programs for those without tertiary education, especially for those above age 45 and without insurance, may help increase the overall vaccination status in the United States.

TABLE 1: U.S. Adults by up-to-date Tetanus Status (received Tetanus Vaccine with in the

last ten years), 2016 Behavior					
	No, did not receive tetanus Yes, received tetanus				
	since 2005	since 2005			
	Weighted % (n)	Weighted % (n)			
	40.1% (n=172,474)	59.9% (n=244,999)	P- Value		
Education Level					
Grade 11 or less	49.7%	50.3%			
Grade 12 or GED	43.5%	56.5%			
College 1 year to 3 years	37.3%	62.7%			
College 4 years or more	34.9%	65.1%	p < 0.001		
Age					
Age 18 to 44	34.6%	65.4%			
Age 45 to 64	40.6%	59.4%			
Age 65 or older	51.7%	48.3%	p < 0.001		
Sex					
Male	37.8%	62.2%			
Female	41.4%	58.6%	p < 0.001		
Race/ Ethnicity					
White (Non-Hispanic)	36.9%	63.1%			
Black (Non-Hispanic)	48.2%	51.8%			
Hispanic (Any Race)	45.8%	54.2%			
Other (Non-Hispanic)	40.8%	59.2%	p < 0.001		
Employment Status					
Employed	36.7%	63.3%			
Unemployed	45.0%	55.0%			
Student	27.0%	73.0%			
Retired	49.4%	50.6%			
Unable to Work	44.9%	55.1%	p < 0.001		
Number of Children in House					
0	41.7%	58.3%			
1	36.6%	63.4%			
2 or more	37.7%	62.3%	p < 0.001		
Insurance Status					
Yes	39.1%	60.9%			
No	48.0%	52.0%	p < 0.001		
Marital Status					
Married	38.7%	61.3%			
Not Married	41.9%	58.1%	p < 0.001		
Personal Health Care Provider			,		
Yes	38.9%	61.1%			
No.	44.2%	55.8%	p < 0.001		

FIGURE 1: Adjusted Odds\* of un-to-date Tetanus Status among U.S. Adults: 2016



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#### 1647. Investigating Parents' Vaccine Hesitancy in the United Arab Emirates: A Cross-Sectional Survey

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Background. Vaccine hesitancy has been declared by the World Health Organization as a top threat to public health in 2019. It has been studied extensively in the Western world but not so among Arabs. The Parent Attitudes about Childhood Vaccines (PACV) survey is a validated instrument for identifying vaccine-hesitant parents; however, Arabic version is not available. This study aimed to assess the reliability of the PACV survey in Arabic language and to determine the prevalence of vaccine hesitancy among parents in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Forward and backward translation of the PACV in Arabic language was carried out. The reliability of the Arabic-PACV survey was tested among parents with children. The same survey was used to study vaccine hesitancy among parents attending seven primary healthcare centers in Al-Ain city, UAE. Univariate analyses were performed to determine the associations between vaccine hesitancy and socio-demographic characteristics.

Results. The Cronbach's alpha (a measure of internal consistency reliability) for total Arabic-PACV scores was 0.79. Two hundred and sixty-two participants answered the PACV survey (response rate, 74.9%). The majority were mothers (75.9%) in the age group (18-39 years) and more than half (56.3%) had attended university or higher education. Only 29 parents (11.11%, 95% CI = 7.85-15.5) were found to be vaccine-hesitant (score ≥ 50). Socio-demographic characteristics such as education level, number of children and household income did not have any significant association with vaccine hesitancy. However, when using the question "Have you ever decided not to have your child get a shot for reasons other than illness or allergy?" as a surrogate item for vaccine hesitancy, the variable education was significantly associated to this question. More specifically, participants with lower education (n = 110) were more likely to be vaccine-hesitant compared with those with higher education (n = 147), (OR = 4.50, P = 0.026, 95% CI = 1.3–20.7).

The Arabic-PACV survey could serve as a tool in the evaluation of Conclusion. vaccine hesitancy among parents in UAE and other Arabic-speaking countries. The prevalence of vaccine hesitancy among parents in our community is comparable with other populations

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## 1648. Prevalence of Orientia tsutsugamushi, Anaplasma phagocytophilum, and Leptospira interrogans in Striped Field Mice in Gwangju, Republic of Korea Dong-Min Kim, MD degree<sup>1</sup>; Mi Seon Bang, Doctor's degree<sup>2</sup>;

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Background. Scrub typhus, anaplasmosis, and leptospirosis are well-known diseases that are considered common, widespread rodent-borne infectious diseases

Methods. This study investigated the prevalence of Orientia tsutsugamushi, Anaplasma phagocytophilum, and Leptospira interrogans in wild rodents through molecular detection using organ samples and through serological assay using blood samples of mice collected from two distinct sites in Gwangju Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea (ROK).

A total of 47 wild rodents, identified as Apodemus agrarius (A. agrarius), were captured from June to August 2016. The seroprevalence of antibodies against bacterial pathogens in A. agrarius sera was analyzed; 17.4% (8/46) were identified as O. tsutsugamushi through indirect immunofluorescence assay and 2.2% (1/46) were identified as Leptospira species through passive hemagglutination assay. Using polymerase chain reaction, the spleen, kidney and blood samples were investigated for the presence of O. tsutsugamushi, A. phagocytophilum, and L. interrogans. Out of the 47 A. agrarius, 19.1% (9/47) were positive for A. phagocytophilum and 6.4% (3/47) were positive for L. interrogans, while none were positive for O. tsutsugamushi. Four out of 46 (8.7%) blood samples, six out of 45 (13.3%) spleen samples, and one out of 47 (2.1%) kidney samples were positive for A. phagocytophilum. Three out of 47 (6.4%) kidney samples were positive for L. interrogans. The sequencing results of PCR positive samples demonstrated >99% similarity with A. phagocytophilum and L. interrogans sequences

Conclusion. A. phagocytophilum was mostly detected in the spleen, whereas L. interrogans was mostly detected in the kidneys. Notably, A. phagocytophilum and L. interrogans were detected in A. agrarius living in close proximity to humans in the metropolitan suburbans. The results of this study indicate that rodent-borne bacteria may be present in wild rodents in the metropolitan suburban areas of ROK

Bacteria	Target	Primer	Nucleotide sequence	Product	PCR profile (°C/s)				Reference
	gene	паше	(5'-3')	size (bp)	Denaturation	Annealing	Extension	cycles	
			AGGGATGATAATGAC	199	94/60	57/30	72/45	36	In this
m		ot-16sRF1	AGTACCTACAG						study
	173		CCTCTACCATACTCTA						
		ot-16sRR1	GCCTAACAG						
			YGYAGAATCTRCTCG	1250	94/60	60/60	72/60	35	In this
Orientia		56BO-144F	CTTGG	1250	94/00	00.00	72/00	33	
tsutsuga-									study
mushi		56BO-	AGCTAMCCCTRCACC						
	56 kDa	1395R	AABAC						
		56BO-406F	CCWCCTCARCCTACT	690	94/30	61/30	72/45	30	
		2420 1044	ATRATGC						
		56BO-	GCWGCTGCTRCTGCT						
		1088R	TCTTG						
		GRO507F	GAAGATGCWGTWGG	688	95/30	54/30	72/60	30	[12]
		GROSOIF	WTGTACKGC						
		GRO1294R	AGMGCTTCWCCTTCW						
			ACRICYTC						
	groEL	GRO677F GRO1121R	ATTACTCAGAGTGCTT	445	95/30	57/30	72/60	30	
			CTCARTG						
			TGCATACCRTCAGTYT						
Anaplasma			TTTCAAC						
Phagocyte-									
hilion	anki	ANK-F1	GAAGAAATTACAACT	705	95/30	53/30	72/60	35	[13]
			CCTGAAG						
		ANK-R1	CAGCCAGATGCAGTA						
		ANK-KI	ACGTG						
	CANACA	ANK-F2	TTGACCGCTGAAGCA	664	95/30	52/30	72/60	5	
		ANNIE	CTAAC						
			ACCATTTGCTTCTTGA		95/30	54/30	72/60	25	
		ANK-R2	GGAG						
			GTTCCAACATGCAAC	1649	94/60	52/60	72/60	35	In this
		rpoB-1889F		1049	94.00	52/00	1200	33	
			GYCAR						study
		rpoB-3537R	GTTGAAGGATTCRGG						
	троВ		RATAC						
		rpoB-2438F	TYATGCCKTGGGAAG	1023	94/30	56/30	72/45	30	
		1900 21001	GWTAC						
		rpoB-3460R	GCATRTCRTCKGACTT						
Leptospira		Ipob-5400K	GATG						
interrogens			GGGAATACGTAGAMG	1435	94/60	56/60	72/60	35	In this
		hap1-435F	TTCG						study
			GTTTATAGTAGGTTGA						
		hap1-1870R	AGCTTG						
	LtpL32	L-hap1-	CCGTGATTTTCCTAAC	848	94/30	58/20	72/45	30	[14]
		217F	TAAGG	U-10	24/30	20/20	12/43	20	[14]
		L-hap1-	CAGATTACTTAGTCGC						
		218R	GTCAGA						
			TGAGCCAAGAAGAAA	500	94/30	59/30	72/45	35	[15]
		LeptoB2F	CAAGCTACA						
	றாற்		MATGGTTCCRCTTTCC						
		LeptoB504R							

Table 2. Rate of positive bacterial infections in 46 A. agrarius rodents as indicated by serological assays.

	Seropositive				
Name of positive sera	IFA titer for O. tsutsugamushi <sup>a</sup> (% positive rate)	PHA for <i>Leptospira</i> species <sup>b</sup> (% positive rate)			
6-6	1:128	_c			
6-7	1:64	-			
7-4	1:16	-			
7-13	1:16	_			
7-17	1:16	1:160			
7-18	1:32	_			
8-7	1:256	_			
8-9	1:64	-			
No. of positive sera	8 (17.4)	1 (2.2)			

<sup>a</sup>Cutoff titer of immunofluorescence assay, immunoglobulin G ≥ 1:16.

Table 3. Number of positive cases of Orientia tsutsugamushi, Anaplasma phogocytophilum, and Leptospira interrogans among the 47 Anademus agrarius rodents obtained by PCR targeting different genes

Specimen	No. of samples	O. tsutsugamushi		A. phagocytophilum		L. interrogans			
		rrsª	TSUTSU Kit <sup>b</sup>	56 kDa <sup>c</sup>	groEL <sup>4</sup>	ankA*	rpoB <sup>f</sup>	LipL32 <sup>g</sup>	gyrB <sup>h</sup>
Blood	46	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	NAi
Spleen	45	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	NA
Kidney	47	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2
No. of pos	itive	0			9 (19.1)		3 (6.4)	)	

216S ribosomal RNA

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## 1649. That's Not Cricket! Outbreak of Legionella pneumophila (L. pneumophila) in a Community Cricket Club in the UK, 2018: Challenges in Legionella Control in This Setting

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venues which host a range of activities, often for vulnerable members of society, such as children and elderly people. In July 2018, two cases of local laboratory-confirmed Legionnaires' disease were notified to Public Health England (PHE). The cases were found to be players in the same cricket team (via the enhanced Legionnaires' disease surveillance system) and had multiple shared potential exposures during their incubation periods.

Methods. A three-pronged outbreak investigation was conducted, with epidemiological, microbiological, and environmental components. Case-finding and potential shared exposures were identified through completion and analysis of Legionella enhanced surveillance questionnaires. Following risk assessment, environmental samples were obtained from aerosolizing outlets at identified sites. Additionally, sputum and urine samples were obtained from cases. All samples were sent to the PHE reference laboratory for confirmation of species and sequence typing.

Results. All cases were confirmed as L. pneumophila serogroup 1. Only one case provided a sputum sample suitable for sequence typing, which yielded a partial result. This result was consistent with a strain of L. pneumophila found in abundance at numerous water outlets at a local cricket club epidemiologically linked to all cases. On the emergence of these findings, control measures were put in place to prevent further exposure to the pathogen including shot-dosing of the water systems and closure of aerosolizing outlets. However, eradication of the organism proved challenging.

This is the first known outbreak of L. pneumophila epidemiologically and microbiologically linked to a cricket club in the UK. Control of the outbreak was challenging for two reasons. Firstly, the nature of the setting as a community venue meant that there was a large number of people potentially exposed, many with characteristics putting them at increased risk of Legionnaires' disease. Secondly, the cricket club was run by a committee of volunteers with limited expertise and financial resource. There was a resultant lack of clarity about who was ultimately responsible for Legionella risk management and the implementation of control measures.

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# 1650. Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Influenza Vaccination Among Hispanics: A Survey Conducted in Latin American Consulates in South Florida

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Background. Each year Influenza causes between 12,000 and 56,000 deaths, and over half a million of hospitalizations in the United States. Despite the widespread availability of vaccination, immunization coverage is low. Less than half of American adults receive the influenza vaccine, and there is a disparity between Hispanic and non-Hispanics, with only 35.9% of Hispanic compared with 45.9% of white non-Hispanics receiving the vaccine. In Miami, South Florida, over two-thirds of the population is Hispanic, and rates of influenza vaccination are low. This study aims to identify the knowledge and attitudes toward influenza vaccination among members of the adult Hispanic community in Miami, and to identify barriers to vaccination in this population.

This is a cross-sectional study conducted during the influenza season in 2017 and 2019 (October to December). A survey was administered in the waiting rooms of participating Latin American Consulates (Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay) in Miami. Participants included were older than 18 years, Hispanic, and with residence in the United States for more than 6 months. The participants accepted the inform consent orally. The survey was voluntary and anonymous.

We enrolled 970 adults. The median age was 43 years, 50% were male, Results. 60% had health insurance, and 67% had completed education of high school or higher. Knowledge regarding influenza and vaccination was low (78% believed asymptomatic individuals could transmit influenza, 14% knew that vaccination is recommended during the winter months, 50% felt not everyone should be vaccinated, 25% believed the vaccine causes influenza, and 7% autism). About one quarter (27%) received the influenza vaccine annually, 35% sometimes, and 38% never. Using multinomial logistic regression, we identified age  $\chi^2(2) = 19.38$ , P < 0.001, consulate  $\chi^2(6) = 160.21$ , P < 0.001, and insurance status  $\chi^2(2) = 23.04$ , P < 0.001 as predictors of receiving vaccination. Neither gender, nor education level found to be associated with vaccination behavior.

Immunization rates in the adult Hispanic population are low. Conclusion. Interventions to improve vaccination among Hispanics who are older and lack of health insurance are urgently needed in the diverse Hispanic community.

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#### 1651. The Impact of the 2017-2018 Influenza Season on Acute Care Hospitals in the United States: A Qualitative Evaluation of Immediate Responses and Future Preparedness

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Background. The 2017–2018 influenza season was characterized by high illness severity, wide geographic spread, and prolonged duration compared with recent years in the United States - resulting in an increased number of emergency department evaluations and hospital admissions. The current study explored how US hospitals perceived the impact of influenza during this time period, including effects on patient volumes, ways in which hospitals responded, and how lessons learned were incorporated into future influenza preparedness.

We conducted semi-structured phone interviews with capacity management personnel in short-term acute care hospitals across the United States. A random hospital sample was created using Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services annual reports. Hospitals self-identified key informants who were involved with throughput and capacity. The interview guide was developed and pilot tested by a team of clinicians and qualitative researchers, with interviews conducted between April 2018 and January 2019. We performed thematic content analysis to identify how hospitals experienced the 2017-2018 influenza season.

We achieved thematic saturation after 53 interviews. Responses conformed to three thematic domains: impacts on staff and patient care, immediate staffing and capacity responses, and future preparedness (Table 1). Hospitals almost universally reported increased emergency department and inpatient volumes that frequently resulted in strain across the hospital. Strain was created by both increased patient volume and staff shortages due to influenza illness. As strategies to address strain, respondents reported the use of new protocols, new vaccination policies, additional staffing, suspected-influenza treatment areas, and more frequent hospital administration meetings. Many hospitals reported increased diversion time. Despite experiencing high levels of strain, some hospitals reported no changes to their future influenza preparation plans.

Acute care hospitals experienced significant strain as a result Conclusion. of the 2017-2018 influenza season. Hospitals implemented a range of immediate responses to seasonal influenza, but generally did not report future planning specific to influenza

bCutoff for passive hemagglutination assay ≥ 1:80.

c-: negative

<sup>\*165</sup> ribosomal RNA,
\*195 ribosomal RNA,
\*195 kDa gene,
\*184 shock protein chaperone,
\*Anklytin-related protein gene,
\*RNase polymerase subumit beta,
\*50 kDut membrane lipoprotein,
\*19NA gyrase subumit B,
\*18A not available,
\*196 Positive rate.