Multivariate adjustment is defined as adjustment for multiple factors which are not listed in the original study. A Z test was conducted to calculate p values. Square points show the crude odds ratio for each study, solid diamonds show the pooled meta-analysis estimate and error bars are defined as the 95% confidence interval

Note: Q, the Cochran Q test. Df, degrees of freedom. p, p value. I², test for heterogeneity. RE, random effects.

Supplementary Table 1 – Exposure Based Subgroup Analysis Results

Exposure Subgroups	Disease Subclass	No of Studies	OR	CI Low	CI High	P Value	E Value	Q Test	P Value	I ²
Bovine Exposure	All Diseases	3	2.09	0.80	5.49	0.130	2.96	15.96	<0.001	84.51
Bovine Exposure	Bacterial	2	2.40	0.57	10.12	0.230	3.39	15.39	<0.001	93.50
Bovine Exposure	Vector-Borne	3	2.09	0.80	5.49	0.130	2.96	15.96	<0.001	84.51
Bovine Exposure	Zoonotic	3	2.09	0.80	5.49	0.130	2.96	15.96	<0.001	84.51
Livestock exposure	All Diseases	8	2.54	1.37	4.72	<0.001	3.57	32.25	<0.001	76.02
Livestock exposure	Bacterial	5	4.47	1.30	15.39	0.020	6.05	18.61	<0.001	88.05
Livestock exposure	Vector-Borne	6	2.52	1.48	4.28	<0.001	3.55	14.04	0.020	60.55
Livestock exposure	Viral	3	1.55	0.83	2.91	0.170	2.17	4.98	0.080	58.51
Livestock exposure	Zoonotic	8	2.46	1.35	4.48	<0.001	3.46	33.79	<0.001	77.23
Non-specific Agriculture	All Diseases	21	1.71	1.38	2.13	<0.001	2.42	76.09	<0.001	85.94
Non-specific Agriculture	Bacterial	5	1.79	0.97	3.31	0.060	2.53	27.05	<0.001	89.41
Non-specific Agriculture	Parasitic	16	1.74	1.41	2.13	<0.001	2.45	47.65	<0.001	82.77
Non-specific Agriculture	Vector-Borne	7	1.85	1.18	2.90	0.010	2.61	32.40	<0.001	88.83
Non-specific Agriculture	Zoonotic	15	1.63	1.19	2.24	<0.001	2.30	61.69	<0.001	84.30
Oil Palm Plantation	All Diseases	2	3.25	2.29	4.61	<0.001	4.51	0.16	0.690	0.00
Oil Palm Plantation	Vector-Borne	2	3.25	2.29	4.61	<0.001	4.51	0.16	0.690	0.00
Oil Palm Plantation	Zoonotic	2	3.25	2.29	4.61	<0.001	4.51	0.16	0.690	0.00
Porcine Exposure	All Diseases	7	3.57	0.84	15.23	0.090	4.92	33.97	<0.001	95.59
Porcine Exposure	Bacterial	3	3.08	0.26	35.92	0.370	4.29	8.88	0.010	95.07
Porcine Exposure	Vector-Borne	5	3.09	0.58	16.46	0.190	4.29	23.80	<0.001	94.90
Porcine Exposure	Viral	4	4.31	0.49	37.81	0.190	5.85	24.62	<0.001	96.27
Porcine Exposure	Zoonotic	7	3.57	0.84	15.23	0.090	4.92	33.97	<0.001	95.59
Poultry Exposure	All Diseases	2	0.91	0.24	3.45	0.890	0.00	6.59	0.010	84.83
Poultry Exposure	Vector-Borne	2	0.91	0.24	3.45	0.890	0.00	6.59	0.010	84.83
Poultry Exposure	Zoonotic	2	0.91	0.24	3.45	0.890	0.00	6.59	0.010	84.83
Rice Paddy	All Diseases	5	1.34	0.81	2.23	0.250	1.84	21.78	<0.001	87.15
Rice Paddy	Bacterial	3	1.40	0.71	2.77	0.330	1.93	10.83	<0.001	82.33
Rice Paddy	Vector-Borne	4	1.17	0.62	2.21	0.620	1.54	14.73	<0.001	80.86
Rice Paddy	Zoonotic	4	1.17	0.62	2.21	0.620	1.54	14.73	<0.001	80.86
Rubber Plantation	All Diseases	5	2.27	1.82	2.82	<0.001	3.20	1.33	0.860	0.00
Rubber Plantation	Bacterial	2	2.27	1.79	2.89	<0.001	3.21	0.04	0.830	0.00
Rubber Plantation	Parasitic	3	2.24	1.35	3.74	<0.001	3.17	1.28	0.530	0.00
Rubber Plantation	Vector-Borne	5	2.27	1.82	2.82	<0.001	3.20	1.33	0.860	0.00
Rubber Plantation	Zoonotic	3	2.31	1.83	2.94	<0.001	3.27	0.99	0.610	0.00

Supplementary Table 2 – Exposure Based Subgroup Publication Bias Test Results

Exposure Subgroups	Disease Subclass	No of Studies	Original Meta-Analysis				Fill and Trim Test				Eggers Test	
			OR	CI Low	CI High	P Value	OR (FT)	P Value	CI Low (FT)	CI High (FT)	Eggers T Statistic	P Value
Bovine Exposure	All Diseases	3	2.09	0.80	5.49	0.130	2.09	0.134	0.80	5.49	-0.06	0.9645
Bovine Exposure	Vector-Borne	3	2.09	0.80	5.49	0.130	2.09	0.134	0.80	5.49	-0.06	0.9645
Bovine Exposure	Zoonotic	3	2.09	0.80	5.49	0.130	2.09	0.134	0.80	5.49	-0.06	0.9645
Livestock exposure	All Diseases	8	2.54	1.37	4.72	<0.001	1.62	0.209	0.76	3.43	1.33	0.2324
Livestock exposure	Bacterial	5	4.47	1.30	15.39	0.020	2.31	0.274	0.51	10.39	0.86	0.4518
Livestock exposure	Vector-Borne	6	2.52	1.48	4.28	<0.001	2.52	0.001	1.48	4.28	0.13	0.9063
Livestock exposure	Viral	3	1.55	0.83	2.91	0.170	0.98	0.963	0.49	1.98	3.59	0.1731
Livestock exposure	Zoonotic	8	2.46	1.35	4.48	<0.001	1.96	0.072	0.94	4.09	1.58	0.1659
Non-specific Agriculture	All Diseases	21	1.71	1.38	2.13	<0.001	1.48	0.001	1.18	1.86	-0.88	0.3904
Non-specific Agriculture	Bacterial	5	1.79	0.97	3.31	0.060	1.79	0.062	0.97	3.31	-0.11	0.9222
Non-specific Agriculture	Parasitic	16	1.74	1.41	2.13	<0.001	1.62	<0.001	1.32	1.99	-0.85	0.4088
Non-specific Agriculture	Vector-Borne	7	1.85	1.18	2.90	0.010	1.85	0.008	1.18	2.90	0.34	0.7471
Non-specific Agriculture	Zoonotic	15	1.63	1.19	2.24	<0.001	1.37	0.060	0.99	1.92	-0.20	0.8422
Porcine Exposure	All Diseases	7	3.57	0.84	15.23	0.09	3.57	0.086	0.84	15.23	4.56	0.0061
Porcine Exposure	Bacterial	3	3.08	0.26	35.92	0.370	3.08	0.369	0.26	35.92	2.21	0.2700
Porcine Exposure	Vector-Borne	5	3.09	0.58	16.46	0.190	3.09	0.187	0.58	16.46	3.69	0.0346
Porcine Exposure	Viral	4	4.31	0.49	37.81	0.190	4.31	0.187	0.49	37.81	4.00	0.0572
Porcine Exposure	Zoonotic	7	3.57	0.84	15.23	0.090	3.57	0.086	0.84	15.23	4.56	0.0061
Rice Paddy	All Diseases	5	1.34	0.81	2.23	0.250	1.81	0.037	1.04	3.17	-1.58	0.2129
Rice Paddy	Bacterial	3	1.40	0.71	2.77	0.330	1.40	0.333	0.71	2.77	-0.14	0.9107
Rice Paddy	Vector-Borne	4	1.17	0.62	2.21	0.620	1.40	0.285	0.76	2.57	-0.70	0.5571
Rice Paddy	Zoonotic	4	1.17	0.62	2.21	0.620	1.40	0.285	0.76	2.57	-0.70	0.5571
Rubber Plantation	All Diseases	5	2.27	1.82	2.82	<0.001	2.27	<0.001	1.82	2.82	0.33	0.7632
Rubber Plantation	Parasitic	3	2.24	1.35	3.74	<0.001	1.84	0.004	1.21	2.78	4.41	0.1420
Rubber Plantation	Vector-Borne	5	2.27	1.82	2.82	<0.001	2.27	<0.001	1.82	2.82	0.33	0.7632
Rubber Plantation	Zoonotic	3	2.31	1.83	2.94	<0.001	2.31	<0.001	1.83	2.94	0.62	0.6473

Supplementary Table 3 – Disease Subgroup Analysis

Disease	No of Studies	Original Meta-Analysis				I ²	E Value	Fill and Trim Test				Eggers Test	
		OR	CI Low	CI High	P Value			OR (FT)	P Value	CI Low (FT)	CI High (FT)	Eggers T Statistic	p value
Ascaris lumbricoides	4	1.27	0.59	2.73	0.540	96.52	1.71	1.49	0.344	0.68	3.06	-1.45	0.28
Entamoeba histolytica	3	1.01	0.73	1.4	0.930	0	1.13	1.01	0.945	0.73	1.40	0.01	0.99
Giardia intestinalis	2	0.51	0.17	1.52	0.230	39	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hookworm	3	2.42	1.56	3.75	<0.001	91.96	3.41	2.42	<0.001	1.56	3.75	1.20	0.44
Leptospirosis	4	1.36	0.55	3.32	0.500	90.6	1.86	1.71	0.204	0.75	3.93	-0.16	0.88
Malaria	5	2	1.46	2.73	<0.001	46.02	2.83	1.57	0.007	1.13	2.19	1.38	0.26
Opisthorchis viverrini	7	1.51	0.84	2.7	0.170	78.14	2.1	1.20	0.497	0.71	2.04	-0.22	0.83
Orientia tsutsugamushi	5	2.37	1.41	3.96	<0.001	85.83	3.34	2.37	0.001	1.41	3.96	-0.24	0.82
Rickettsia typhi	2	1.12	0.5	2.5	0.780	0	1.42	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schistosoma japonicum	2	1.71	1.18	2.48	<0.001	63.92	2.41	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Spotted fever group	2	3.91	2.61	5.85	<0.001	55.23	5.35	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Trichuris trichuria	4	1.4	1.27	1.53	<0.001	0	1.93	1.41	<0.001	1.29	1.55	-1.25	0.34

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