Global burden associated with 85 pathogens in 2019: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019

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Summary

Background Despite a global epidemiological transition towards increased burden of non-communicable diseases, communicable diseases continue to cause substantial morbidity and mortality worldwide. Understanding the burden of a wide range of infectious diseases, and its variation by geography and age, is pivotal to research priority setting and resource mobilisation globally.

Methods We estimated disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) associated with 85 pathogens in 2019, globally, regionally, and for 204 countries and territories. The term pathogen included causative agents, pathogen groups, infectious conditions, and aggregate categories. We applied a novel methodological approach to account for underlying, immediate, and intermediate causes of death, which counted every death for which a pathogen had a role in the pathway to death. We refer to this measure as the burden associated with infection, which was estimated by combining different sources of information. To compare the burden among all pathogens, we used pathogen-specific ratios to incorporate the burden of immediate and intermediate causes of death for pathogens modelled previously by the GBD. We created the ratios by using multiple cause of death data, hospital discharge data, linkage data, and minimally invasive tissue sampling data to estimate the fraction of deaths coming from the pathway to death chain. We multiplied the pathogen-specific ratios by age-specific years of life lost (YLLs), calculated with GBD 2019 methods, and then added the adjusted YLLs to age-specific years lived with disability (YLDs) from GBD 2019 to produce adjusted DALYs to account for deaths in the chain. We used standard GBD methods to calculate 95% uncertainty intervals (UIs) for final estimates of DALYs by taking the 2·5th and 97·5th percentiles across 1000 posterior draws for each quantity of interest. We provided burden estimates pertaining to all ages and specifically to the under 5 years age group.

Findings Globally in 2019, an estimated 704 million (95% UI 610–820) DALYs were associated with 85 different pathogens, including 309 million (250–377; 43·9% of the burden) in children younger than 5 years. This burden accounted for 27·7% (and 65·5% in those younger than 5 years) of the previously reported total DALYs from all causes in 2019. Comparing super-regions, considerable differences were observed in the estimated pathogen-associated burdens in relation to DALYs from all causes, with the highest burden observed in sub-Saharan Africa (314 million [270–368] DALYs; 61·5% of total regional burden) and the lowest in the high-income super-region (31·8 million [25·4–40·1] DALYs; 9·8%). Three leading pathogens were responsible for more than 50 million DALYs each in 2019: tuberculosis (65·1 million [59·0–71·2]), malaria (53·6 million [27·0–91·3]), and HIV or AIDS (52·1 million [46·6–60·9]). Malaria was the leading pathogen for DALYs in children younger than 5 years (37·2 million [17·8–64·2]). We also observed substantial burden associated with previously less recognised pathogens, including *Staphylococcus aureus* and specific Gram-negative bacterial species (ie, *Klebsiella pneumoniae, Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Acinetobacter baumannii,* and *Helicobacter pylori*). Conversely, some pathogens had a burden that was smaller than anticipated.

Interpretation Our detailed breakdown of DALYs associated with a comprehensive list of pathogens on a global, regional, and country level has revealed the magnitude of the problem and helps to indicate where research funding mismatch might exist. Given the disproportionate impact of infection on low-income and middle-income countries, an essential next step is for countries and relevant stakeholders to address these gaps by making targeted investments.

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Introduction

The Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study (GBD) documents the impact of communicable diseases as underlying causes of death throughout each cycle of the study.[1,2] Although this information is important to understand the relative

Research in context

Evidence before this study

We previously reported the mortality associated with 33 bacterial pathogens in 2019 and showed that five relatively infrequently highlighted pathogens (*Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Klebsiella pneumoniae,* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) were responsible for more than half of all bacterial-caused deaths. We did not previously incorporate the other important pathogen groups of viruses, fungi, and parasites. Furthermore, we did not calculate the full burden of disease expressed in disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs), or the sum of the years of life lost (YLL) due to premature mortality and years lived with disability (YLD) due to the occurrence of disease. A literature search between Nov 1, 2019 and Dec 31, 2023, in PubMed, Medline, Web of Science, and Scopus (with key words "burden", "pathogens", "infectious diseases", "morbidity", "disability-adjusted life-years", and "mortality"), showed that the existing literature is infrequent, and no studies have pursued such estimations in all pathogen groups. This limited audit, in terms of pathogen range, and the omission of associated non-fatal burden in our previous work and other studies complicates global strategising around the development of antimicrobial agents and vaccines. Additional details of our literature review are available in the appendix (pp 4–6).

Added value of this study

This is the first study, to our knowledge, to document the DALY burden of 85 pathogens globally, representing all communicable disease groups, including bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. With respect to death certificate terminology, this study presents the burden of infectious diseases as underlying, immediate, and intermediate causes of death, constituting what we call the pathway to death burden, producing the most inclusive measure of infectious disease burden to date. This approach is in contrast with some previous results, which have documented the burden of infections as

solely the underlying cause of death. Our more comprehensive assessment of infectious disease provides valuable context for many opportunistic pathogens that afflict those with comorbidities that would take precedent as the underlying cause; the burden of pathogens in such cases has not been previously calculated, and addressing these infections could reduce disability and prolong life. These burden estimates were calculated for all ages and for children younger than 5 years, at the global, regional, and national levels. We provide a geographically detailed assessment of the most burdensome pathogens in 2019, using DALYs to enable comprehensive and comparable assessments of their impact on both mortality and morbidity. Such an extensive analysis in the year before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic will facilitate future comparisons on the topic.

Implications of all the available evidence

We estimated that 85 pathogens were associated with more than 700 million DALYs in 2019. Around three-quarters (n=63) of these infectious causes have no vaccine available, and the associated burden of these infectious causes without vaccines was disproportionately encountered by children younger than 5 years and people in resource-poor settings. The global dominance of tuberculosis, HIV or AIDS, and malaria in communicable disease burden remains. Our study also shows the under-recognised impact of less recognised pathogens (such as specific Gram-negative bacterial species, *S aureus,* and *Helicobacter pylori*) and indicates substantial between-country variation in the rankings of the most burdensome pathogens. Consequently, we show that many pathogens, and the diseases they cause, do not receive attention that is proportionate to their burden and the collective global need. This mismatch might be cause for reflection on the targets for development of new vaccines, therapeutics, and other public health interventions, especially for low-income settings and the under-5 age group.

magnitude of burden of these causes, it might not capture the full impact of pathogens, which is potentially useful to consider for drug and vaccine development efforts. Notably, the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) highlights that pathogens have a role in the pathway to death for many individuals with non-communicable diseases or injuries. More specifically, the chain of death consists of underlying causes (which initiate the chain) and several intermediate causes. By effectively understanding and managing these intermediate causes, the risk of death can be substantially reduced, particularly in cases in which non-communicable diseases are the underlying cause. For instance, individuals with diabetes mellitus and kidney failure that necessitates dialysis might die from *Staphylococcus aureus* sepsis.[3,4] Quantifying a comprehensive disease burden associated with pathogens can provide a valuable

supplement to the analyses of underlying causes of death.

Previous studies have attempted to quantify the burden associated with specific pathogens. Among these, our recent global analysis calculated deaths associated with 33 clinically significant bacterial pathogens (ie, regardless of underlying cause of death).[5] The findings highlighted the years of life lost associated with bacterial infections but did not produce any non-fatal burden estimates. Existing work might therefore underestimate the full burden of these infections while over-representing the burden of bacteria that lead to fatal infection. An essential aspect is to consider outcomes beyond mortality when assessing the full magnitude of impact of communicable diseases. Thus, a comprehensive global estimate, with a consistent approach to estimating associated burden across all pathogens such as viruses, fungi, and parasites,

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is needed to inform public health policy, and guide drug and vaccine development priorities. For example, a new highly efficacious vaccine for *Klebsiella pneumoniae* could prevent deaths when sepsis is the direct cause, but also reduce the probability of death for many patients who might be at increased risk of such infection (through dialysis or other causes). These indirect effects might substantially alter the calculus for stakeholders considering the cost versus benefit of potential new interventions against a finite research and development budget.

In this study, we provide a comprehensive global analysis of disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) associated with 85 pathogens in 2019. DALYs consider the impact of years lived with disability (YLDs) following disease onset, and years of life lost (YLLs) due to premature mortality in comparison with a standardised life expectancy.[6] This inclusive estimation of burden should help to inform effective control measures, optimise patient care, and contribute to the overall management of communicable diseases. Herein, we estimate the distribution of DALYs globally, by GBD super-region, and by country, with a focus on all age groups combined, and children younger than 5 years. We subsequently discuss findings with respect to prioritising therapeutics. This Article was produced as part of the GBD Collaborator Network and in accordance with the GBD Protocol.[7]

Methods

Overview and sources

In this study, we estimate DALYs associated with communicable diseases caused by 85 pathogens, spanning bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites across 204 countries and territories. We also consider not only single pathogens, but also pathogen groups and specific infectious conditions. More specifically, some pathogens were grouped due to small sample sizes and data availability, and we also wanted to address well established infectious conditions caused by a single or multiple microbial agents. The approach in this study was to combine three sources of information to estimate associated burden, which represents a burden for which a pathogen is on the pathway to death (as explained in the estimation process section). These sources were (1) capstone GBD 2019 estimates of underlying burden for 52 pathogens;[1] (2) the ratio of associated burden to underlying burden according to multiple cause of death data, hospital discharge data, linkage data, and minimally invasive tissue sampling (MITS) data (datasets and data sources reported previously[1]); and (3) the associated burden of 33 bacterial pathogens previously studied.[5] Our approach did not have any overlap between the pathogens obtained from sources (1) and (3). In estimating the burden associated with specific pathogens, we also included several aggregate categories: (1) fungi, (2) polymicrobial infections, (3) other neglected

tropical diseases, and (4) other unspecified infectious diseases. For simplicity and readability, we use the term pathogens throughout the manuscript as a collective reference for all causative agents, pathogen groups, infectious conditions, and aggregate categories. This study included data on more than 21 million isolates and 140 790 sources for pathogens previously studied in the two GBD publications[1,5] (the data from Ikuta et al[5] is presented in the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) MICROBE tool). Full source counts by pathogen are available in the appendix (pp 36–38). Multiple cause of death data refers to information collected on death certificates that lists all causes, both underlying and associated (intermediate), contributing to an individual's death. Hospital discharge data provides information about the causes for which individuals are admitted to hospitals. Linkage data link individual-based hospital data to individual-based multiple cause of death data and offer a wider dataset that includes main diagnosis, other diagnoses, underlying cause of death, and intermediate causes of death in the chain. MITS is also known as a pathology-based autopsy which improves the understanding of mortality surveillance for children younger than 5 years, especially in low-income and middle-income settings. The appendix (pp 3–7) provides detailed information on the data sources.

We have primarily provided burden estimates pertaining to all ages and the younger than 5 years age group; however, we also showcase estimates specifically for the 5 years and older age group. The presentation in these formats aimed to offer a comprehensive analysis of the data across different age categories. Specifically, burden estimates for all age groups encompass the entire population under study, whereas estimates for the younger than 5 years group focus on the early childhood demographic.

This work complies with the Guidelines for Accurate and Transparent Health Estimates Reporting (GATHER) recommendations.[8] The completed GATHER checklist is presented in the appendix (pp 55–56).

Estimation process

Age-specific deaths were obtained for all ages, children younger than 5 years, and individuals aged 5 years and older, as detailed in the appendix (pp 25–30).

To convert the obtained age-specific deaths into age-specific YLLs, we used previously published GBD methods[1] and referred to the standard counterfactual life expectancy at each age. The age-conditional life expectancy defined by the GBD 2019 reference life table assigns the same values to both male and female sexes. We calculated age-specific DALYs by adding the age-specific YLLs and age-specific YLDs (from GBD 2019)[1] to present the burden associated with each pathogen, as explained herein.

To expand our analysis, we first needed to define the differences between three views on pathogen burden:

(1) the pathway to death view, (2) the underlying cause view, and (3) the attributable cause view. The pathway to death analysis counts every death for which a pathogen had a role on the pathway to death. In ICD terms, these would include deaths for which the pathogen is listed on Part 1 of the WHO death certificate (immediate or intermediate causes), and deaths for which the pathogen was a direct cause. We refer to this burden as the "associated with" burden, which is the most inclusive measure and the one used in this manuscript. The underlying cause view counts every death for which the pathogen was the initiating event leading to death. In ICD terms, these would be deaths for which the pathogen is also listed on Part 1 of the WHO death certificate, but only as an underlying cause. This is the canonical ICD view encapsulated in the capstone GBD papers. Finally, the attributable cause view compares the deaths (and other morbid events) that occurred minus the deaths (and the events) that would have occurred in the absence of the pathogen. This counterfactual view would be the direct burden amenable to a specific intervention and thus of major interest to researchers hoping to develop the most impactful vaccine and therapeutic compounds.

The global burden of antimicrobial resistance[9] and the burden of bacterial pathogens[5] studies both used a pathway to death framework, in which events were included in the analysis if a pathogen was on the pathway to death (eg, a patient with diabetes in the intensive care unit who died from *E coli* sepsis would be included). Conversely, capstone GBD analyses by pathogen have been based on the ICD construct of underlying cause of death, focusing on the event initiating the series of events leading to death. For example, in the case of a patient with diabetes who died after developing Gram-negative sepsis, the GBD analysis would assign this death to diabetes. This approach ensures that deaths are not assigned to multiple causes.[1]

To adjust DALYs for the 52 pathogens in the GBD[1] to account for the pathway to death, we used all available multiple cause of death data, hospital data, and MITS data with deaths as the outcome. To determine the ratio of associated burden to underlying burden, we divided the total number of deaths for which the pathogen occurred anywhere in the cause of death chain (as an underlying, intermediate, or immediate cause of death) by the total number of deaths for which the pathogen was the underlying cause of death to generate a ratio. A ratio of 1 indicated that no pathogen burden was lost by considering only the underlying cause of death estimates provided by the GBD 2019. We multiplied this ratio by the age-specific YLLs, and then added the adjusted YLLs to age-specific YLDs to produce adjusted age-specific DALYs, accounting for the complete pathway of death. We then used these adjusted DALYs to rank pathogens (globally and at the country level), and used the adjusted DALYs to estimate the fraction of the total number of DALYs from all causes (reported previously[1]) due to DALYs for the estimated pathogens (globally and for the seven GBD super-regions). More details on our approach are provided in the appendix (pp 7–30).

We calculated age-standardised DALY rates using GBD methods.[1] First, age-specific DALY rates were calculated by dividing the number of DALYs for a specific age group by the population size of that age group (per previous demographic data[10]) and then multiplying by a constant factor to express the result per 100 000 population. Age-standardisation was done to adjust for differences in the age distribution of populations being compared, which allowed for increased accuracy in the comparison of disease burden between populations with different age structures. Consequently, age-standardised DALY rates were calculated by applying age-specific DALY rates from the study population to the GBD standard population with a specified age distribution,[10] and are expressed per 100 000 population to facilitate comparison between populations. We used a direct method by multiplying age-specific rates in the study population by the corresponding age-specific proportions in the standard population, summing the products, and then dividing by the total standard population size. We also ranked pathogens by DALY rates, which allowed us to identify which pathogens contributed most substantially to disease burden. In this ranking, our focus was directed towards countries, specifically analysing the relative burden of pathogens, to gain insights into the differential impact of analysed pathogens, and to identify patterns and disparities.

We also estimated death rates for all ages and children younger than 5 years according to GBD super-region, as described in the appendix (p 35).

Modelling

The data preparation involved mapping underlying causes of death or main diagnoses to causes listed in the GBD cause list, which is a mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive list of diseases and injuries. This hierarchy categorises causes into broader groups at level 1 (eg, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, or injuries) and further refines them at level 2 into 22 cause groupings. More detailed disaggregation is provided at levels 3 and 4 for the finest level of detail. Subsequently, an infectious syndrome mapping hierarchy, termed the "AMR, sepsis, and infectious syndrome map", was developed to link underlying and intermediate causes of death to infectious syndromes, facilitating nuanced analysis. The hierarchy included four levels, ensuring internal consistency across various metrics, and each level was mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive, enabling effective aggregation and analysis. The process involved mapping underlying and intermediate causes of death and hospital diagnoses to specific infectious syndromes, such as bacterial infections of the skin and bloodstream infections, within

	DALYs, count		DALYs, age-standardised rate per 100 000 population	
	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years
Pathogens				
Acinetobacter baumannii	16 700 000 (11 000 000–24 300 000)	6 580 000 (4 200 000–9 880 000)	215·8 (141·0–313·5)	992·7 (626·2–1489·9)
Adenovirus	5 960 000 (3 300 000–9 930 000)	5 050 000 (2 600 000–8 910 000)	77·0 (42·8–128·3)	761·8 (390·8–1344·1)
Aeromonas spp	1 590 000 (700 000–2 980 000)	1 240 000 (500 000–2 480 000)	20·6 (8·9–38·5)	186·9 (74·7–374·7)
African trypanosomiasis	82 600 (40 000–156 000)	4750 (810–19 400)	1·1 (0·5–2·0)	0·7 (0·1–2·9)
Ascariasis	794 000 (500 000–1 180 000)	216 000 (160 000–280 000)	10·3 (6·6–15·3)	32·6 (24·9–42·3)
Bordetella spp (pertussis)	11 500 000 (5 000 000–20 800 000)	10 200 000 (4 700 000–18 400 000)	148·7 (69·1–268·4)	1544·4 (711·9–2782·3)
Campylobacter spp	6 270 000 (2 000 000–12 500 000)	4 110 000 (1 700 000–8 160 000)	81·1 (31·2–161·3)	620·8 (253·1–1231·7)
Chagas disease	287 000 (190 000–481 000)	163 (85·0–367)	3·7 (2·5–6·2)	0·0 (0·0–0·1)
Chlamydia spp	5 580 000 (4 300 000–7 050 000)	4 250 000 (3 200 000–5 550 000)	72·1 (56·1–91·1)	641·0 (483·8–837·8)
Citrobacter spp	1 940 000 (1 200 000–2 870 000)	867 000 (530 000–1 360 000)	25·1 (15·6–37·1)	130·8 (79·4–204·6)
Clostridioides difficile	2 130 000 (1 300 000–3 460 000)	211 000 (120 000–333 000)	27·5 (16·7–44·7)	31·8 (18·1–50·3)
Cryptosporidium spp	6 310 000 (1 000 000–16 000 000)	5 040 000 (1 100 000–12 000 000)	81·5 (18·1–206·8)	759·7 (165·5–1814·3)
Cutaneous and mucocutaneous leishmaniasis	293 000 (190 000–437 000)	4830 (3000–7290)	3·8 (2·4–5·6)	0·7 (0·5–1·1)
Cystic echinococcosis	160 000 (120 000–211 000)	17 200 (5200–32 500)	2·1 (1·6–2·7)	2·6 (0·8–4·9)
Cysticercosis	1 390 000 (900 000–1 970 000)	1730 (17·0–4800)	17·9 (11·5–25·5)	0·3 (0·0–0·7)
Dengue virus	2 520 000 (900 000–3 440 000)	628 000 (160 000–904 000)	32·5 (11·2–44·4)	94·8 (24·1–136·4)
Diphtheria	859 000 (600 000–1 250 000)	723 000 (450 000–1 100 000)	11·1 (7·4–16·2)	109·1 (68·3–166·2)
Ebola virus	195 000 (160 000–231 000)	28 000 (23 000–33 000)	2·5 (2·1–3·0)	4·2 (3·5–5·0)
Entamoeba histolytica	2 290 000 (700 000–5 290 000)	1 430 000 (390 000–3 610 000)	29·6 (8·5–68·4)	215·0 (58·4–544·0)
Enterobacter spp	11 100 000 (7 000 000–16 000 000)	4 530 000 (3 200 000–6 410 000)	143·4 (96·5–207·2)	683·6 (478·1–966·6)
Enterococcus faecalis	6 980 000 (5 000 000–10 200 000)	2 000 000 (1 400 000–2 920 000)	90·2 (58·6–131·4)	301·4 (204·6–440·0)
Enterococcus faecium	6 000 000 (3 700 000–9 160 000)	996 000 (670 000–1 500 000)	77·6 (47·5–118·4)	150·3 (100·4–226·8)
Enteropathogenic *E coli*	1 300 000 (600 000–2 370 000)	1 040 000 (460 000–2 010 000)	16·8 (7·9–30·6)	156·2 (70·0–302·5)
Enterotoxigenic *E coli*	1 500 000 (600 000–2 930 000)	939 000 (370 000–1 990 000)	19·4 (8·4–37·9)	141·7 (56·3–300·1)
*E coli**	28 500 000 (21 000 000–37 500 000)	10 600 000 (8 100 000–13 900 000)	367·9 (272·5–484·7)	1593·1 (1219·3–2096·4)
Food-borne trematodiases	780 000 (400 000–1 450 000)	1670 (960–2720)	10·1 (5·0–18·7)	0·3 (0·1–0·4)
Fungi	18 500 000 (11 000 000–28 500 000)	14 300 000 (8 300 000–22 600 000)	239·5 (145·6–368·8)	2151·4 (1258·6–3412·1)
Genital herpes	253 000 (80 000–628 000)	0 (0–0)	3·3 (1·1–8·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Group A *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus pyogenes*)	6 690 000 (4 000 000–10 900 000)	2 440 000 (1 700 000–3 490 000)	86·4 (54·1–140·3)	367·9 (251·3–527·3)
Group B *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus agalactiae*)	11 200 000 (8 000 000–14 800 000)	7 000 000 (5 300 000–9 160 000)	144·8 (108·0–191·1)	1056·0 (795·3–1382·0)
Guinea worm disease	1·00 (0·00–1·00)	0 (0–0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Haemophilus influenzae	5 100 000 (4 100 000–6 290 000)	3 740 000 (2 900 000–4 780 000)	65·9 (53·1–81·3)	565·0 (434·4–720·4)
Helicobacter pylori	16 400 000 (14 000 000–18 400 000)	0 (0–0)	211·8 (182·8–237·4)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Hepatitis A virus	3 310 000 (2 400 000–4 350 000)	737 000 (450 000–1 130 000)	42·8 (31·2–56·3)	111·2 (68·2–170·2)
Hepatitis B virus	23 900 000 (21 000 000–27 000 000)	429 000 (260 000–652 000)	309·0 (271·5–348·9)	64·7 (38·8–98·3)
Hepatitis C virus	15 300 000 (13 000 000–17 500 000)	61 500 (29 000–99 600)	197·6 (171·9–225·9)	9·3 (4·3–15·0)
Hepatitis E virus	178 000 (110 000–264 000)	38 000 (19 000–64 500)	2·3 (1·4–3·4)	5·7 (2·9–9·7)
HIV or AIDS	52 100 000 (47 000 000–60 900 000)	4 890 000 (3 900 000–6 110 000)	673·4 (602·3–786·7)	737·3 (585·1–922·5)
Hookworm disease	984 000 (600 000–1 470 000)	72 000 (46 000–107 000)	12·7 (8·1–19·0)	10·9 (7·0–16·1)
Human papillomavirus	9 600 000 (8 000 000–10 700 000)	0 (0–0)	124·1 (104·6–138·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Influenza virus	16 700 000 (14 000 000–20 100 000)	10 900 000 (8 500 000–13 900 000)	215·8 (179·0–259·9)	1646·8 (1275·3–2103·5)
Invasive non-typhoidal *Salmonella*	14 900 000 (9 000 000–22 900 000)	10 200 000 (6 400 000–15 300 000)	193·0 (115·5–296·3)	1545·1 (967·4–2308·2)
Klebsiella pneumoniae	31 100 000 (23 000 000–41 100 000)	17 200 000 (13 000 000–22 600 000)	401·8 (300·2–531·7)	2593·2 (1964·6–3402·1)
Legionella spp	3 220 000 (2 400 000–4 310 000)	1 710 000 (1 000 000–2 740 000)	41·6 (31·3–55·8)	257·9 (154·2–412·7)
Leprosy	28 800 (19 000–42 000)	0 (0–0)	0·4 (0·2–0·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Listeria monocytogenes	922 000 (600 000–1 340 000)	544 000 (330 000–865 000)	11·9 (7·9–17·3)	82·1 (49·2–130·4)
Lymphatic filariasis	1 630 000 (1 000 000–2 710 000)	0 (0–0)	21·1 (12·4–35·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Malaria	53 600 000 (27 000 000–91 300 000)	37 200 000 (18 000 000–64 200 000)	693·3 (351·3–1180·0)	5606·4 (2686·1–9682·7)
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	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years
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Measles	9 440 000 (3 000 000–20 800 000)	7 940 000 (2 800 000–17 600 000)	122·0 (43·7–269·1)	1198·4 (417·2–2657·7)
Morganella spp	109 000 (70 000–164 000)	5040 (2500–9130)	1·4 (0·9–2·1)	0·8 (0·4–1·4)
Mycoplasma spp	4 950 000 (3 900 000–6 180 000)	3 490 000 (2 600 000–4 530 000)	64·0 (50·9–79·8)	526·6 (395·3–682·7)
Neisseria gonorrhoeae	231 000 (190 000–270 000)	0 (0–0)	3·0 (2·4–3·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Neisseria meningitidis	9 390 000 (6 000 000–13 500 000)	6 060 000 (4 200 000–8 700 000)	121·4 (83·9–174·2)	914·9 (629·4–1313·1)
Norovirus	6 560 000 (2 000 000–13 800 000)	3 090 000 (880 000–6 300 000)	84·8 (19·5–178·8)	466·1 (133·2–950·5)
Onchocerciasis	1 230 000 (800 000–1 820 000)	0 (0–0)	15·9 (9·9–23·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Other *Enterococcus* spp	2 930 000 (1 900 000–4 340 000)	1 140 000 (700 000–1 780 000)	37·9 (25·1–56·1)	172·2 (105·9–269·1)
Other *Klebsiella* spp	1 550 000 (800 000–2 770 000)	87 300 (34 000–180 000)	20·1 (10·3–35·8)	13·2 (5·2–27·2)
Other neglected tropical diseases	3 060 000 (2 100 000–5 110 000)	1 230 000 (790 000–2 870 000)	39·6 (27·0–66·0)	185·8 (118·5–432·9)
Other unspecified infectious diseases	5 080 000 (3 800 000–6 290 000)	1 820 000 (1 300 000–2 390 000)	65·7 (49·4–81·3)	274·1 (192·5–361·0)
Polymicrobial infections	11 900 000 (8 000 000–17 100 000)	8 210 000 (5 400 000–12 000 000)	153·7 (100·8–220·7)	1238·2 (807·9–1804·6)
Proteus spp	2 670 000 (1 800 000–3 880 000)	469 000 (310 000–693 000)	34·6 (22·6–50·1)	70·8 (46·5–104·5)
Providencia spp	120 000 (80 000–184 000)	7700 (3200–15 600)	1·6 (1·0–2·4)	1·2 (0·5–2·4)
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	18 300 000 (13 000 000–25 000 000)	8 210 000 (6 100 000–10 800 000)	236·4 (167·6–323·3)	1238·6 (913·0–1627·0)
Rabies	895 000 (400 000–1 230 000)	177 000 (59 000–297 000)	11·6 (4·7–15·8)	26·6 (8·8–44·8)
Respiratory syncytial virus	13 500 000 (10 000 000–17 000 000)	13 100 000 (10 000 000–16 600 000)	174·1 (135·5–220·2)	1972·4 (1525·8–2506·6)
Rotavirus	14 400 000 (7 000 000–24 100 000)	10 300 000 (5 200 000–16 700 000)	186·0 (94·6–311·2)	1558·4 (787·7–2519·1)
Salmonella Paratyphi	1 640 000 (700 000–3 230 000)	235 000 (73 000–568 000)	21·2 (8·8–41·7)	35·5 (11·0–85·8)
Salmonella Typhi	13 200 000 (9 000 000–19 800 000)	5 730 000 (3 700 000–8 520 000)	171·2 (111·0–255·3)	864·5 (562·0–1284·8)
Schistosomiasis	1 670 000 (1 100 000–2 670 000)	32 200 (20 000–52 200)	21·6 (13·9–34·5)	4·9 (3·0–7·9)
Serratia spp	4 010 000 (2 600 000–6 030 000)	2 010 000 (1 300 000–2 980 000)	51·9 (33·6–77·9)	302·9 (194·6–449·6)
Shigella spp	7 470 000 (3 000 000–13 400 000)	5 590 000 (2 300 000–10 400 000)	96·6 (43·4–172·6)	843·5 (353·9–1563·2)
Staphylococcus aureus	34 500 000 (26 000 000–45 500 000)	12 100 000 (9 400 000–15 400 000)	446·1 (336·6–588·6)	1822·2 (1423·3–2328·0)
Streptococcus pneumoniae	38 100 000 (32 000 000–46 500 000)	23 000 000 (18 000 000–28 900 000)	492·7 (408·3–601·6)	3471·8 (2779·4–4357·2)
Syphilis	9 540 000 (3 000 000–19 400 000)	9 240 000 (3 200 000–19 000 000)	123·3 (43·9–250·4)	1394·6 (478·6–2861·0)
Tetanus	2 610 000 (2 000 000–3 710 000)	1 870 000 (1 400 000–2 730 000)	33·8 (25·7–48·0)	281·4 (207·5–411·2)
Trachoma	181 000 (110 000–274 000)	0 (0–0)	2·3 (1·5–3·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Trichomoniasis	287 000 (110 000–592 000)	0 (0–0)	3·7 (1·5–7·7)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Trichuriasis	236 000 (130 000–402 000)	13 300 (7300–22 100)	3·0 (1·6–5·2)	2·0 (1·1–3·3)
Tuberculosis	65 100 000 (59 000 000–71 200 000)	6 250 000 (4 900 000–7 840 000)	840·8 (766·9–920·8)	943·1 (743·4–1183·0)
Varicella-zoster virus	1 430 000 (1 200 000–1 650 000)	537 000 (430 000–661 000)	18·5 (16·1–21·4)	81·0 (65·0–99·7)
Vibrio cholerae	6 750 000 (4 000 000–11 600 000)	3 420 000 (1 700 000–5 840 000)	87·3 (47·1–149·5)	515·6 (259·1–880·5)
Viral meningitis	1 950 000 (1 400 000–2 640 000)	840 000 (570 000–1 210 000)	25·2 (18·6–34·1)	126·8 (86·1–183·1)
Visceral leishmaniasis	436 000 (100 000–1 420 000)	139 000 (48 000–411 000)	5·6 (1·8–18·4)	20·9 (62·1–7·2)
Yellow fever	301 000 (110 000–618 000)	44 000 (15 000–98 300)	3·9 (1·4–8·0)	6·6 (2·3–14·8)
Zika virus	347 (260–455)	119 (72·0–195)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Total	704 000 000 (610 000 000–820 000 000)	309 000 000 (250 000 000–377 000 000)	9103·9 (7885·4–10 599·6)	46 542·6 (38 431·1–56 888·1)

95% uncertainty intervals are shown in parentheses. Counts are shown to three significant figures and rates are shown to one decimal place. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. *E coli*=*Escherichia coli*. *Salmonella* Typhi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Typhi. *Salmonella* Paratyphi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Paratyphi. *Excluding enteropathogenic and enterotoxigenic *E coli*.

Table 1: Distribution of DALYs associated with specific pathogens globally for all ages and children younger than 5 years, 2019

this hierarchy. Furthermore, to address potential overlap in syndrome assignments due to multiple diagnoses associated with each record, an informative ranking hierarchy was implemented to prioritise the most informative infectious syndrome assignment on the basis of distinct pathogen distributions. Finally, two separate modelling pathways were used to estimate sepsis-related mortality fractions and infectious

syndromes' contributions to sepsis-related mortality, ensuring accuracy and comprehensiveness in estimating pathogen burdens within the GBD framework. Further details on this approach are provided in the appendix (pp 8–11).

A brief overview of the modelling tools are provided herein; detailed descriptions have been published previously.[1,5] Premodelling bias adjustments were made
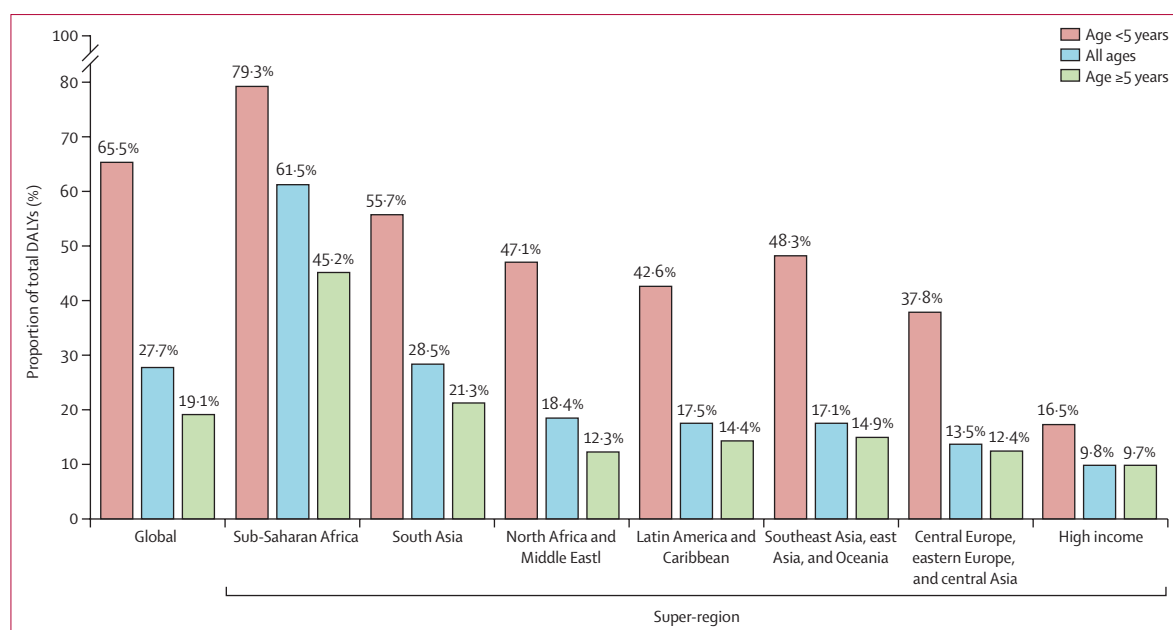
Figure 1: **Proportion of total global and regional DALYs associated with 85 pathogens in 2019**
Pathogen-associated DALY counts by super-region and all-cause DALY burden by super-region in 2019,[1] for all ages and for the <5 years group, are provided in the appendix (pp 39–53). DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years.

with use of the Meta-Regression–Bayesian Regularised Trimmed tool (known as MR-BRT), a meta-regression tool that allows for Bayesian priors, regularisation, and trimming.[11] Using these bias-adjusted data, we calculated an estimate of incidence or prevalence for every cause using the DisMod-MR 2.1 modelling framework.[1] Spatiotemporal gaussian process regression was used to borrow strength between locations and over time for individual metrics of interest, and cause of death ensemble modelling was used to estimate the cause fraction for each underlying cause of death by age, sex, year, and location. In the pathogen distribution analysis, we implemented specific network meta-analyses using a previously established multinomial estimation with partial and composite observations modelling tool (known as MEPCO).[5] This approach yielded pathogen-specific cause proportions (estimated by minimising the sum of the residuals between log-transformed observations and our predictions with use of the Gauss–Newton method). For pathogens associated with malignancy, we used specific diseases as a proxy for burden estimation. For example, to estimate the burden of human papillomavirus (HPV) we used cervical cancer as a proxy, as HPV is estimated to cause more than 99% of all cervical cancers (and there is no evidence of genetic predisposition).[12] For *Helicobacter pylori*, on the basis of estimates from the International Agency for Research on Cancer, we removed cardia stomach cancer from the stomach cancer envelope, and attributed most of the remaining non-cardia cancer (mean attributable fraction 89%) to *H pylori*, preserving quantified uncertainty.[12–15]

We used standard GBD methods[1] to propagate the uncertainty from each analytical step into the final number of DALYs associated with each pathogen by generating 1000 draws from the posterior distribution of each quantity of interest and calculating the 2·5th and 97·5th percentiles.

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Results
Globally in 2019, an estimated 704 million (95% uncertainty interval [UI] 610–820) DALYs were associated with 85 pathogens, with 309 million (250–377; 43·9% of the burden) occurring in children younger than 5 years (table 1). The pathogen-associated burden in all age groups comprised 27·7% of the total number of DALYs from all causes in 2019 (2·54 billion DALYs;[1] percentages are presented for unrounded values). In children younger than 5 years, the fraction of DALYs associated with these infectious causes was substantially greater at 65·5% of the overall DALY burden in 2019 (471 million;[1] figure 1). Of the total 704 million DALYs, bacterial infections were associated with 415 million (58·9%), viral infections with 178 million (25·3%), parasitic infections with 72 million (10·2%), and fungal infections with 18·5 million (2·6%) in 2019, when summed for the individual pathogens (table 1).

Comparing super-regions, we observed substantial differences in estimated pathogen-associated burdens in relation to DALYs from all causes in 2019.[1] The highest fraction of pathogen-associated DALYs among the overall DALY burden per region was observed in sub-Saharan Africa (314 million [95% UI 270–368;

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Tuberculosis: 65·1

Malaria: 53·6

HIV or AIDS: 52·1

Streptococcus pneumoniae: 38·1

E coli: 28·5*

Influenza virus: 16·7

Acinetobacter baumannii: 16·7

Helicobacter pylori: 16·4

Hepatitis C virus: 15·3

Invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella: 14·9

Rotavirus: 14·4

Respiratory syncytial virus: 13·5

Salmonella Typhi: 13·2

Staphylococcus aureus: 34·5

Hepatitis B virus: 23·9

Polymicrobial infections 11·9

Human papillomavirus: 9·60

Syphilis: 9·54

Measles: 9·44

Neisseria meningitidis: 9·39

Shigella spp: 7·47

Norovirus: 6·56

Cryptosporidium: 6·31

Campylobacter spp: 6·27

Enterococcus faecium: 6·00

Bordetella spp (pertussis): 11·5

Enterococcus faecalis: 6·98

Adenovirus: 5·96

Other unspecified infectious diseases: 5·08

Hepatitis A virus: 3·31

Legionella spp: 3·22

Other neglected tropical diseases: 3·06

Other Enterococcus spp: 2·93

Fungi: 18·5

Group B Streptococcus (Streptococcus agalactiae): 11·2

Vibrio cholerae: 6·75

Chlamydia spp: 5·58

Mycoplasma spp: 4·95

Proteus spp: 2·67

Tetanus: 2·61

Dengue: 2·52

Klebsiella pneumoniae: 31·1

Pseudomonas aeruginosa: 18·3

Enterobacter spp: 11·1

Group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus pyogenes): 6·69

Haemophilus influenzae: 5·10

Serratia spp: 4·01

Entamoeba histolytica: 2·29

61·5% of 511 million total DALYs), and the lowest was observed in the high-income super-region (31·8 million [25·4–40·1; 9·8% of 324 million total DALYs; figure 1, appendix pp 39–46). The ranking of regions according to fraction of overall DALY burden that was associated with the 85 pathogens (from highest to lowest) was: sub-Saharan Africa; south Asia; north Africa and the Middle East; Latin America and the Carribean; southeast Asia, east Asia, and Oceania; central Europe, eastern Europe, and central Asia; and high-income (figure 1).

In children younger than 5 years, the highest fraction of pathogen-associated DALYs among the overall DALY burden per region was observed in sub-Saharan Africa (193 million [95% UI 158–237]; 79·3% of 244 million total DALYs in under 5s), and the lowest was observed in the high-income super-region (1·06 million [0·754–1·46]; 16·5% of 6·41 million total DALYs in under 5s; figure 1, appendix pp 39, 47–53). The ranking of regions according

to fraction of overall DALY burden associated with the 85 pathogens in children younger than 5 years (from highest to lowest) was: sub-Saharan Africa; south Asia; southeast Asia, east Asia, and Oceania; north Africa and the Middle East; Latin America and the Carribean; central Europe, eastern Europe, and central Asia; and high-income (figure 1).

Overall, three pathogens were responsible for more than 50 million DALYs each in 2019: tuberculosis (65·1 million [95% UI 59·0–71·2]), malaria (53·6 million [27·0–91·3]), and HIV or AIDS (52·1 million [47·0–60·9]). The next most burdensome pathogens (all bacteria), with more than 30 million DALYs each in 2019, were: *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (38·1 million [32·0–46·5]), *S aureus* (34·5 million [26·0–45·5]), and *K pneumoniae* (31·1 million [23·0–41·1]; table 1, figure 2). Others among the top 20 most burdensome pathogens were *Escherichia coli*, hepatitis B and C virus, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, influenza virus, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *H pylori*, invasive

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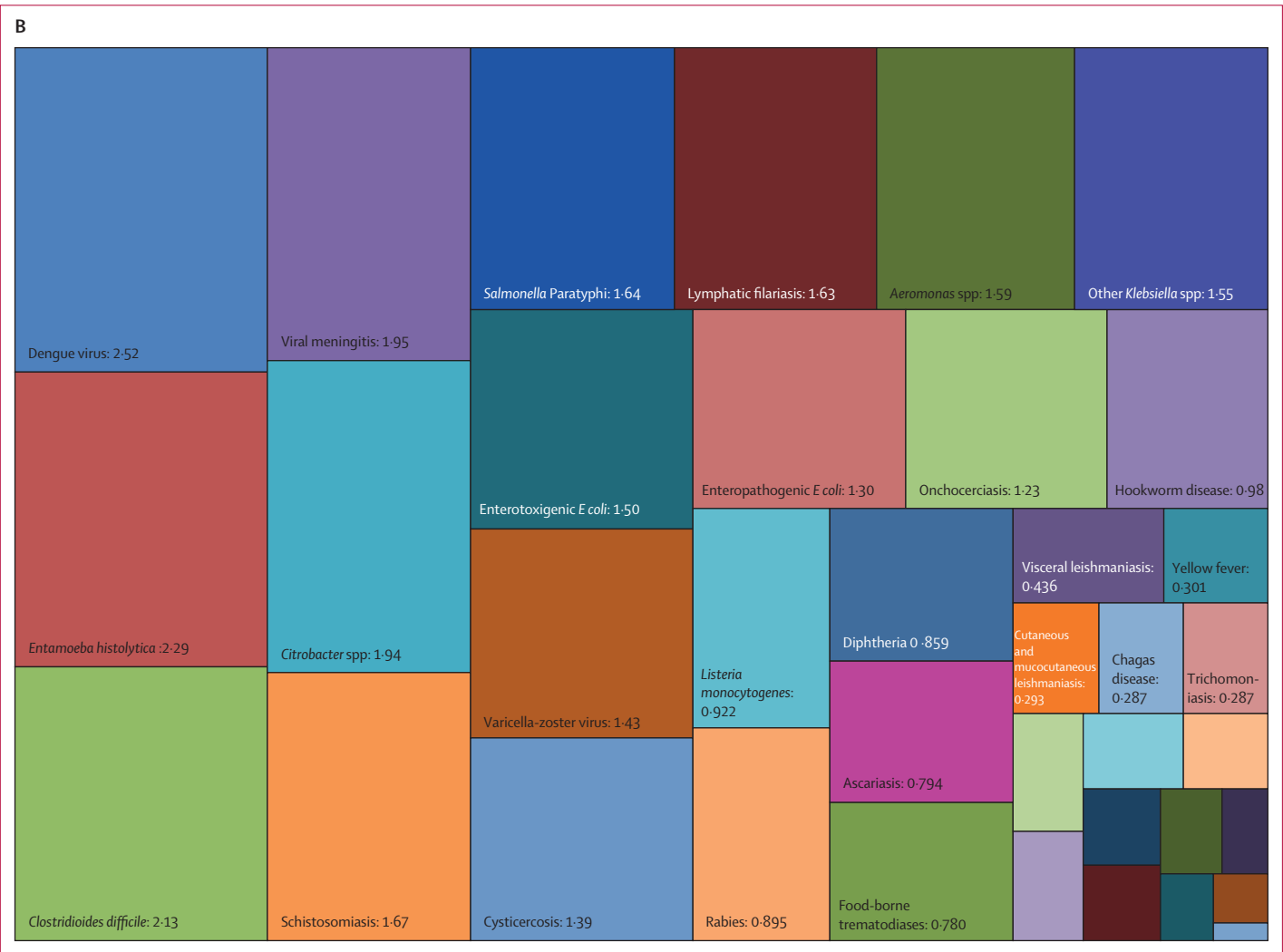
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Figure 2: Treemap of global DALYs associated with specific pathogens for all age groups, 2019
DALYs are shown as counts in units of a million, presented to three significant figures. Panel A shows all components; panels B and C represent an enlarged view of the lower-right portion of panels A and B, respectively. Colour schemes across panels A–C are independent of each other. 95% UIs are presented in table 1. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. *E coli*=Escherichia coli. *Salmonella* Typhi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Typhi. *Salmonella* Paratyphi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Paratyphi. *Excluding enteropathogenic and enterotoxigenic *E coli*.

non-typhoidal *Salmonella*, rotavirus, respiratory syncytial virus, *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhi, *Bordetella* spp (pertussis), group B *Streptococcus* (*Streptococcus agalactiae*), and fungi as a group (table 1, figure 2).

In children younger than 5 years, malaria (which includes *Plasmodium falciparum* and other *Plasmodium* spp) was responsible for the highest burden (37·2 million [95% UI 18·0–64·2] DALYs), followed by infections due to *S pneumoniae* and *K pneumoniae*, which accounted for 23·0 million (18·0–28·9) DALYs and 17·2 million (13·0–22·6) DALYs, respectively (table 1, figure 3). For the remaining top 10 pathogens according to respective associated burden in children younger than 5 years, fungi as a group ranked fourth, followed by respiratory syncytial

virus, *S aureus*, influenza virus, *E coli*, rotavirus, and invasive non-typhoidal *Salmonella*. Of note, the burden of syphilis surpassed the burden of tuberculosis and HIV or AIDS, with syphilis ranked 12th, and tuberculosis and HIV or AIDS ranked 18th and 24th, respectively.

We observed the greatest age-standardised DALY rates for tuberculosis (840·8 [95% UI 766·9–920·8] per 100 000 population), malaria (693·3 [351·3–1180·0] per 100 000 population), and HIV or AIDS (673·4 [602·3–786·7] per 100 000 population). In children younger than 5 years, the highest rates were seen for malaria (5606·4 [2686·1–9682·7] per 100 000 population) and infections due to *S pneumoniae* (3471·8 [2779·4–4357·2] per 100 000 population) and *K pneumoniae*
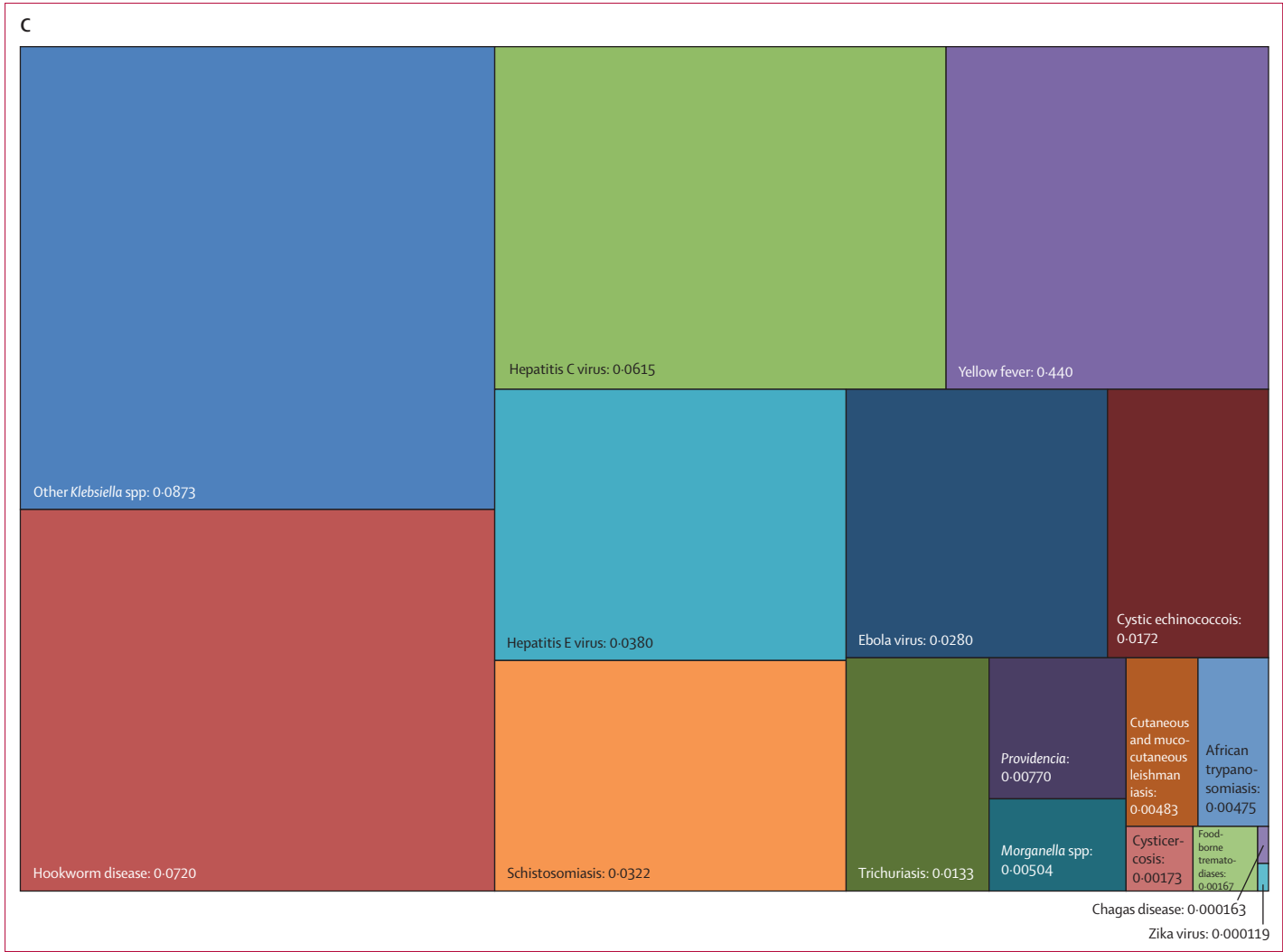
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Malaria: 37·2

Streptococcus pneumoniae: 23·0

Klebsiella pneumoniae: 17·2

Fungi: 14·3

E coli: 10·6*

Rotavirus: 10·3

Invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella: 10·2

Bordetella spp (pertussis): 10·2

Respiratory syncytial virus: 13·1

Syphilis: 9·24

Group B Streptococcus (Streptococcus agalactiae): 7·00

Acinetobacter baumannii: 6·58

Tuberculosis: 6·25

Neisseria meningitidis: 6·06

Staphylococcus aureus: 12·1

Pseudomonas aeruginosa: 8·21

Salmonella Typhi: 5·73

Cryptosporidium: 5·04

HIV or AIDS: 4·89

Enterobacter spp: 4·53

Chlamydia spp: 4·25

Campylobacter spp: 4·11

Vibrio cholerae: 3·42

Serratia spp: 2·01

Enterococcus faecalis: 2·00

Tetanus: 1·87

Polymicrobial infections: 8·21

Shigella spp: 5·59

Haemophilus influenzae: 3·74

Norovirus: 3·09

Influenza virus: 10·9

Measles: 7·94

Adenovirus: 5·05

Mycoplasma spp: 3·49

Group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus pyogenes): 2·44

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(2593·2 [1964·6–3402·1] per 100 000 population; table 1). For all ages, the lowest age-standardised DALY rate was observed for Guinea worm disease globally and across all super-regions (table 1, table 2), which has almost been eradicated worldwide. The age-standardised rates were low for many other well known parasitic diseases, such as cystic echinococcosis and African trypanosomiasis (table 1).

For all 85 pathogens, the highest age-standardised DALY rates were estimated for sub-Saharan Africa, for all ages (29 124·9 [95% UI 25 041·8–34 123·0] per 100 000 population) and for children younger than 5 years (116 704·8 [95 281·0–143 065·6] per 100 000 population; table 2). Conversely, the lowest age-standardised DALY rates were observed in the high-income super-region, at 2933·4 (2344·2–3696·8) per 100 000 population (all ages),

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Figure 3: Treemap of global DALYs associated with specific pathogens for children younger than 5 years, 2019

DALYs are shown as counts in units of a million, presented to three significant figures. Panel A shows all components; panels B and C represent an enlarged view of the lower-right portion of panels A and B, respectively. Colour schemes across panels A–C are independent of each other. 95% UIs are presented in table 1. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. *E coli*=Escherichia coli. *Salmonella* Typhi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Typhi. *Salmonella* Paratyphi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Paratyphi. *Excluding enteropathogenic and enterotoxigenic *E coli*.

and 1861·8 (1324·7–2559·4) per 100 000 population (under 5s).

S aureus was a leading pathogen according to DALY burden in 64 (31·4%) of the 204 countries and territories, followed by HIV or AIDS in 44 (21·6%) countries, tuberculosis in 25 (12·3%), malaria in 21 (10·3%), *E coli* in 20 (9·8%), *S pneumoniae* in ten (4·9%), and *H pylori* in seven (3·4%; figure 4). We observed notable differences between countries in the burden of *H pylori*. Estimates of death rates for all ages and children younger than 5 years according to GBD super-region are presented in the appendix (pp 31–35).

Discussion

To our knowledge, this study presents the most comprehensive estimation of the health burden associated with specific pathogens to date, in terms of the number of pathogens and pathogen groups assessed, and inclusivity, incorporating pathogens involved in the pathway to death. We found that in 2019, the 85 pathogens analysed (which included specific causative agents, pathogen groups, infectious conditions, and aggregate categories) were collectively associated with more than 700 million DALYs, which was a substantial proportion of the overall burden from all diseases. The pathogen-associated burden comprised 27·7% of the total DALY burden in all ages, and 65·5% of the total DALY burden in children younger than 5 years. We noted considerable differences among super-regions and countries with respect to both the total burden from these 85 pathogens and the burden of specific pathogens nationally in terms of those ranked top five for each country.

	Central Europe, eastern Europe, and central Asia		High income		Latin America and Caribbean		North Africa and Middle East		South Asia		Southeast Asia, east Asia, and Oceania		Sub-Saharan Africa	
	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years	All ages	Age <5 years
Acinetobacter baumannii	100.9 (59.6–160.0)	197.6 (124.7–304.5)	71.8 (42.4–113.2)	53.3 (30.8–83.6)	146.3 (90.7–219.4)	458.6 (294.2–680.3)	160.2 (97.7–244.9)	630.6 (383.8–972.1)	278.4 (182.5–408.5)	1432.1 (864.1–2202.8)	200.7 (120.4–304.6)	413.0 (271.8–607.5)	399.3 (274.5–568.6)	1787.8 (1136.9–2724.9)
Adenovirus	2.5 (1.4–4.4)	19.7 (9.3–40.3)	2.8 (1.6–4.6)	17.8 (8.2–33.9)	12.1 (6.7–22.4)	120.6 (59.3–238.9)	32.1 (14.2–67.5)	292.4 (118.9–632.2)	75.7 (41.8–130.3)	563.0 (274.6–1067.5)	8.4 (4.7–14.8)	97.0 (47.3–185.9)	380.4 (199.2–646.8)	2256.0 (1126.4–3944.4)
Aeromonas spp	1.4 (0.7–2.5)	10.4 (3.9–21.6)	0.2 (0.1–0.3)	0.7 (0.3–1.5)	2.6 (1.2–5.0)	19.7 (7.3–43.2)	9.2 (3.4–19.3)	74.7 (24.3–172.3)	26.5 (12.1–47.6)	199.4 (81.8–373.4)	2.0 (0.8–3.8)	11.1 (4.0–23.3)	92.0 (36.9–178.2)	505.5 (187.6–1034.1)
African trypanosomiasis	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	7.7 (3.5–14.4)	2.9 (0.5–11.7)
Ascariasis	0.2 (0.1–0.3)	0.6 (0.3–1.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.1 (0.0–0.1)	6.3 (3.8–10.2)	11.6 (7.9–17.1)	4.0 (2.5–6.2)	9.9 (6.7–14.2)	20.6 (11.7–34.3)	28.7 (18.5–44.0)	4.2 (2.5–6.7)	8.7 (6.1–12.7)	24.9 (18.3–33.0)	87.3 (64.6–115.2)
Bordetella spp (pertussis)	8.0 (3.1–16.7)	107.4 (42.7–227.6)	1.1 (0.7–1.6)	18.8 (12.6–27.4)	34.8 (15.8–68.0)	377.5 (169.5–729.1)	120.8 (45.2–259.0)	1074.0 (403.8–2329.5)	143.2 (36.8–329.4)	1360.0 (356.3–3088.1)	46.5 (19.2–93.0)	623.1 (260.7–1240.5)	643.2 (261.8–1275.7)	3780.1 (1546.6–7582.8)
Campylobacter spp	13.7 (3.9–30.4)	55.7 (20.2–123.3)	6.9 (1.6–15.3)	12.4 (4.6–26.3)	23.1 (8.6–47.3)	164.5 (64.1–338.8)	12.8 (4.1–29.7)	94.8 (28.4–236.2)	139.1 (53.6–285.5)	895.6 (387.5–1684.2)	14.1 (4.5–33.9)	88.8 (32.3–200.0)	288.7 (110.7–593.4)	1423.3 (541.9–2952.5)
Chagas disease	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	2.8 (1.8–6.6)	0.1 (0.0–0.2)	44.0 (29.1–72.2)	0.2 (0.1–0.6)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)
Chlamydia spp	3.8 (0.7–12.4)	32.6 (5.1–104.0)	8.8 (7.1–11.2)	10.8 (6.0–17.8)	30.7 (23.6–39.9)	180.7 (121.1–256.3)	47.7 (35.0–62.9)	366.9 (257.3–504.1)	101.3 (77.1–129.5)	868.0 (630.5–1161.8)	24.6 (18.7–31.8)	177.5 (129.8–232.6)	237.4 (184.5–307.1)	1342.3 (1020.6–1767.0)
Citrobacter spp	23.5 (12.5–40.8)	38.0 (19.6–67.5)	10.7 (6.8–15.9)	11.2 (6.1–18.7)	19.7 (12.7–29.0)	84.8 (53.4–131.0)	18.2 (10.4–28.7)	84.6 (47.7–136.9)	32.5 (19.4–49.8)	184.1 (107.1–299.5)	21.5 (12.6–33.5)	76.5 (47.2–117.5)	42.1 (25.4–64.6)	210.4 (123.7–336.0)
Clostridioides difficile	59.7 (35.2–88.6)	40.6 (21.0–68.9)	59.4 (42.3–79.3)	65.2 (40.5–101.5)	32.7 (19.6–49.4)	115.8 (58.1–202.6)	18.2 (6.9–42.9)	17.3 (7.2–35.2)	6.2 (2.3–14.4)	8.6 (3.6–18.0)	32.3 (15.2–69.6)	39.5 (22.0–67.2)	11.1 (5.5–20.4)	16.2 (7.2–32.1)
Cryptosporidium spp	3.8 (0.7–12.4)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	1.3 (0.2–4.2)	2.7 (0.4–9.1)	8.8 (1.4–28.4)	82.3 (12.8–271.4)	30.5 (5.1–88.8)	291.2 (48.9–834.6)	72.4 (12.3–234.3)	411.4 (72.3–1203.9)	3.9 (0.6–13.5)	32.5 (5.0–109.5)	430.8 (100.0–1024.7)	2467.7 (555.5–5641.7)
Cutaneous and mucocutaneous leishmaniasis	0.1 (0.0–0.1)	0.1 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	2.2 (1.4–3.3)	1.1 (0.6–1.8)	39.9 (25.1–59.6)	6.7 (4.0–10.2)	1.6 (1.0–2.4)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.8 (0.5–1.1)	0.1 (0.0–0.1)
Cystic echinococcosis	9.9 (5.8–16.2)	0.5 (0.1–1.3)	0.3 (0.2–0.4)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.2 (0.1–0.2)	0.1 (0.0–0.2)	5.6 (4.1–7.4)	2.5 (0.7–4.9)	2.0 (1.5–2.6)	1.6 (0.3–3.4)	0.5 (0.3–0.6)	0.2 (0.0–0.5)	3.2 (2.0–4.6)	7.6 (2.5–13.9)
Cysticercosis	24.1 (14.1–37.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	11.4 (6.7–17.7)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	49.7 (31.8–70.3)	0.2 (0.0–0.6)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	21.6 (13.1–31.5)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	9.8 (5.5–15.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	25.0 (16.1–35.6)	1.0 (0.0–2.7)
Dengue virus	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.3 (0.1–0.5)	0.2 (0.0–0.5)	20.7 (15.5–24.8)	44.8 (31.2–55.4)	2.0 (0.8–3.9)	4.4 (3.1–6.2)	69.8 (15.6–105.7)	111.3 (21.8–178.5)	49.4 (21.5–61.5)	294.1 (73.2–428.3)	4.9 (1.2–10.6)	4.9 (0.7–10.4)

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Diphtheria	0.2 (0.1–0.2)	0.5 (0.2–0.9)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	0.4 (0.2–0.5)	2.3 (1.3–4.1)	1.7 (1.1–2.6)	9.4 (4.7–17.0)	1.7 (1.2–2.2)	9.3 (5.8–14.1)	0.6 (0.5–0.8)	4.4 (3.0–6.2)	74.3 (48.2–109.6)	419.2 (258.2–644.4)
Ebola virus	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	18.1 (14.8–21.4)	16.9 (13.8–19.9)
Entamoeba histolytica	3.6 (1.1–8.7)	16.7 (4.1–44.0)	0.5 (0.1–1.1)	1.5 (0.4–4.2)	15.0 (4.6–34.2)	121.6 (34.0–288.1)	22.2 (5.9–57.6)	182.8 (44.7–495.6)	50.5 (15.0–124.7)	252.2 (66.3–618.3)	1.5 (0.4–3.9)	11.4 (2.7–30.9)	102.0 (28.4–243.3)	495.6 (124.1–1276.1)
Enterobacter spp	97.8 (62.3–143.2)	177.2 (120.5–263.6)	64.9 (43.3–92.3)	58.8 (36.1–91.8)	113.0 (76.3–162.1)	425.1 (280.6–617.3)	109.7 (68.7–165.3)	467.0 (296.7–694.7)	178.6 (118.1–258.8)	1065.6 (712.9–1569.3)	147.3 (91.4–223.8)	413.5 (276.1–599.1)	208.5 (151.3–288.2)	985.2 (700.4–1374.7)
Enterococcus faecalis	127.5 (76.8–192.9)	89.3 (58.7–136.7)	75.5 (46.6–113.1)	36.3 (22.7–56.6)	93.9 (61.0–137.2)	217.0 (151.7–307.7)	62.1 (36.1–97.8)	178.9 (110.7–277.7)	98.7 (63.3–145.7)	368.3 (232.4–561.9)	61.8 (36.7–95.5)	105.7 (72.9–153.6)	146.8 (97.0–209.4)	595.7 (409.9–857.7)
Enterococcus faecium	123.4 (73.8–188.7)	56.5 (36.2–88.7)	88.3 (55.2–131.4)	32.7 (19.8–51.5)	89.3 (55.5–132.5)	148.9 (99.9–220.1)	59.7 (34.7–94.7)	111.5 (65.8–177.3)	70.5 (40.9–112.4)	164.1 (102.8–255.7)	64.9 (38.3–103.3)	67.2 (44.4–100.5)	90.0 (56.2–138.3)	277.5 (183.3–413.8)
Enteropathogenic E coli	0.9 (0.4–1.6)	5.5 (2.5–10.7)	0.3 (0.1–0.7)	1.5 (0.6–3.2)	1.3 (0.6–2.4)	11.0 (4.7–21.4)	8.3 (3.7–16.1)	74.7 (31.0–148.7)	16.3 (7.5–29.7)	110.1 (47.8–215.4)	2.5 (1.1–4.6)	26.5 (11.2–53.7)	82.4 (38.7–156.8)	461.6 (205.9–906.0)
Enterotoxigenic E coli	3.6 (1.6–6.9)	20.5 (8.2–44.7)	2.1 (1.0–3.9)	6.9 (2.7–14.0)	1.8 (0.8–3.7)	14.7 (5.5–32.6)	13.6 (5.4–30.3)	110.5 (40.5–263.6)	43.2 (18.5–84.9)	228.9 (89.1–482.4)	3.8 (1.6–7.5)	32.8 (11.4–73.4)	46.7 (18.6–99.9)	262.0 (99.0–596.6)
E coli*	478.4 (308.4–703.6)	453.5 (344.2–599.3)	318.6 (217.6–451.9)	132.1 (86.6–197.1)	321.3 (230.2–440.2)	715.5 (496.9–989.4)	244.0 (167.4–345.1)	993.5 (712.9–1355.1)	403.9 (302.3–523.5)	1853.9 (1369.0–2470.5)	201.3 (135.9–289.1)	488.6 (369.6–634.9)	743.1 (569.4–971.0)	3431.6 (2569.5–4621.0)
Food-borne trematodiases	4.2 (1.8–7.6)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	2.2 (1.4–3.2)	0.1 (0.0–0.2)	6.0 (2.0–11.6)	0.1 (0.0–0.1)	2.7 (0.6–5.5)	0.0 (0.0–0.1)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	31.8 (14.6–60.4)	1.1 (0.6–1.8)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)
Fungi	60.9 (38.6–93.2)	214.8 (120.8–353.6)	25.2 (18.1–35.0)	39.7 (21.8–67.0)	113.3 (74.2–163.5)	763.9 (458.8–1205.7)	138.0 (77.7–219.7)	999.4 (524.0–1676.8)	301.2 (171.4–475.3)	2473.3 (1306.0–4200.5)	69.2 (44.2–101.6)	478.0 (289.9–755.3)	887.2 (540.9–1364.8)	5114.5 (3036.7–7991.5)
Genital herpes	2.9 (0.9–7.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	3.4 (1.1–8.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	5.9 (1.9–14.5)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	2.5 (0.8–6.1)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	1.8 (0.6–4.5)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	3.3 (1.0–8.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	4.7 (1.6–11.4)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)
Group A Streptococcus (Streptococcus pyogenes)	98.9 (55.0–168.2)	166.8 (109.5–251.7)	63.6 (37.9–105.0)	78.5 (49.6–116.6)	91.8 (59.4–143.0)	343.2 (234.5–483.2)	68.5 (39.0–114.7)	280.2 (172.2–423.7)	88.4 (54.0–146.2)	395.4 (260.3–597.3)	60.8 (32.8–109.2)	155.5 (105.4–223.9)	159.8 (106.8–236.5)	692.0 (466.2–999.5)
Group B Streptococcus (Streptococcus pyogenes)	85.3 (57.9–122.3)	274.0 (203.0–363.7)	65.7 (44.3–94.2)	76.1 (49.0–112.4)	101.6 (70.3–140.5)	509.2 (345.4–705.2)	106.1 (70.1–152.1)	669.8 (447.5–934.9)	169.0 (123.0–223.0)	1346.2 (965.0–1791.9)	74.6 (49.3–107.4)	353.7 (257.6–470.3)	392.7 (302.1–510.5)	2127.1 (1609.7–2805.4)
Guinea worm disease	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)
Haemophilus influenzae	30.7 (25.7–36.9)	159.9 (127.8–199.9)	15.0 (12.4–18.6)	15.5 (11.5–20.7)	33.4 (26.0–42.3)	190.0 (138.7–250.8)	42.2 (32.5–54.7)	309.2 (231.1–412.7)	75.2 (58.1–94.6)	623.8 (455.8–815.5)	26.2 (20.8–33.0)	195.7 (154.2–244.0)	225.5 (173.8–290.5)	1276.4 (961.1–1670.5)

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Helicobacter pylori	324·2 (282·0–361·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	201·0 (175·7–220·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	198·3 (168·9–228·8)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	122·8 (103·8–141·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	114·5 (95·4–134·2)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	378·1 (309·9–445·6)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	66·2 (55·0–75·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Hepatitis A virus	4·3 (3·2–5·6)	7·4 (4·1–11·1)	2·8 (2·0–3·8)	1·2 (0·9–1·7)	6·7 (5·2–8·2)	11·1 (8·2–14·6)	28·6 (12·5–52·2)	62·5 (23·0–120·7)	129·4 (85·4–188·0)	379·4 (214·6–606·6)	10·9 (6·7–16·1)	5·9 (4·2–8·0)	44·2 (26·6–76·4)	36·0 (18·5–69·5)
Hepatitis B virus	289·1 (233·1–352·1)	21·0 (15·4–28·4)	112·7 (98·0–129·5)	1·1 (0·8–1·4)	86·3 (73·6–100·5)	8·0 (5·0–10·9)	222·7 (165·4–292·1)	38·2 (14·8–80·4)	367·3 (304·9–443·9)	167·9 (57·6–305·9)	444·6 (378·4–513·7)	12·1 (9·1–14·9)	314·5 (251·4–388·8)	62·2 (39·5–100·0)
Hepatitis C virus	254·3 (209·6–308·2)	1·8 (1·2–2·8)	245·5 (220·5–273·1)	0·4 (0·3–0·5)	176·6 (149·9–210·0)	1·9 (1·3–2·9)	251·5 (184·5–321·8)	3·1 (1·7–6·0)	178·8 (148·9–212·2)	26·3 (7·8–47·8)	196·6 (168·5–227·3)	1·4 (1·0–2·1)	142·0 (114·0–174·9)	7·8 (3·5–14·1)
Hepatitis E virus	0·5 (0·4–0·7)	1·5 (0·4–3·1)	0·3 (0·2–0·4)	0·2 (0·1–0·3)	0·6 (0·4–0·8)	1·2 (0·7–1·8)	1·1 (0·7–2·5)	2·0 (0·6–4·5)	5·8 (3·1–9·8)	18·4 (8·6–34·5)	1·7 (1·0–2·2)	0·9 (0·6–1·3)	2·1 (1·3–3·8)	2·6 (1·0–5·5)
HIV or AIDS	404·4 (390·4–422·5)	160·2 (156·7–163·7)	77·2 (66·9–91·3)	14·1 (13·4–15·0)	414·5 (386·1–463·6)	355·7 (248·0–596·9)	91·8 (52·6–184·7)	108·0 (33·3–422·4)	177·4 (141·1–283·4)	157·8 (85·8–474·4)	205·2 (177·9–240·4)	231·0 (160·0–335·4)	3613·5 (3105·8–4398·0)	2423·9 (1860·6–3119·8)
Hookworm disease	0·8 (0·5–1·2)	0·4 (0·2–0·6)	0·2 (0·1–0·3)	0·1 (0·0–0·2)	7·8 (4·8–11·7)	3·9 (2·3–6·2)	3·9 (2·4–6·1)	2·4 (1·4–3·6)	12·8 (7·8–19·7)	6·7 (4·0–10·4)	6·3 (3·8–10·1)	4·3 (2·5–7·0)	50·2 (31·8–75·1)	31·1 (19·8–46·1)
Human papillomavirus	158·8 (137·1–180·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	78·9 (69·3–84·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	192·0 (168·6–222·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	39·1 (29·8–47·2)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	109·0 (87·1–140·9)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	125·6 (88·1–150·6)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	189·8 (145·9–233·9)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Influenza virus	111·7 (99·7–126·4)	566·0 (455·4–708·9)	96·0 (85·2–104·9)	50·2 (37·3–67·8)	151·9 (131·0–176·6)	674·1 (489·8–888·2)	145·6 (116·2–177·9)	988·3 (738·2–1284·9)	247·8 (195·3–308·3)	1973·3 (1474·8–2574·7)	86·4 (73·4–102·1)	545·5 (427·5–681·2)	656·5 (517·0–833·8)	3503·1 (2661·9–4569·2)
Invasive non-typhoidal *Salmonella*	38·4 (17·4–72·2)	115·0 (58·7–208·0)	14·7 (3·3–38·4)	35·2 (10·8–85·6)	49·0 (22·5–95·6)	314·6 (171·9–526·2)	92·7 (47·9–178·4)	546·3 (288·4–989·4)	140·3 (85·1–223·1)	852·0 (547·3–1272·3)	47·9 (25·2–89·3)	300·5 (174·9–485·4)	945·5 (558·8–1476·9)	4760·5 (2808·9–7321·0)
Klebsiella pneumoniae	285·8 (195·3–404·4)	642·0 (487·2–854·4)	170·4 (118·7–239·7)	138·6 (89·7–204·3)	307·0 (217·6–418·9)	1261·0 (878·2–1747·9)	281·7 (191·7–402·0)	1543·3 (1083·6–2158·0)	467·4 (340·6–632·0)	2993·2 (2169·4–4061·6)	195·6 (136·8–272·6)	812·1 (610·8–1056·9)	1101·1 (850·8–1426·3)	5637·3 (4254·7–7317·9)
Legionella spp	33·3 (28·8–38·9)	83·4 (56·5–120·8)	29·3 (25·1–34·5)	12·4 (6·2–22·5)	30·9 (25·2–38·5)	106·9 (61·8–172·2)	30·6 (21·8–42·3)	173·6 (99·0–282·9)	51·2 (35·1–73·9)	387·3 (225·1–627·8)	23·0 (18·2–29·6)	94·7 (58·6–146·8)	90·3 (60·7–134·3)	455·2 (264·7–736·6)
Leprosy	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·5 (0·3–0·7)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·1 (0·1–0·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·9 (0·6–1·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·1 (0·1–0·2)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·6 (0·4–0·8)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Listeria monocytogenes	2·9 (1·9–4·9)	10·0 (5·8–15·9)	1·4 (0·9–2·4)	4·1 (2·5–6·2)	4·1 (2·6–6·2)	23·0 (13·3–35·8)	6·7 (3·7–12·1)	35·3 (16·2–68·1)	11·3 (7·8–16·1)	60·1 (36·6–93·9)	3·3 (2·2–5·1)	21·9 (13·6–32·9)	51·4 (32·1–78·7)	227·7 (131·5–381·1)
Lymphatic filariasis	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	3·1 (1·9–5·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	3·7 (2·0–6·8)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	48·3 (28·4–80·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	13·7 (8·1–22·7)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	38·9 (23·0–65·2)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Malaria	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	16·7 (6·5–35·7)	33·9 (12·1–77·6)	90·2 (27·9–207·6)	203·8 (73·4–445·0)	159·2 (64·1–367·5)	653·1 (269·2–1390·8)	7·4 (2·9–16·9)	21·5 (6·9–52·8)	4634·3 (2291·5–8051·2)	21681·7 (10325·5–37819·1)

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Measles	0.3 (0.2–0.4)	3.9 (2.9–5.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.1)	0.4 (0.3–0.5)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	65.4 (21.2–147.7)	544.0 (176.7–1222.5)	55.7 (18.8–125.8)	499.0 (169.5–1133.0)	32.2 (12.1–68.2)	414.6 (155.2–874.6)	680.3 (245.8–1480.6)	3751.2 (1318.2–8261.1)
Morganella spp	2.0 (1.3–3.1)	0.3 (0.1–0.6)	1.3 (0.9–1.8)	0.1 (0.0–0.2)	2.0 (1.4–2.8)	0.9 (0.5–1.6)	0.8 (0.4–1.4)	0.7 (0.2–1.7)	2.1 (1.3–3.1)	1.4 (0.7–2.5)	1.1 (0.6–1.9)	0.3 (0.1–0.7)	0.8 (0.4–1.2)	0.8 (0.4–1.5)
Mycoplasma spp	34.9 (29.8–41.4)	172.9 (138.4–217.0)	14.2 (11.4–18.0)	15.3 (10.7–21.7)	35.5 (28.3–44.3)	191.5 (138.5–257.6)	45.5 (34.9–58.3)	314.5 (225.8–422.9)	77.9 (59.9–99.7)	642.7 (458.0–859.1)	25.7 (20.1–33.0)	167.7 (129.0–213.6)	204.6 (156.2–262.7)	1123.2 (833.8–1492.3)
Neisseria gonorrhoeae	2.8 (2.4–3.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	1.1 (1.0–1.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	2.9 (2.5–3.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	1.3 (0.9–1.7)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	5.4 (3.9–6.8)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	1.5 (1.1–1.8)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	4.9 (3.8–6.1)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)
Neisseria meningitidis	42.6 (24.5–68.4)	161.1 (103.2–247.1)	11.0 (6.2–17.4)	41.1 (25.5–61.2)	68.2 (43.4–100.5)	490.7 (323.2–709.9)	86.8 (52.0–134.9)	562.8 (347.5–873.0)	144.4 (96.2–214.8)	934.2 (625.1–1380.7)	46.4 (29.7–70.2)	316.4 (217.5–447.7)	422.7 (300.3–594.2)	2078.1 (1423.2–2994.8)
Norovirus	35.1 (5.9–70.4)	72.2 (20.1–151.9)	18.5 (2.8–36.2)	29.2 (7.5–59.2)	54.1 (13.5–104.0)	260.9 (78.4–512.7)	52.3 (13.4–116.6)	338.1 (90.8–755.7)	90.1 (18.1–204.5)	342.7 (97.9–737.3)	32.4 (5.7–77.9)	107.8 (30.9–228.7)	301.4 (70.6–627.9)	1213.3 (316.8–2556.3)
Onchocerciasis	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.1 (0.0–0.2)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.7 (0.5–1.1)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	113.7 (70.6–168.3)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)
Other Enterococcus spp	36.4 (21.4–58.5)	45.7 (26.6–74.3)	25.6 (17.3–36.8)	19.0 (11.2–30.2)	36.5 (25.5–51.6)	129.0 (83.4–194.0)	26.0 (15.3–41.3)	108.6 (61.5–175.7)	45.7 (29.9–68.9)	232.0 (135.8–371.7)	30.0 (18.3–44.4)	73.3 (46.7–109.1)	61.1 (39.2–93.5)	305.5 (185.6–480.4)
Other Klebsiella spp	29.8 (15.8–50.7)	4.9 (1.9–10.4)	15.1 (8.7–24.8)	2.9 (1.0–7.0)	23.1 (12.3–39.1)	13.4 (5.2–28.5)	14.4 (7.3–25.5)	10.3 (3.8–23.2)	23.5 (10.8–43.3)	8.0 (2.9–17.5)	15.5 (7.8–27.2)	9.2 (3.7–19.1)	26.3 (11.6–48.6)	27.5 (10.2–56.2)
Other neglected tropical diseases	13.0 (8.9–18.5)	46.2 (31.4–65.3)	4.7 (3.2–6.7)	15.7 (10.5–23.0)	20.5 (14.9–28.1)	86.8 (62.2–119.4)	18.9 (12.7–27.5)	72.0 (48.1–103.9)	60.6 (42.6–82.8)	137.1 (95.0–191.7)	9.9 (6.8–14.0)	31.7 (21.8–44.4)	131.3 (81.4–315.9)	516.3 (295.1–1483.5)
Other unspecified infectious diseases	26.9 (17.1–35.9)	170.1 (62.1–268.5)	29.5 (23.3–38.5)	72.7 (55.5–95.3)	40.6 (32.1–53.2)	129.1 (94.5–184.8)	49.5 (38.9–67.4)	155.7 (96.4–310.9)	108.5 (74.0–141.2)	344.1 (193.3–517.9)	34.6 (25.0–41.6)	125.2 (79.9–160.2)	130.4 (92.3–165.6)	502.0 (337.3–669.4)
Polymicrobial infections	52.3 (31.8–80.9)	294.2 (182.5–452.8)	39.5 (22.3–64.0)	107.7 (61.7–172.1)	100.3 (65.3–145.7)	772.9 (491.1–1122.3)	112.6 (68.9–170.9)	795.0 (471.8–1205.4)	216.6 (137.1–323.4)	1918.1 (1175.8–2870.8)	117.7 (71.7–182.8)	585.4 (379.6–853.8)	326.5 (224.4–468.5)	1956.3 (1327.4–2835.4)
Proteus spp	45.3 (29.0–65.7)	19.7 (12.5–29.9)	29.0 (20.1–40.5)	8.1 (5.0–12.6)	38.9 (26.8–54.5)	54.9 (37.1–78.8)	23.6 (14.1–36.6)	44.8 (26.5–69.3)	40.5 (26.2–59.1)	82.6 (52.5–129.9)	25.5 (16.1–37.7)	26.2 (17.1–37.9)	47.9 (31.1–71.3)	141.0 (92.5–207.2)
Providencia spp	1.5 (0.9–2.4)	0.3 (0.1–0.7)	0.6 (0.4–0.9)	0.1 (0.0–0.2)	1.8 (1.2–2.6)	0.9 (0.4–1.9)	0.9 (0.4–1.6)	1.3 (0.3–3.4)	3.0 (2.0–4.6)	2.1 (0.9–4.2)	1.1 (0.6–1.8)	0.4 (0.1–1.0)	1.3 (0.7–2.1)	1.4 (0.6–2.8)
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	216.0 (144.9–309.8)	426.0 (326.8–561.9)	163.1 (114.1–224.6)	100.1 (63.5–149.2)	221.4 (151.9–310.7)	751.3 (515.0–1045.9)	180.9 (119.0–260.1)	831.0 (562.8–1149.5)	262.3 (182.9–361.0)	1592.1 (1132.9–2144.6)	157.4 (104.7–227.3)	476.5 (345.9–627.8)	472.6 (351.1–621.5)	2347.9 (1763.1–3073.0)
Rabies	0.8 (0.6–1.2)	0.3 (0.2–0.7)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.1 (0.1–0.1)	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	0.2 (0.0–0.3)	0.7 (0.2–1.0)	0.9 (0.2–2.2)	22.4 (11.0–32.9)	26.8 (13.2–47.4)	5.4 (1.7–7.7)	6.4 (1.5–11.5)	34.0 (11.2–60.6)	74.2 (22.0–141.5)

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	Central Europe, eastern Europe, and central Asia		High income		Latin America and Caribbean		North Africa and Middle East		South Asia		Southeast Asia, east Asia, and Oceania		Sub-Saharan Africa	
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Respiratory syncytial virus	68·6 (56·0–84·4)	922·2 (738·3–1159·9)	12·6 (10·5–15·6)	112·2 (75·8–165·4)	87·7 (62·8–117·4)	990·2 (692·4–1344·8)	134·7 (97·5–177·0)	1333·7 (956·2–1760·5)	241·3 (181·2–310·6)	2605·0 (1944·6–3363·4)	56·7 (44·1–70·6)	803·4 (621·2–1008·6)	569·0 (439·0–733·6)	3663·4 (2820·8–4730·9)
Rotavirus	21·3 (9·0–40·0)	115·5 (51·0–206·4)	8·7 (3·5–17·1)	37·5 (15·4–71·0)	73·5 (36·3–131·0)	412·4 (193·5–729·5)	155·7 (75·1–278·3)	1141·2 (506·3–2071·3)	165·1 (77·3–319·6)	527·1 (229·6–950·5)	61·2 (30·5–111·4)	515·7 (268·2–813·9)	791·0 (391·8–1315·4)	4710·5 (2312·5–7814·7)
Salmonella Paratyphi	0·0 (0·0–0·1)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·1)	0·1 (0·1–0·3)	0·3 (0·1–0·6)	0·3 (0·1–0·9)	84·1 (34·7–162·9)	128·2 (39·6–306·3)	4·2 (1·7–8·6)	10·0 (2·9–24·7)	2·6 (1·0–5·6)	6·0 (1·9–14·4)
Salmonella Typhi	9·4 (4·5–18·1)	35·1 (19·9–57·5)	1·6 (0·8–2·8)	5·1 (2·9–8·3)	21·2 (13·7–31·6)	151·6 (96·0–224·7)	59·2 (36·8–89·5)	315·4 (191·0–475·2)	378·2 (211·7–604·3)	1202·0 (695·9–1848·9)	51·4 (28·6–84·6)	176·9 (105·1–281·2)	440·6 (299·0–634·1)	1949·6 (1276·6–2854·8)
Schistosomiasis	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	16·5 (9·8–28·1)	0·7 (0·2–1·6)	17·6 (10·3–30·0)	1·6 (0·5–3·7)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	4·6 (2·6–8·2)	0·3 (0·1–0·7)	126·9 (82·9–200·0)	18·4 (11·6–29·1)
Serratia spp	26·2 (15·5–40·4)	45·8 (28·1–72·2)	15·1 (9·2–23·0)	15·9 (9·8–24·6)	40·2 (25·7–59·3)	174·2 (114·1–250·7)	36·7 (21·9–57·5)	167·1 (100·2–258·0)	70·2 (43·2–110·4)	402·5 (243·6–630·2)	33·9 (21·0–52·3)	107·8 (71·0–158·7)	119·0 (77·7–176·3)	596·8 (378·9–900·4)
Shigella spp	9·0 (3·6–18·3)	54·7 (18·5–117·0)	2·1 (0·9–4·5)	5·8 (2·0–13·5)	26·2 (11·4–48·8)	216·3 (88·0–412·7)	38·1 (14·1–83·5)	291·9 (93·7–669·2)	83·9 (33·1–169·2)	501·6 (185·9–1000·9)	11·7 (4·9–23·1)	108·8 (40·1–219·5)	487·7 (215·1–857·5)	2604·6 (1112·0–4757·3)
Staphylococcus aureus	454·4 (316·4–633·9)	709·6 (558·7–903·7)	430·2 (307·7–590·6)	188·4 (122·2–275·3)	434·1 (320·4–577·2)	1138·1 (801·0–1563·0)	323·8 (226·5–448·5)	1214·8 (874·2–1643·9)	420·0 (313·4–551·1)	2049·9 (1542·5–2663·7)	308·3 (213·0–434·8)	716·8 (547·6–921·1)	854·0 (681·8–1081·1)	3696·1 (2831·6–4813·6)
Streptococcus pneumoniae	317·4 (254·9–396·9)	1123·4 (904·1–1411·1)	127·7 (99·8–165·6)	112·6 (78·8–159·9)	275·1 (214·2–351·7)	1306·0 (957·8–1719·2)	330·2 (258·1–424·9)	1971·0 (1515·9–2521·2)	596·3 (483·3–737·4)	4002·6 (3122·2–5099·2)	250·2 (198·7–316·8)	1429·1 (1164·1–1772·9)	1449·0 (1157·2–1814·4)	7388·4 (5688·1–9502·9)
Syphilis	4·5 (2·2–8·3)	53·3 (17·9–108·6)	2·2 (1·5–3·3)	21·0 (8·7–41·7)	41·7 (19·2–79·2)	469·2 (199·6–922·9)	48·1 (15·1–106·2)	476·7 (143·2–1064·0)	89·8 (30·0–193·9)	947·6 (293·6–2086·4)	46·2 (15·4–100·5)	676·2 (208·6–1500·9)	588·4 (209·4–1210·1)	3741·8 (1316·1–7749·3)
Tetanus	0·2 (0·2–0·5)	0·3 (0·2–0·9)	0·1 (0·1–0·3)	0·2 (0·1–0·2)	4·5 (2·8–8·4)	31·7 (14·9–72·8)	16·2 (9·9–26·1)	120·9 (59·0–217·4)	52·0 (35·4–73·1)	449·8 (277·6–667·8)	11·3 (6·8–14·0)	59·5 (43·0–80·0)	120·7 (84·7–196·0)	576·3 (395·3–934·3)
Trachoma	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·2 (0·1–0·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·8 (0·4–1·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	4·7 (2·8–7·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·7 (0·4–1·2)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	7·0 (4·6–10·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Trichomoniasis	3·2 (1·2–6·6)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	2·8 (1·1–5·7)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	6·6 (2·6–13·5)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	2·4 (0·9–4·9)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	2·2 (0·9–4·7)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	3·5 (1·4–7·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	7·0 (2·7–14·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Trichuriasis	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	4·0 (2·2–6·6)	2·5 (1·3–4·2)	0·1 (0·0–0·2)	0·1 (0·0–0·1)	3·1 (1·6–5·5)	2·0 (1·1–3·6)	4·3 (2·2–7·1)	3·1 (1·6–5·1)	5·9 (3·2–9·8)	2·7 (1·5–4·3)
Tuberculosis	300·5 (275·2–327·5)	153·5 (123·3–190·1)	31·3 (28·7–33·3)	4·2 (3·7–4·9)	167·4 (147·2–190·4)	120·8 (93·8–152·3)	144·2 (117·5–176·0)	123·3 (82·7–168·7)	1525·8 (1351·1–1724·1)	806·2 (644·6–1002·7)	447·3 (407·3–490·0)	298·4 (243·8–360·5)	2263·6 (1947·7–2638·8)	2613·9 (1974·2–3420·6)
Varicella-zoster virus	4·0 (3·0–5·3)	15·3 (9·4–20·6)	8·2 (6·2–12·3)	8·3 (6·0–15·1)	14·3 (11·0–20·1)	54·2 (39·0–83·0)	12·1 (9·7–15·2)	44·2 (29·1–65·5)	22·1 (18·8–25·7)	80·1 (60·5–104·2)	9·1 (7·5–11·3)	29·4 (23·7–36·9)	52·8 (42·5–64·4)	182·4 (135·3–241·9)

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Vibrio cholerae	17·8 (9·8–29·8)	46·4 (23·3–88·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	19·2 (10·6–33·9)	79·2 (35·1–159·1)	131·6 (64·8–251·2)	605·6 (266·6–1266·3)	56·6 (23·5–119·9)	148·2 (70·4–267·8)	12·5 (5·9–24·4)	73·1 (37·1–133·6)	414·6 (213·4–713·3)	1604·2 (717·0–2911·0)
Viral meningitis	8·4 (5·7–13·5)	15·7 (10·2–24·1)	3·9 (2·6–6·2)	6·5 (4·4–9·1)	9·4 (6·6–13·5)	33·6 (21·4–49·1)	16·0 (9·4–28·2)	58·9 (29·1–119·7)	24·5 (18·7–32·5)	88·8 (62·0–127·9)	7·0 (4·8–11·1)	30·1 (21·3–42·4)	104·4 (72·7–144·1)	357·7 (229·4–529·2)
Visceral leishmaniasis	0·6 (0·0–6·1)	3·1 (0·0–29·8)	0·1 (0·0–0·9)	0·4 (0·0–3·5)	12·3 (0·0–51·5)	36·8 (0·1–146·8)	5·0 (0·0–51·2)	17·0 (0·0–156·7)	5·2 (0·0–31·0)	15·8 (0·0–87·8)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·1)	21·8 (11·5–34·2)	50·7 (25·7–83·1)
Yellow fever	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·3 (0·0–0·9)	0·4 (0·0–1·9)	0·9 (0·3–2·2)	0·9 (0·2–2·4)	3·9 (0·7–12·1)	3·8 (0·4–15·3)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	25·0 (9·2–52·1)	24·8 (8·7–54·7)
Zika virus	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·1 (0·0–0·1)	0·2 (0·1–0·4)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)	0·0 (0·0–0·0)
Total	5082·2 (4117·3–6298·7)	8586·5 (6882·7–10854·4)	2933·4 (2344·2–3696·8)	1861·8 (1324·7–2559·4)	4968·9 (4067·0–6083·1)	16021·5 (11861·9–21090·7)	4952·2 (3956·4–6228·7)	22711·3 (17408·3–28876·1)	9695·6 (8263·7–11477·7)	43350·7 (33923·1–54791·8)	4773·9 (3981·9–5792·9)	13627·7 (10982·6–16600·2)	29124·9 (25041·8–34123·0)	116704·8 (95281·0–143065·6)

95% uncertainty intervals are shown in parentheses. DALY rates are shown to one decimal place. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. E coli=*Escherichia coli*. GBD=Global Burden of Disease (Study). Salmonella Typhi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Typhi. Salmonella Paratyphi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Paratyphi. *Excluding enteropathogenic and enterotoxigenic E coli.

Table 2: Age-standardised DALY rate per 100 000 population associated with specific pathogens in each GBD super-region for all ages and children younger than 5 years, 2019

As the leading three pathogens or infectious entities, tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV or AIDS warrant the considerable attention they receive from the global health community.[16,17] However, it is important to recognise that numerous other pathogens impose a substantial burden and perhaps deserve increased consideration globally. First, infections associated with Gram-negative bacteria, such as *K pneumoniae, E coli, P aeruginosa,* and *A baumannii*, were estimated to account for a large associated burden of disease (ie, 114 million DALYs collectively on a global level). Such a burden poses a substantial threat in health-care settings, leading to increased treatment costs, prolonged hospital stays, and elevated mortality rates, with the additional compounding effect of outbreaks in hospital settings that further contribute to the disease burden.[18] Furthermore, these infections often occur in immunocompromised individuals, hospitalised patients, older individuals, or people with chronic illnesses, and are often caused by pathogenic species carrying various resistance genes.[18,19] Therefore, addressing the burden of Gram-negative infections requires a multifaceted approach and implementable policy changes informed by precise estimates, as well as increased vaccine development efforts, considering that currently no vaccines are available for the aforementioned pathogens.[18,19]

Second, *S aureus* was the leading cause of associated DALY burden in nearly a third of the countries in our analysis, despite ranking fifth in the overall global DALY burden list. This bacterial species was previously shown to be associated with more than one million deaths in 2019 and had the highest mortality burden among 33 bacteria in 135 countries.[5] A recent systematic review and meta-analysis found that between 3–6% of pneumonia cases in children younger than 5 years hospitalised for all-cause pneumonia are caused by *S aureus*, contributing to the estimated burden in this age group.[20] In our study, *S aureus* was associated with the sixth highest DALY burden in children younger than 5 years. This pathogen has also emerged as one of the main drivers of antimicrobial resistance burden on a global level and in the WHO European region.[9,21] Despite the substantial burden imposed by severe and often drug-resistant *S aureus* infections, the absence of an effective vaccine remains an important challenge as previous vaccine candidates have failed to generate any lasting immune response.[22] Nonetheless, findings from clinical and preclinical research studies provide valuable insights, highlighting specific targets that hold promise and could serve as potential avenues for vaccine developers to explore in the future.[22] Despite the introduction of new antibiotics to target antibiotic-resistant isolates of *S aureus*, reductions in mortality due to this pathogen below 20% are yet to be achieved;[23] therefore, a viable and efficacious vaccine could be impactful in both high-income and low-income countries.

Countries	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	Rank 5
Afghanistan	S pneumoniae 581000 (435000–754000)	K pneumoniae 422000 (310000–567000)	Fungi 346000 (191000–571000)	Bordetella spp (pertussis) 333000 (30100–1010000)	S aureus 311000 (237000–405000)
Albania	E coli 9590 (5420–15400)	S aureus 8170 (5130–12400)	H pylori 7460 (5440–10200)	K pneumoniae 4770 (2840–7410)	S pneumoniae 4320 (2940–6190)
Algeria	S aureus 115000 (74800–172000)	K pneumoniae 84500 (51900–131000)	S pneumoniae 79000 (57000–109000)	E coli 76600 (47800–119000)	P aeruginosa 63600 (38500–99000)
American Samoa	S pneumoniae 229 (165–315)	HBV 204 (160–262)	S aureus 169 (118–236)	K pneumoniae 142 (93.9–201)	E coli 138 (93.9–196)
Andorra	S aureus 299 (189–459)	E coli 289 (177–453)	H pylori 170 (126–223)	HCV 155 (106–214)	HIV or AIDS 142 (9.50–628)
Angola	HIV or AIDS 1010000 (684000–1490000)	Malaria 926000 (418000–1720000)	Tuberculosis 803000 (607000–1000000)	S pneumoniae 371000 (261000–522000)	Bordetella spp (pertussis) 320000 (29900–1020000)
Argentina	S aureus 259000 (209000–322000)	E coli 158000 (118000–208000)	S pneumoniae 139000 (118000–164000)	K pneumoniae 138000 (103000–182000)	P aeruginosa 112000 (83200–149000)
Armenia	S aureus 12300 (8260–17600)	E coli 12000 (8210–16600)	H pylori 9170 (7320–11100)	K pneumoniae 8360 (5710–11900)	HBV 7630 (5660–10000)
ATG	HIV or AIDS 399 (386–413)	S aureus 296 (213–401)	A baumannii 216 (123–339)	S pneumoniae 209 (135–278)	E coli 196 (135–275)
Australia	S aureus 77500 (50700–112000)	E coli 44600 (30100–63100)	HCV 36000 (30400–41400)	P aeruginosa 26700 (17700–38500)	K pneumoniae 25600 (16900–37300)
Austria	E coli 28300 (18000–42500)	S aureus 26700 (17100–39500)	H pylori 13600 (11700–15200)	HCV 12500 (9740–15900)	K pneumoniae 11700 (7550–17100)
Azerbaijan	S aureus 44600 (31800–61700)	Tuberculosis 42900 (34800–52700)	H pylori 40000 (29900–52000)	K pneumoniae 36900 (29700–46400)	E coli 34800 (23700–49500)
Bahamas	HIV or AIDS 6250 (6040–6510)	S aureus 1570 (1090–2240)	E coli 1180 (789–1720)	K pneumoniae 1040 (691–1540)	HPV 872 (664–1120)
Bahrain	S aureus 2850 (1780–4490)	HCV 2370 (1700–3240)	E coli 1890 (1170–2970)	HBV 1790 (1310–2460)	K pneumoniae 1450 (874–2300)
Bangladesh	Tuberculosis 1380000 (1080000–1860000)	S Typhi 663000 (412000–1070000)	K pneumoniae 593000 (418000–837000)	S aureus 591000 (423000–811000)	S pneumoniae 521000 (401000–660000)
Barbados	S aureus 1820 (1300–2480)	E coli 1420 (1010–1940)	HIV or AIDS 1310 (1270–1370)	K pneumoniae 1040 (700–1470)	HPV 946 (753–1170)
Belarus	H pylori 39100 (29700–50400)	S aureus 35200 (2400–55800)	S pneumoniae 31800 (19300–50500)	E coli 20600 (14100–30200)	HBV 18800 (11600–29900)
Belgium	S aureus 53100 (39200–71000)	E coli 48900 (32900–69400)	S pneumoniae 20200 (14300–27900)	P aeruginosa 18600 (13700–24600)	HCV 17400 (13900–21900)
Belize	HIV or AIDS 4710 (4550–4910)	S pneumoniae 1300 (1020–1650)	S aureus 1220 (888–1620)	HPV 1080 (881–1280)	E coli 926 (651–1280)
Benin	Malaria 1100000 (509000–1910000)	Measles 286000 (93800–662000)	S pneumoniae 182000 (125000–254000)	K pneumoniae 175000 (125000–238000)	Tuberculosis 168000 (121000–233000)
Bermuda	HIV or AIDS 300 (290–310)	S aureus 175 (116–253)	A baumannii 121 (66.4–193)	E coli 113 (74.2–165)	S pneumoniae 106 (79.7–142)
Bhutan	Tuberculosis 5150 (3280–9270)	S pneumoniae 3170 (2190–4560)	S aureus 2560 (1730–3800)	K pneumoniae 2490 (1640–3730)	HBV 2350 (1450–4200)
Bolivia	Tuberculosis 83400 (60500–107000)	S aureus 80200 (59900–106000)	E coli 74000 (53000–101000)	S pneumoniae 67600 (51200–86300)	E coli 55000 (38500–75600)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	E coli 11400 (6580–17800)	S aureus 10100 (6120–15400)	S pneumoniae 9850 (7560–12700)	HBV 7330 (5200–10000)	K pneumoniae 6890 (4020–10700)
Botswana	HIV or AIDS 316000 (257000–408000)	Tuberculosis 53100 (37400–75000)	S pneumoniae 20400 (15200–27100)	S aureus 18200 (13200–24800)	K pneumoniae 14600 (10500–20500)
Brazil	S aureus 1020000 (793000–1320000)	HIV or AIDS 879000 (844000–922000)	E coli 739000 (549000–969000)	K pneumoniae 671000 (490000–923000)	S pneumoniae 558000 (452000–696000)
Brunei	HBV 1 470 (1200–1810)	S aureus 1080 (773–1490)	A baumannii 860 (498–1360)	S pneumoniae 843 (643–1120)	Tuberculosis 828 (714–967)
Bulgaria	E coli 48300 (27200–76200)	S aureus 39200 (24600–59300)	S pneumoniae 25100 (17700–35200)	H pylori 24900 (19200–31400)	K pneumoniae 24500 (14600–37400)
Burkina Faso	Malaria 2230000 (955000–4030000)	Tuberculosis 517000 (407000–655000)	S pneumoniae 460000 (334000–609000)	K pneumoniae 424000 (314000–569000)	iNTS 421000 (314000–659000)
Burundi	Malaria 714000 (290000–1380000)	Tuberculosis 541000 (395000–719000)	HIV or AIDS 132000 (109000–164000)	Fungi 125000 (74200–199000)	K pneumoniae 120000 (84300–165000)
Cabo Verde	HIV or AIDS 3220 (1630–7050)	HBV 3070 (2390–3930)	Tuberculosis 2770 (2210–3580)	S pneumoniae 2390 (1910–2920)	S aureus 2130 (1660–2720)
Cambodia	Tuberculosis 306000 (226000–403000)	S aureus 124000 (101000–154000)	S pneumoniae 120000 (93000–155000)	HBV 113000 (81000–154000)	K pneumoniae 104000 (76600–141000)
Cameroon	Malaria 1680000 (688000–3130000)	HIV or AIDS 1350000 (1140000–1650000)	Tuberculosis 405000 (270000–567000)	S pneumoniae 305000 (211000–432000)	Measles 268000 (80200–636000)
Canada	S aureus 131000 (88300–187000)	E coli 77300 (53400–108000)	HCV 62800 (49800–77200)	P aeruginosa 49000 (33000–69300)	S pneumoniae 45900 (31100–65700)
Central African Republic	Tuberculosis 608000 (441000–824000)	Malaria 358000 (149000–732000)	HIV or AIDS 318000 (246000–435000)	S pneumoniae 152000 (105000–218000)	Shigella spp 151000 (63800–267000)
Chad	Rotavirus 853000 (401000–1500000)	S pneumoniae 712000 (511000–937000)	Malaria 619000 (197000–1450000)	Tuberculosis 495000 (377000–623000)	iNTS 378000 (199000–707000)
Chile	S aureus 63700 (44900–88300)	H pylori 63300 (54300–70200)	HCV 56200 (43900–70800)	E coli 52100 (37100–70800)	K pneumoniae 33900 (23500–46900)
China	H pylori 7210000 (5820000–8630000)	HBV 6530000 (5290000–7910000)	S aureus 3760000 (2390000–5770000)	A baumannii 2630000 (1470000–4230000)	S pneumoniae 2160000 (1580000–2960000)
Colombia	S aureus 148000 (96300–219000)	HIV or AIDS 136000 (129000–144000)	H pylori 114000 (85800–149000)	K pneumoniae 106000 (69300–156000)	S pneumoniae 93100 (59300–141000)
Comoros	Tuberculosis 16800 (11400–21600)	Malaria 10400 (635–45200)	S pneumoniae 8050 (5890–10400)	K pneumoniae 4810 (3600–6340)	Measles 4460 (1520–9630)
Congo (Brazzaville)	HIV or AIDS 258000 (209000–322000)	Malaria 156000 (63000–301000)	Tuberculosis 115000 (81100–156000)	K pneumoniae 30800 (22500–41600)	S pneumoniae 30800 (22700–41300)
Cook Islands	HIV or AIDS 86·9 (1·66–410)	S aureus 75·6 (55·1–104)	HBV 71·5 (54–93)	S pneumoniae 66·2 (50·3–86·3)	A baumannii 49·5 (29·2–77·0)
Costa Rica	H pylori 15700 (11900–20600)	S aureus 14700 (9260–22300)	E coli 11100 (6980–16 600)	HCV 8700 (6110–12000)	HIV or AIDS 8200 (7760–8680)
Côte d'Ivoire	Malaria 2270000 (1190000–3820000)	HIV or AIDS 824000 (684000–1030000)	Tuberculosis 448000 (314000–598000)	S pneumoniae 328000 (227000–443000)	K pneumoniae 295000 (218000–390000)
Croatia	E coli 15400 (9570–23100)	S aureus 14400 (8730–21900)	H pylori 12100 (9330–15400)	HBV 9180 (6450–12700)	K pneumoniae 7400 (4590–11100)
Cuba	S aureus 47500 (34700–65 100)	S pneumoniae 28300 (21900–36700)	E coli 26200 (18000–37600)	A baumannii 26100 (14900–42300)	K pneumoniae 22700 (16 200–32100)
Cyprus	E coli 3910 (2650–5780)	S aureus 3410 (2290–5010)	H pylori 1810 (1210–2120)	K pneumoniae 1510 (1020–2210)	P aeruginosa 1250 (841–1800)
Czechia	S aureus 40100 (26800–57400)	E coli 35200 (22200–52100)	HBV 19200 (13900–26100)	H pylori 19000 (14800–23600)	S pneumoniae 18800 (13700–25800)
DR Congo	Malaria 5590000 (2730000–9110000)	Tuberculosis 2950000 (2200000–4060000)	S pneumoniae 774000 (563000–1060000)	K pneumoniae 724000 (543000–963000)	Fungi 677000 (395000–1030000)
Denmark	S aureus 24800 (17600–34 200)	E coli 23700 (15400–34800)	K pneumoniae 9840 (6690–14000)	P aeruginosa 8820 (6190–12200)	H pylori 7090 (6060–7990)
Djibouti	HIV or AIDS 49900 (34800–72800)	Tuberculosis 26300 (17700–36900)	S pneumoniae 13300 (9510–18000)	Bordetella spp (pertussis) 11400 (1220–30500)	K pneumoniae 9550 (6800–13200)
Dominica	S aureus 308 (215–434)	H pylori 287 (226–366)	A baumannii 286 (166–442)	HIV or AIDS 284 (274–295)	S pneumoniae 264 (188–361)
Dominican Republic	HIV or AIDS 73600 (51900–111000)	Tuberculosis 47200 (35800–63300)	S aureus 45100 (29500–66900)	K pneumoniae 43700 (28200–64500)	S pneumoniae 37500 (25200–53600)
Ecuador	HIV or AIDS 71900 (66800–77900)	S aureus 70900 (50400–97400)	H pylori 51400 (39100–66800)	S pneumoniae 50600 (34500–72100)	E coli 48500 (32600–69500)
Egypt	HCV 895000 (597000–1230000)	S pneumoniae 660000 (404000–984000)	S aureus 402000 (289000–550000)	Rotavirus 361000 (171000–616000)	S aureus 329000 (212000–482000)
El Salvador	HIV or AIDS 39300 (20800–56100)	S aureus 26600 (17500–38600)	E coli 18300 (11500–27400)	HPV 16700 (11800–22800)	S pneumoniae 16600 (10300–25200)
Equatorial Guinea	HIV or AIDS 133000 (82700–221000)	Malaria 63800 (31300–118000)	Syphilis 17300 (6080–34900)	Tuberculosis 12200 (7640–19500)	S pneumoniae 8910 (5610–13600)
Eritrea	Tuberculosis 292000 (199000–412000)	HIV or AIDS 81000 (55000–116000)	S pneumoniae 68500 (46900–97800)	K pneumoniae 57800 (39300–81900)	S aureus 52100 (35600–74200)

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Estonia	H pylori 4580 (3470–5920)	S aureus 4490 (2870–6860)	E coli 4360 (2690–6820)	K pneumoniae 2300 (1460–3490)	HIV or AIDS 2220 (2060–2370)
Eswatini	HIV or AIDS 205000 (177000–249000)	Tuberculosis 43500 (30100–59100)	S pneumoniae 12300 (9000–16200)	K pneumoniae 9260 (6810–12600)	S aureus 9250 (6810–12500)
Ethiopia	Tuberculosis 1770000 (1470000–2100000)	HIV or AIDS 1720000 (1370000–2160000)	Malaria 1340000 (313000–3430000)	S pneumoniae 1030000 (801000–1330000)	K pneumoniae 933000 (703000–1250000)
Fiji	S aureus 4420 (2910–6490)	K pneumoniae 3980 (2470–5950)	S pneumoniae 3560 (2440–4980)	HPV 3230 (1330–4470)	E coli 3120 (1950–4650)
Finland	E coli 18900 (11900–28100)	S aureus 17600 (11300–25900)	HCV 8810 (6850–11300)	H pylori 8040 (6930–9030)	K pneumoniae 7610 (4910–11200)
France	S aureus 247000 (174000–345000)	E coli 243000 (160000–353000)	HCV 109000 (87200–133000)	K pneumoniae 98700 (67100–140000)	H pylori 90900 (78100–102000)
FSM	HIV or AIDS 2440 (107–12600)	Tuberculosis 636 (409–851)	S pneumoniae 579 (403–780)	S aureus 546 (375–773)	HBV 512 (283–835)
Gabon	HIV or AIDS 63800 (45400–92200)	Malaria 51400 (20400–100000)	Tuberculosis 25700 (18100–33900)	S pneumoniae 10600 (7740–14500)	K pneumoniae 7290 (5270–10100)
The Gambia	HIV or AIDS 62900 (40800–92600)	Tuberculosis 39100 (29000–49700)	Malaria 37700 (10900–123000)	K pneumoniae 18400 (13400–25100)	HBV 17800 (12700–24000)
Georgia	S aureus 16600 (10500–24700)	HBV 15200 (11000–20600)	H pylori 14300 (11500–17300)	E coli 13500 (8170–20200)	K pneumoniae 11600 (7140–17300)
Germany	E coli 381000 (250000–554000)	S aureus 356000 (247000–502000)	H pylori 180000 (157000–201000)	K pneumoniae 156000 (107000–222000)	P aeruginosa 138000 (95300–192000)
Ghana	Malaria 1650000 (771000–2890000)	HIV or AIDS 835000 (669000–1070000)	Tuberculosis 564000 (432000–698000)	K pneumoniae 234000 (167000–318000)	S aureus 220000 (166000–291000)
Greece	S aureus 46400 (33900–63500)	E coli 41300 (26000–61400)	H pylori 26300 (22700–29400)	K pneumoniae 18000 (12400–25600)	S pneumoniae 16600 (13000–21400)
Greenland	S aureus 247 (159–362)	E coli 193 (123–280)	K pneumoniae 161 (100–240)	HCV 151 (108–197)	H pylori 133 (102–169)
Grenada	S aureus 461 (348–605)	S pneumoniae 374 (298–474)	A baumannii 340 (266–517)	HPV 324 (266–378)	E coli 306 (218–415)
Guam	HBV 841 (672–1050)	S pneumoniae 616 (457–805)	S aureus 465 (321–648)	Syphilis 425 (136–880)	HIV or AIDS 393 (158–840)
Guatemala	S aureus 104000 (73300–144000)	S pneumoniae 102000 (74500–137000)	K pneumoniae 78000 (52200–111000)	E coli 65800 (43000–95400)	HCV 59900 (43000–80500)
Guinea	Malaria 1030000 (437000–1910000)	S pneumoniae 426000 (299000–583000)	Tuberculosis 266000 (195000–356000)	HIV or AIDS 244000 (168000–354000)	iNTS 238000 (145000–360000)
Guinea-Bissau	Measles 66800 (24100–139000)	HIV or AIDS 60200 (35100–99500)	Malaria 47600 (10800–126000)	Tuberculosis 43000 (32900–56700)	Fungi 22700 (13900–35500)
Guyana	HIV or AIDS 10700 (10400–11200)	S aureus 4350 (2840–6400)	K pneumoniae 3760 (2320–5630)	Tuberculosis 3580 (2740–4640)	E coli 3320 (2090–4950)
Haiti	HIV or AIDS 341000 (262000–451000)	S pneumoniae 187000 (138000–245000)	K pneumoniae 108000 (78200–144000)	Fungi 94100 (54500–146000)	Tuberculosis 88700 (66200–120000)
Honduras	S aureus 38100 (25200–55400)	E coli 36000 (23600–52000)	K pneumoniae 35500 (23300–51200)	HCV 29800 (21000–41800)	Tuberculosis 26000 (19500–37000)
Hungary	E coli 55600 (32900–84600)	S aureus 43200 (26500–65900)	HBV 42900 (31600–56600)	H pylori 25100 (20000–30600)	K pneumoniae 24200 (14700–36800)
Iceland	S aureus 887 (625–1240)	E coli 705 (453–1040)	H pylori 362 (309–417)	K pneumoniae 307 (209–434)	P aeruginosa 302 (214–414)
India	Tuberculosis 21600000 (18600000–25200000)	S pneumoniae 8370000 (6750000–10400000)	K pneumoniae 5560000 (4070000–7500000)	HBV 5370000 (4310000–6610000)	S aureus 5320000 (3960000–7030000)
Indonesia	Tuberculosis 3730000 (3190000–4380000)	HCV 984000 (794000–1200000)	HBV 956000 (781000–1190000)	S pneumoniae 953000 (734000–1230000)	E coli 848000 (607000–1140000)
Iran	H pylori 188000 (162000–208000)	S aureus 148000 (100000–213000)	S pneumoniae 131000 (104000–169000)	A baumannii 123000 (69500–198000)	E coli 100000 (67000–144000)
Iraq	S pneumoniae 100000 (70700–142000)	S aureus 94500 (60800–140000)	K pneumoniae 81800 (52300–122000)	E coli 67400 (42200–102000)	P aeruginosa 59700 (37100–90500)
Ireland	S pneumoniae 15300 (10900–21100)	E coli 12900 (8470–18800)	H pylori 6110 (5290–6900)	K pneumoniae 5380 (3730–7650)	P aeruginosa 5140 (3690–7000)
Israel	E coli 24400 (16600–34500)	S aureus 21800 (15500–30000)	H pylori 10200 (883–11300)	K pneumoniae 10100 (6940–14200)	P aeruginosa 8430 (6490–11600)
Italy	E coli 217000 (136000–324000)	S aureus 209000 (138000–300000)	H pylori 161000 (139000–177000)	HCV 154000 (140000–168000)	K pneumoniae 83400 (54700–122000)
Jamaica	HIV or AIDS 22800 (22200–23600)	HPV 8340 (6200–10900)	S aureus 7780 (5020–11800)	A baumannii 7200 (4000–11500)	E coli 5680 (3650–8430)
Japan	S aureus 700000 (533000–919000)	H pylori 658000 (553000–729000)	HCV 623000 (554000–667000)	E coli 345000 (244000–475000)	P aeruginosa 245000 (185000–318000)
Jordan	S pneumoniae 21000 (15500–28900)	S aureus 20400 (14000–29200)	A baumannii 16000 (9490–25700)	Enterobacter spp 15700 (9720–24600)	Polymicrobial infections 14500 (8750–23000)
Kazakhstan	E coli 86100 (59800–122000)	E coli 63500 (42000–93600)	HBV 59200 (42900–80500)	HCV 55300 (40500–74300)	K pneumoniae 53000 (35700–77000)
Kenya	HIV or AIDS 3000000 (2580000–3540000)	Tuberculosis 990000 (761000–1240000)	Malaria 696000 (278000–1360000)	Rotavirus 332000 (187000–506000)	K pneumoniae 319000 (241000–416000)
Kiribati	Tuberculosis 3890 (3030–4980)	HPV 1110 (790–1460)	S pneumoniae 933 (689–1230)	K pneumoniae 903 (626–1240)	HBV 832 (507–1260)
Kuwait	S aureus 8100 (5700–11700)	E coli 3910 (2560–5890)	HCV 3340 (2610–4250)	K pneumoniae 3240 (2110–4900)	S pneumoniae 3030 (2280–4170)
Kyrgyzstan	Tuberculosis 27900 (24500–31800)	S aureus 21700 (15000–30600)	HBV 19900 (14100–27400)	E coli 19100 (12800–27200)	HCV 18300 (13300–24300)
Laos	Tuberculosis 114000 (80800–147000)	S pneumoniae 67400 (48900–90200)	K pneumoniae 47200 (33400–64600)	S aureus 41700 (30600–56400)	Influenza virus 32100 (23900–42000)
Latvia	E coli 10200 (6340–15700)	S aureus 8220 (5410–12500)	H pylori 7120 (5700–8810)	HIV or AIDS 6410 (6080–6800)	K pneumoniae 4760 (3060–7160)
LCA	S aureus 627 (441–869)	A baumannii 516 (293–811)	HPV 507 (408–627)	E coli 463 (309–663)	S pneumoniae 450 (323–612)
Lebanon	S aureus 15300 (9980–23200)	HBV 9430 (6740–13500)	Other unspecified infectious diseases 8420 (5450–14200)	E coli 8350 (5220–13100)	S pneumoniae 7540 (5440–10500)
Lesotho	HIV or AIDS 625000 (517000–794000)	Tuberculosis 165000 (122000–209000)	S pneumoniae 27400 (21300–34100)	K pneumoniae 22700 (16200–30300)	S aureus 21600 (16300–28700)
Liberia	Malaria 343000 (158000–588000)	HIV or AIDS 94000 (71600–128000)	Tuberculosis 61100 (44100–82300)	Syphilis 59200 (21400–117000)	Onchocerciasis 51200 (28700–78400)
Libya	S aureus 17000 (10700–25800)	K pneumoniae 11200 (6740–17500)	HCV 11100 (7180–15400)	S pneumoniae 11000 (7600–15800)	E coli 11000 (6590–17400)
Lithuania	E coli 15300 (9470–23800)	S aureus 12000 (7940–18000)	H pylori 10400 (8220–12900)	Tuberculosis 7540 (6130–9250)	K pneumoniae 7350 (4670–11000)
Luxembourg	E coli 1890 (1290–2680)	E coli 1820 (1150–2670)	K pneumoniae 712 (467–1030)	HCV 679 (528–869)	H pylori 672 (564–793)
Madagascar	Tuberculosis 771000 (572000–1030000)	Malaria 483000 (180000–1020000)	Rotavirus 442000 (225000–694000)	Syphilis 293000 (108000–571000)	Measles 263000 (127000–506000)
Malawi	HIV or AIDS 920000 (774000–1140000)	Malaria 615000 (281000–1140000)	Tuberculosis 471000 (361000–603000)	S pneumoniae 168000 (125000–225000)	Fungi 154000 (90300–245000)
Malaysia	S aureus 142000 (105000–188000)	S pneumoniae 127000 (93500–162000)	HBV 116000 (88900–150000)	HIV or AIDS 103000 (64700–142000)	Tuberculosis 88900 (71500–110000)
Maldives	Dengue 787 (351–1220)	S aureus 720 (480–1020)	HBV 662 (512–843)	S pneumoniae 641 (452–917)	A baumannii 619 (363–1020)
Mali	Malaria 1690000 (718000–3330000)	iNTS 556000 (323000–842000)	S pneumoniae 501000 (361000–674000)	K pneumoniae 477000 (347000–643000)	Fungi 442000 (259000–686000)
Malta	S aureus 1510 (1090–2050)	E coli 1250 (834–1770)	S pneumoniae 714 (558–909)	H pylori 636 (540–732)	K pneumoniae 631 (448–875)
Marshall Isl	Tuberculosis 438 (300–582)	S pneumoniae 373 (206–503)	S aureus 287 (206–403)	HBV 275 (173–396)	K pneumoniae 274 (191–397)
Mauritania	Malaria 118000 (16200–316000)	S pneumoniae 24300 (15300–37000)	K pneumoniae 24200 (16700–33900)	Tuberculosis 23700 (15800–34600)	Rotavirus 23100 (6680–49000)
Mauritius	S aureus 5280 (3290–7960)	HIV or AIDS 4930 (4600–5320)	Schistosomiasis 4460 (1960–9220)	E coli 3810 (2250–5890)	K pneumoniae 3420 (2070–5190)
Mexico	S aureus 509000 (354000–719000)	E coli 434000 (290000–616000)	HCV 421000 (343000–515000)	K pneumoniae 361000 (244000–515000)	HIV or AIDS 289000 (280000–301000)

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Countries	1	2	3	4	5
Moldova	E coli 22 000 (14 200–32 700)	S aureus 17 800 (12 700–25 200)	HBV 15 200 (10 600–21 300)	HCV 14 200 (9760–20 000)	K pneumoniae 12 600 (8510–18 100)
Monaco	S aureus 232 (161–330)	E coli 196 (120–302)	H pylori 84·6 (65·4–104)	HCV 83·2 (60·5–111)	K pneumoniae 79·6 (51·7–118)
Mongolia	HBV 42 700 (29 600–58 900)	S aureus 28 300 (20 400–38 400)	Tuberculosis 26 100 (20 400–33 200)	H pylori 20 400 (15 200–26 800)	S aureus 16 800 (11 400–24 400)
Montenegro	S aureus 1810 (1130–2710)	E coli 1760 (1040–2690)	H pylori 1180 (951–1440)	K pneumoniae 996 (611–1510)	S pneumoniae 946 (632–1360)
Morocco	Tuberculosis 180 000 (134 000–328 000)	S aureus 112 000 (75 000–160 000)	E coli 92 100 (58 400–137 000)	HCV 84 300 (54 100–124 000)	S pneumoniae 67 600 (46 600–95 900)
Mozambique	HIV or AIDS 4 510 000 (3 600 000–5 950 000)	Malaria 1 630 000 (740 000–2 980 000)	Tuberculosis 1 290 000 (967 000–1 680 000)	Fungi 384 000 (235 000–586 000)	S pneumoniae 343 000 (261 000–456 000)
Myanmar	Tuberculosis 721 000 (547 000–943 000)	S aureus 373 000 (268 000–505 000)	S pneumoniae 337 000 (231 000–480 000)	HCV 319 000 (216 000–459 000)	S aureus 306 000 (214 000–440 000)
Namibia	HIV or AIDS 223 000 (193 000–263 000)	Tuberculosis 51 100 (36 000–67 800)	S pneumoniae 17 400 (12 200–23 600)	S aureus 15 800 (11 200–21 600)	Malaria 15 100 (1180–72 600)
Nauru	S pneumoniae 92·8 (71·8–123)	S aureus 53·4 (39·5–73·4)	HIV or AIDS 48·9 (1·13–244)	K pneumoniae 42·7 (30·9–60·1)	Syphilis 41·7 (12·8–92·6)
Nepal	Tuberculosis 351 000 (274 000–433 000)	K pneumoniae 142 000 (101 000–195 000)	S pneumoniae 136 000 (105 000–175 000)	S aureus 133 000 (97 800–182 000)	E coli 111 000 (78 700–155 000)
Netherlands	S aureus 69 600 (49 600–95 500)	E coli 67 300 (45 900–95 800)	HBV 31 500 (27 300–35 400)	K pneumoniae 26 200 (18 400–36 400)	P aeruginosa 23 500 16 800–32 000)
New Zealand	S aureus 14 600 (9510–21 400)	E coli 8 320 (5640–11 900)	S pneumoniae 5 330 (4580–5880)	P aeruginosa 5290 (3460–7 720)	K pneumoniae 5210 (3420–7680)
Nicaragua	HIV or AIDS 34 100 (22 000–46 300)	S aureus 23 700 (16 700–32 800)	E coli 17 800 (11 900–25 600)	K pneumoniae 16 800 (11 500–23 700)	HCV 14 200 (10 400–19 500)
Niger	Malaria 2 120 000 (770 000–4 190 000)	S pneumoniae 1 250 000 (398 000–2 690 000)	Rotavirus 828 000 (368 000–1 500 000)	Measles 665 000 (473 000–895 000)	iNTS 620 000 (291 000–1170 000)
Nigeria	Malaria 15 000 000 (7 450 000–26 800 000)	S pneumoniae 4 960 000 (2 850 000–6 350 000)	HIV or AIDS 4 820 000 (3 740 000–6 180 000)	iNTS 4 300 000 (2 480 000–6 560 000)	S pneumoniae 3 090 000 (2 310 000–4 030 000)
Niue	S aureus 11·5 (7·92–16·4)	HIV or AIDS 7·82 (0·166–37·4)	HBV 7·26 (5·16–9·79)	E coli 7·01 (4·53–10·3)	S pneumoniae 6·88 (4·52–10)
North Korea	Tuberculosis 161 000 (119 000–210 000)	HBV 159 000 (114 000–215 000)	H pylori 140 000 (106 000–181 000)	S aureus 89 200 (59 800–130 000)	S aureus 84 900 (63 000–115 000)
North Macedonia	H pylori 8230 (6360–10 700)	E coli 6870 (3860–10 900)	S aureus 6390 (3800–9980)	HBV 4580 (3240–6260)	S pneumoniae 4170 (2460–6490)
Northern Mariana Islands	HBV 341 (262–430)	S aureus 173 (119–248)	S pneumoniae 163 (121–218)	HPV 139 (102–182)	E coli 136 (92·9–194)
Norway	S aureus 17 200 (12 300–23 600)	E coli 15 300 (10 100–22 300)	K pneumoniae 6040 (4210–8560)	H pylori 5980 (5260–6600)	P aeruginosa 5680 (4070–7790)
Oman	S aureus 8600 (5880–12 200)	HIV or AIDS 5430 (3260–8040)	HCV 4800 (3260–7200)	E coli 4670 (2980–6890)	K pneumoniae 4270 (2710–6320)
Pakistan	Tuberculosis 4 170 000 (3 420 000–5 190 000)	K pneumoniae 2 140 000 (1 500 000–2 960 000)	S Typhi 1 910 000 (1 180 000–2 840 000)	Fungi 1 890 000 (981 000–3 170 000)	S pneumoniae 1 730 000 (1 320 000–2 290 000)
Palau	S aureus 184 (134–254)	S pneumoniae 136 (103–178)	HBV 127 (86·1–179)	HPV 109 (78·1–147)	HIV or AIDS 96·2 (1·91–464)
Palestine	S aureus 12 200 (8260–17 600)	K pneumoniae 9570 (6270–14 100)	E coli 7860 (5180–11 700)	S pneumoniae 7340 (5270–10 200)	P aeruginosa 6670 (4280–10 000)
Panama	HIV or AIDS 31 700 (29 900–33 600)	S aureus 13 100 (8530–19 300)	Tuberculosis 10 500 (7930–13 800)	E coli 8860 (5670–13 200)	S pneumoniae 8360 (5320–12 600)
Papua New Guinea	HIV or AIDS 223 000 (58 200–630 000)	S pneumoniae 186 000 (136 000–247 000)	Tuberculosis 102 000 (69 000–141 000)	Syphilis 100 000 (31 900–210 000)	K pneumoniae 96 500 (70 500–129 000)
Paraguay	HIV or AIDS 36 100 (23 000–48 700)	Syphilis 25 200 (8980–50 500)	S aureus 23 700 (15 500–35 000)	K pneumoniae 18 100 (11 400–27 000)	HPV 18 100 (12 700–24 500)
Peru	HIV or AIDS 166 000 (97 100–281 000)	S aureus 149 000 (103 000–211 000)	Tuberculosis 105 000 (78 000–140 000)	H pylori 93 800 (68 300–126 000)	S pneumoniae 93 700 (66 400–129 000)
Philippines	Tuberculosis 1 570 000 (1 330 000–1 870 000)	S pneumoniae 693 000 (577 000–834 000)	S aureus 537 000 (421 000–688 000)	S pneumoniae 479 000 (361 000–622 000)	HIV or AIDS 369 000 (348 000–41 000)
Poland	E coli 157 000 (95 200–245 000)	S aureus 154 000 (104 000–225 000)	H pylori 105 000 (86 600–128 000)	K pneumoniae 81 200 (52 400–122 000)	HIV or AIDS 76 400 (56 400–105 000)
Portugal	S aureus 57 200 (43 300–74 900)	E coli 53 000 (36 600–74 300)	H pylori 40 500 (35 400–45 200)	HIV or AIDS 25 600 (24 000–27 700)	S pneumoniae 23 800 (17 600–32 000)
Puerto Rico	S aureus 16 700 (10 900–24 700)	E coli 11 700 (7610–17 100)	HIV or AIDS 11 200 (10 800–11 600)	K pneumoniae 7800 (4920–11 800)	P aeruginosa 7340 (4580–11 000)
Qatar	S aureus 3590 (2100–5800)	HCV 3540 (2430–4980)	HBV 3170 (2150–4430)	E coli 2140 (1260–3480)	K pneumoniae 1600 (922–2600)
Romania	E coli 112 000 (68 200–175 000)	S aureus 98 900 (67 200–145 000)	HBV 75 400 (52 400–107 000)	H pylori 62 900 (49 700–77 900)	S pneumoniae 60 700 (47 000–80 500)
Russia	HIV or AIDS 1 170 000 (1 130 000–1 220 000)	E coli 820 000 (522 000–1 220 000)	S aureus 684 000 (458 000–984 000)	H pylori 537 000 (447 000–628 000)	S pneumoniae 473 000 (371 000–606 000)
Rwanda	Malaria 291 000 (107 000–621 000)	Tuberculosis 233 000 (169 000–304 000)	HIV or AIDS 179 000 (152 000–221 000)	K pneumoniae 89 400 (65 700–121 000)	S aureus 85 100 (64 100–112 000)
Saint Kitts and Nevis	HIV or AIDS 1610 (284–4000)	S aureus 262 (184–365)	E coli 190 (131–264)	A baumannii 187 (109–292)	S pneumoniae 166 (119–226)
Samoa	Measles 913 (572–1350)	S pneumoniae 898 (630–1230)	HIV or AIDS 773 (9·48–6130)	HBV 710 (505–965)	Tuberculosis 666 (487–906)
San Marino	H pylori 161 (103–233)	S aureus 111 (61–186)	E coli 106 (56·4–177)	K pneumoniae 44·8 (24·4–75·1)	HCV 41·1 (25·2–62·6)
São Tomé and Príncipe	Malaria 1160 (405–2560)	S aureus 1150 (832–1530)	S pneumoniae 1060 (777–1370)	HBV 1050 (730–1480)	Tuberculosis 1040 (788–1410)
Saudi Arabia	S aureus 97 400 (65 100–147 000)	Tuberculosis 76 300 (59 000–101 000)	HCV 68 700 (50 000–88 200)	E coli 51 800 (33 400–80 500)	S pneumoniae 46 200 (33 100–65 300)
Senegal	Malaria 423 000 (69 000–1 120 000)	Tuberculosis 200 000 (146 000–254 000)	K pneumoniae 126 000 (91 500–169 000)	Rotavirus 111 000 (45 500–204 000)	Fungi 108 000 (63 000–169 000)
Serbia	E coli 40 900 (23 700–63 600)	S aureus 35 000 (21 600–53 100)	H pylori 22 000 (16 900–28 000)	K pneumoniae 21 100 (12 700–32 200)	HPV 18 900 (13 800–24 800)
Seychelles	S aureus 568 (448–719)	S aureus 561 (471–663)	HBV 501 (376–644)	E coli 378 (278–504)	HCV 352 (257–473)
Sierra Leone	Malaria 955 000 (413 000–1 610 000)	HIV or AIDS 167 000 (129 000–229 000)	Tuberculosis 163 000 (115 000–229 000)	S pneumoniae 148 000 (104 000–203 000)	K pneumoniae 122 000 (88 100–167 000)
Singapore	S aureus 19 900 (16 200–24 500)	HBV 16 200 (13 900–18 700)	S pneumoniae 9600 (8460–10 900)	E coli 8970 (7150–11 400)	Influenza virus 7560 (6540–8260)
Slovakia	E coli 25 500 (15 200–39 200)	S aureus 25 000 (16 500–36 500)	HBV 14 700 (10 200–21 100)	K pneumoniae 12 100 (7500–18 300)	H pylori 12 100 (9280–15 500)
Slovenia	S aureus 8030 (5170–12 300)	E coli 7800 (4580–12 400)	S pneumoniae 5300 (4040–7000)	HBV 5160 (3550–7440)	HCV 4070 (2840–5690)
Solomon Islands	Syphilis 11 800 (4980–20 500)	S pneumoniae 6950 (5620–8580)	S aureus 5540 (4270–7190)	K pneumoniae 5110 (3820–6760)	Dengue 4880 (3100–9270)
Somalia	Tuberculosis 1 360 000 (972 000–1 970 000)	Measles 854 000 (276 000–1 900 000)	Bordetella spp (pertussis) 835 000 (593 000–1 150 000)	Bordetella spp (pertussis) 405 000 (48 100–1 220 000)	Fungi 369 000 (220 000–575 000)
South Africa	HIV or AIDS 8 370 000 (7 070 000–10 400 000)	Tuberculosis 1 200 000 (1 080 000–1 330 000)	S aureus 336 000 (276 000–418 000)	S pneumoniae 330 000 (280 000–395 000)	K pneumoniae 289 000 (219 000–382 000)
South Korea	HBV 412 000 (352 000–473 000)	S aureus 202 000 (143 000–277 000)	H pylori 191 000 (162 000–217 000)	E coli 115 000 (78 200–162 000)	Tuberculosis 80 600 (72 500–89 900)
South Sudan	Malaria 493 000 (173 000–911 000)	S pneumoniae 295 000 (214 000–398 000)	Tuberculosis 280 000 (203 000–380 000)	HIV or AIDS 259 000 (111 000–519 000)	S pneumoniae 133 000 (99 100–178 000)
Spain	E coli 180 000 (123 000–254 000)	S aureus 169 000 (117 000–237 000)	HCV 95 600 (79 400–112 000)	H pylori 94 800 (82 200–106 000)	K pneumoniae 71 800 (50 600–99 700)
Sri Lanka	S aureus 57 500 (37 600–85 700)	HBV 51 400 (30 500–73 600)	S pneumoniae 43 200 (30 500–60 600)	HCV 43 200 (29 200–61 400)	A baumannii 41 100 (22 200–67 100)
Sudan	HIV or AIDS 297 000 (144 000–609 000)	V cholerae 229 000 (100 000–490 000)	S pneumoniae 212 000 (136 000–316 000)	Malaria 196 000 (71 200–436 000)	S pneumoniae 193 000 (127 000–280 000)
Suriname	HIV or AIDS 5660 (5490–5880)	S aureus 2390 (1350–3350)	S pneumoniae 2040 (1450–2810)	K pneumoniae 2030 (1350–2900)	A baumannii 2030 (1220–3120)
Sweden	S aureus 31 900 (22 000–44 700)	E coli 31 200 (20 200–46 500)	K pneumoniae 12 200 (8240–17 500)	P aeruginosa 11 200 (7830–15 500)	H pylori 10 500 (9130–11 600)

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Switzerland E coli 26300 (17400–37500)	S aureus 25600 (17600–35800)	K pneumoniae 10100 (6920–14300)	H pylori 9870 (8480–11100)	HCV 9190 (7270–11400)
Syria S pneumoniae 41700 (30500–57700)	S aureus 40800 (27000–58900)	A baumannii 29600 (17000–47800)	E coli 28800 (19300–42400)	K pneumoniae 27300 (18100–40400)
Taiwan (province of China) HBV 138000 (101000–186000)	S aureus 131000 (89700–191000)	E coli 82200 (54000–121000)	H pylori 64400 (48600–84500)	HCV 56900 (41000–78600)
Tajikistan S pneumoniae 86600 (65200–116000)	Tuberculosis 54600 (45100–66900)	S aureus 41900 (31800–56400)	K pneumoniae 36800 (26800–50300)	E coli 32200 (23900–43200)
Tanzania HIV or AIDS 680000 (1390000–2110000)	Malaria 1640000 (682000–3180000)	Tuberculosis 1230000 (947000–1590000)	S pneumoniae 596000 (449000–78000)	K pneumoniae 574000 (417000–779000)
Thailand HIV or AIDS 865000 (666000–1260000)	HBV 536000 (377000–741000)	S pneumoniae 283000 (189000–409000)	S pneumoniae 260000 (186000–352000)	HCV 258000 (178000–361000)
TLS Tuberculosis 15100 (8670–20400)	HIV or AIDS 14900 (154–89700)	S pneumoniae 13900 (9350–18400)	K pneumoniae 6720 (4990–8920)	S aureus 6090 (4470–7890)
Togo Malaria 387000 (169000–722000)	HIV or AIDS 199000 (150000–267000)	Rotavirus 151000 (53300–279000)	Tuberculosis 124000 (88600–170000)	iNTS 87700 (43500–160000)
Tokelau S pneumoniae 6·87 (4·97–9·39)	HIV or AIDS 6·48 (0·141–31·0)	HBV 5·69 (4·01–7·86)	S aureus 4·48 (33·0–6·47)	HPV 3·67 (2·44–5·47)
Tonga HBV 789 (587–1050)	S pneumoniae 461 (334–628)	S aureus 444 (307–625)	K pneumoniae 406 (276–577)	E coli 336 (223–480)
TTO HIV or AIDS 11600 (11200–12100)	S aureus 5340 (2570–8300)	E coli 4240 (2570–6520)	K pneumoniae 4000 (2350–6270)	HPV 3320 (2390–4490)
Tunisia S aureus 23600 (14700–36300)	HCV 20200 (13500–29500)	S pneumoniae 18700 (12900–26300)	A baumannii 18100 (9480–30100)	E coli 14800 (8810–23300)
Türkiye S aureus 246000 (165000–361000)	H pylori 167000 (125000–211000)	E coli 151000 (97900–229000)	K pneumoniae 134000 (85500–201000)	HBV 117000 (88300–152000)
Turkmenistan Tuberculosis 30800 (24400–38600)	S pneumoniae 29500 (23100–37900)	HBV 26700 (18600–37700)	HBV 26300 (18700–36500)	E coli 22600 (15400–32600)
Tuvalu S pneumoniae 72·3 (52·9–99·5)	HBV 56·7 (38·3–80·9)	HIV or AIDS 54·6 (1·29–267)	Tuberculosis 53·9 (40·2–69·9)	S aureus 49·2 (34·1–70·6)
Uganda Malaria 2210000 (907000–3970000)	HIV or AIDS 1400000 (1130000–1810000)	Tuberculosis 863000 (648000–1130000)	Syphilis 685000 (363000–1330000)	Measles 496000 (163000–1120000)
Ukraine HIV or AIDS 378000 (358000–400000)	Tuberculosis 234000 (191000–287000)	E coli 220000 (131000–327000)	E coli 207000 (132000–299000)	H pylori 191000 (155000–229000)
United Arab Emirates S aureus 17400 (10400–28700)	HBV 13700 (8380–21900)	HCV 10700 (6750–15800)	E coli 10400 (6090–17500)	E coli 10300 (5870–17200)
UK S aureus 324000 (244000–427000)	E coli 284000 (194000–402000)	E coli 124000 (89000–170000)	P aeruginosa 117000 (85800–156000)	Influenza virus 100000 (89000–109000)
USA S aureus 1460000 (991000–2070000)	HCV 1050000 (948000–1150000)	E coli 926000 (640000–1300000)	K pneumoniae 584000 (392000–840000)	P aeruginosa 582000 (386000–826000)
Uruguay E coli 16500 (12200–22100)	E coli 12800 (9470–17100)	K pneumoniae 9230 (6540–12600)	HIV or AIDS 9120 (8560–9910)	H pylori 8620 (7460–9650)
Uzbekistan S aureus 182000 (137000–243000)	S pneumoniae 169000 (141000–206000)	Tuberculosis 163000 (136000–194000)	E coli 133000 (92900–189000)	HBV 131000 (96000–178000)
Vanuatu S pneumoniae 2840 (2090–3760)	Tuberculosis 2230 (1580–2950)	Syphilis 1980 (698–3830)	E coli 1430 (1030–1960)	Bordetella spp (pertussis) 1340 (143–3660)
VCT HIV or AIDS 1080 (1040–1120)	HPV 451 (371–542)	S aureus 446 (319–608)	A baumannii 400 (233–624)	S pneumoniae 353 (258–476)
Venezuela HIV or AIDS 104000 (97700–110000)	S aureus 86900 (55100–132000)	HPV 86200 (61800–118000)	S pneumoniae 73100 (50600–104000)	E coli 63600 (39400–97100)
Viet Nam Tuberculosis 730000 (584000–889000)	S aureus 399000 (313000–525000)	HBV 315000 (221000–444000)	S pneumoniae 276000 (191000–398000)	S pneumoniae 255000 (196000–332000)
Virgin Islands S aureus 522 (350–742)	E coli 432 (287–616)	HIV or AIDS 380 (368–391)	K pneumoniae 343 (220–500)	P aeruginosa 293 (183–434)
Yemen Malaria 309000 (36800–897000)	K pneumoniae 187000 (117000–273000)	S pneumoniae 182000 (119000–265000)	S pneumoniae 161000 (105000–230000)	E coli 140000 (93300–202000)
Zambia HIV or AIDS 1490000 (1250000–1830000)	S pneumoniae 443000 (328000–576000)	Malaria 419000 (147000–848000)	K pneumoniae 158000 (117000–217000)	Syphilis 154000 (55900–310000)
Zimbabwe HIV or AIDS 1280000 (1150000–1460000)	Tuberculosis 646000 (490000–824000)	Malaria 190000 (27200–509000)	S pneumoniae 185000 (143000–236000)	K pneumoniae 157000 (120000–206000)

Figure 4: DALYs associated with the top five pathogens in each of 204 countries and territories in 2019

Colours represent pathogens. Country order is alphabetical. DALYs are shown as counts, presented to three significant figures. 95% uncertainty intervals are shown in parentheses.
A baumannii=*Acinetobacter baumannii*. ATG=Antigua and Barbuda. DALYs=disability-adjusted life-years. *E coli*=*Escherichia coli* (excluding enteropathogenic and enterotoxigenic *E coli*). FSM=Federated States of Micronesia. HBV=hepatitis B virus. HCV=hepatitis C virus. *H pylori*=*Helicobacter pylori*. HPV=human papillomavirus. iNTS=invasive non-typhoidal *Salmonella*. Isl=Islands. *K pneumoniae*=*Klebsiella pneumoniae*. LCA=Saint Lucia. *P aeruginosa*=*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. *S aureus*=*Staphylococcus aureus*. *S pneumoniae*=*Streptococcus pneumoniae*. S Typhi=*Salmonella enterica* serotype Typhi. TLS=Timor-Leste. TTO=Trinidad and Tobago. VCT=Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Third, *H pylori*, which is a causative agent for gastric cancer, ranked as the leading cause of DALY burden in seven countries, and a second and third leading cause in an additional four and 28 countries, respectively. Geographical differences linked to gastric cancer burden associated with *H pylori* have been described previously.[24] Considering *H pylori's* high prevalence in the general population in many countries, it is not surprising that many recent studies are again emphasising the importance of eradication efforts in countries with a high burden of gastric cancer,[24,25] with antibiotic resistance surveillance and vaccine development efforts becoming increasingly recognised as crucial additional steps.[26,27] The World Gastroenterology Organisation has highlighted the pivotal role of local factors in determining the impact and management strategies for *H pylori* infection, which is in accordance with differences in demonstrated burden among countries.[28] Specifically, to ensure the most effective approaches, it is essential to use country-specific burden estimates and the best available local knowledge, rather than simply extrapolating from guidelines formulated in other regions.

For viruses, our analysis showed substantial DALY burdens associated with hepatitis B and C, which ranked respectively as the eighth and 14th highest among all pathogens globally. The under-recognition of hepatitis B and C burden arises from various factors, including inadequate screening and testing programmes, limited awareness among health-care providers and the general population, and unabating social stigmatisation.[29,30] Thus, recognising the burden of hepatitis B and C is essential for developing comprehensive public health strategies that prioritise prevention, early detection, and access to appropriate care. Efforts to raise awareness, improve screening and testing initiatives, and expand treatment access will be pivotal in mitigating the global burden of hepatitis B and C and reducing associated morbidity and mortality.[30,31]

Influenza virus was the seventh highest ranked pathogen for DALYs in children younger than 5 years,

and the 11th highest for all age groups. Influenza virus is notable for its economic impact in low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs), from the direct costs to health-care services and households, to indirect costs and broader adverse effects on economies (despite the seasonal and yearly variations inherent in influenza patterns).[32] This economic burden is not limited to LMICs alone: a recent study examining the costs of paediatric influenza on the health-care system and society in Europe also revealed substantial direct and indirect costs.[33] As new and relevant studies continue to show that receiving influenza vaccines considerably lowers the incidence rate of severe disease requiring intensive care,[34,35] the broader impact of vaccinating children younger than 5 years is pivotal to consider, not only to reduce the burden of disease on health care but also to reduce its associated economic burden, especially in LMICs.

We estimated rotavirus to be associated with more than 10 million DALYs among children younger than 5 years, ranking ninth for disease burden in this age group. This estimate corroborates findings from the Global Pediatric Diarrhea Surveillance Network that, despite the vital impact from the rotavirus vaccine, rotavirus continues to be the primary cause of hospital admissions for paediatric diarrhoea in all regions except the Americas.[36] Nonetheless, at sites where the rotavirus vaccine had been introduced, the proportion of hospitalisations attributed to rotavirus was approximately 50% lower than at sites where the vaccine had not yet been implemented,[36] suggesting real-world effectiveness of the vaccine. However, the ongoing burden of disease highlights the need to increase vaccine delivery and uptake in high-burden regions and to identify other preventable factors contributing to viral transmission.

Among the pathogens that receive considerable global attention, HPV had a burden that was smaller than anticipated. This finding might reflect past successes in various public health programmes and interventions. We should emphasise that in this study we have focused on cervical cancer as a proxy of the burden associated with HPV infection; although cervical cancer has been extensively studied as the primary outcome associated with HPV infection, we are cognisant that other forms of HPV-related cancers can be overlooked in terms of research investment.[37] Nevertheless, our study should not detract from hard-won gains in HPV immunisation, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, where the aggressive nature of the disease is intertwined with the HIV burden.[38] The results of our study simply caution that there are hitherto neglected priorities in terms of the pathogen-associated burden.

We found considerable disparity in the proportion of total DALYs from all causes that were associated with infectious causes among different super-regions, especially comparing sub-Saharan Africa with the high-income region. The super-region of sub-Saharan Africa had the highest percentage of infectious DALYs among total DALYs, at 61·5% in all ages (79·3% in those younger than 5 years), whereas the high-income region had the lowest percentage, at 9·8% in all ages (16·5% in those younger than 5 years). This discrepancy can be attributed to several factors, including poor sanitation, limited access to clean water, and poor hygiene practices in LMICs,[39] and notable differences in health-care infrastructure, access to essential medicines, and prevention options between LMICs and high-income settings.[40,41] In our study, the fraction of DALYs associated with infectious causes was also high in south Asia, a finding consistent with literature describing the sizeable economic consequences of communicable diseases such as HIV or AIDS, malaria, and dengue fever on individuals in resource-poor settings.[42] These findings highlight the need for both region-specific and global estimates for improved priority setting and policy development.

A study by Head and colleagues found that, from 2000 to 2017, global spending on infectious disease research was US$105 billion (with 74·8% of this funding in preclinical science and 20·4% in public health);[43] however, the allocation of this funding did not necessarily correspond to the burden of disease or the level of risk posed by specific infections. For instance, the study ranked genital herpes among the top two positions in terms of investment, with $3101 per DALY; this is incongruent with our burden assessment in which it was responsible for 0·253 million (95% UI 0·080–0·628) DALYs (with a DALY rate of 3·3 [95% UI 1·1–8·1] per 100 000 population). Furthermore, the previous study, which used GBD data, reported that syphilis received the lowest proportion of investment, with only $9 per DALY.[43] However, our research indicates that syphilis was responsible for 9·54 million (3·00–19·4) DALYs in 2019 (with a DALY rate of 123·3 [43·9–250·4] per 100 000 population), primarily affecting children younger than 5 years, which is consistent with reports from some countries of surges in congenital syphilis rates.[44-46] Similarly, *S aureus* and Gram-negative bacterial infections (primarily *E coli* and *Pseudomonas* spp) received a relatively low investment in research and development,[43] when considering the associated DALY burden estimated in our study. We acknowledge that our estimates are a single epoch of burden and successful research programmes might have led to reduced incidence and mortality, creating the appearance of a misalignment of funding and burden. Nevertheless, by aligning research funding with the burden of pathogens, we can make substantial progress in preventing and treating such infections.

We should be cognisant that funding decisions are also hampered by insufficient diagnostic capabilities and the associated funding constraints of some countries. As shown by Tufa and colleagues,[47] many African nations exhibit either non-existent or severely restricted blood

culture infrastructure; and the financial responsibility for blood culture procedures typically burdens the patient and their family. In addition, a quantitative estimate of current disease burden alone should not be the deciding factor regarding whether a drug or vaccine should be developed for a specific infectious cause. However, investments in high-efficacy vaccines to help eliminate specific diseases could have substantial long-term cost and health benefits,[48] even if the current burden is low. The need for novel antimicrobials should also be considered for pathogens that are not currently presenting the issue of resistance but might in the future.

Notably, of the 85 pathogens presented in this study, vaccines are currently available for just 22, or a quarter. These 22 pathogens are tuberculosis, malaria, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, hepatitis A, B, and E virus, influenza, rotavirus, *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhi, *Bordetella* spp, *Neisseria meningitidis*, human papillomavirus, measles, cholera, *Haemophilus influenzae*, dengue virus, tetanus, varicella-zoster virus, rabies, diphtheria, yellow fever, and ebola virus. These 22 pathogens accounted for 302 million DALYs in 2019, meaning that more than 400 million DALYs are due to infectious causes for which vaccines are not available or are in the pipeline.[26,49] In addition, among the top ten leading infectious causes in terms of DALY burden, vaccines are currently only available for three (tuberculosis, malaria, and *S pneumoniae*), and these vaccines have low effectiveness.[50-52] Studies have also shown that globally, 20 million infants younger than 1 year are not receiving their complete series of recommended vaccinations. Most of these children belong to the lowest socioeconomic groups and are at the highest risk of disease.[53,54] Additionally, gains in global childhood vaccine coverage have stalled or even reversed from 2010 to 2019,[55] which was especially evident for diphtheria–pertussis–tetanus vaccine coverage in Africa[56] and routine measles vaccination in LMICs.[57] Therefore, all countries should be urged to close identified equity gaps by improving stagnating vaccine coverage. We also recognise the crucial need for improved treatments and evidence-based guidelines in managing sepsis caused by major pathogens. In particular, focus should be on coordinating clinical trials to register new agents, conducting comparative effectiveness trials for existing treatments, and promoting implementation science in LMICs (in relation to interventions such as hospital infection control and antimicrobial stewardship).

Prior to the current analysis, three extensive multinational studies used the DALY metric to evaluate the impact of infectious diseases: GBD 2019,[1] the Burden of Communicable Diseases in Europe project,[58] and WHO estimates of the global burden of food-borne diseases.[59] These studies used diverse methodological approaches to estimate DALYs. A crucial methodological decision regarding YLD calculations involves choosing between a prevalence-based approach[58,59] or incidence-based approach;[1] for example, our study adopted a prevalence-based approach in accordance with GBD methods. In addition to these multinational endeavours, manifold independent studies on the burden of communicable diseases, in which researchers conducted their own YLL, YLD, or DALY calculations using primary epidemiological sources, have been independently done, with many originating from Europe.[60] The most extensively researched infectious diseases are food-borne and water-borne illnesses, with the Netherlands having the highest number of such publications (with substantial variations in terms of scope and applied methodologies).[60]

Our estimation approach used the measure of associated with burden, which, to our knowledge, is the most inclusive approach used to date, as it considers all scenarios in which a pathogen is involved in the pathway to death, even if the cause of death is not directly attributed to the pathogen itself. This measure captures the full impact of pathogens on mortality and disability, providing a more accurate assessment of their burden than the underlying cause approach or attributable cause approach. However, alongside this pathogen-associated burden, in the future it will be pivotal to calculate the attributable burden to quantify the direct effect of a specific pathogen on mortality or morbidity. Knowing the attributable burden could also potentially enable the calculation of DALYs averted as a measure of the reduction in disease burden attributed to an intervention, measuring its effect on population health. Furthermore, calculation of attributable burden might represent the most salient approach to inform decisions on vaccine research and prioritisation.

Our study includes several limitations, many of which are linked to already recognised data sparsity issues.[61] The input data for modelling has incomplete geographical coverage and varies in quality for many LMICs, highlighting the need for capacity building in those areas. Different countries might have varying capacities and systems for detection and reporting of communicable diseases, which can subsequently bias estimates and, in turn, make cross-pathogen and country comparisons challenging. Furthermore, the pathway to death framework relies on clinician adjudication for establishing whether the disease of interest had a causative role in an individual's death, introducing the potential for misclassification bias inherent in subjective clinical judgment rather than objective laboratory metrics. Misclassification bias is also pertinent for morbidity estimates, as in some instances testing is not sufficient to allow for pathogen identification, or to distinguish between colonisation and infection. Furthermore, our estimates for HPV and *H pylori* have been quantified with use of cervical and non-cardia gastric cancers as proxies, which omits the low but increasingly recognised burdens of other malignancies associated with these two infectious agents.[62,63] The decision to group fungi together was influenced by the diagnostic complexities associated with

detecting fungal pathogens, and we are cognisant that diagnostic yield when culture methods are used can be suboptimal (not only for fungi, but for some bacterial species such as *Mycoplasma* spp). Cases of tuberculosis-associated or HIV-associated opportunistic infections were not included as part of the causative pathway for these diseases, given that they are categorised as cases of tuberculosis and HIV according to GBD methodology. We are aware that some comorbidities at older ages might aggravate the severity of a given infectious disease, implying the need to modify disability weights and consider the attributable fraction due to the infections as opposed to the other underlying conditions. Our YLD estimates for many of our infections are only for acute infection, so they do not include other post-acute sequelae of the disease (eg, post-traumatic stress disorder after intensive care unit admission due to sepsis, rheumatic fever after *S pyogenes* infection, childhood stunting after *Shigella* infection, post-kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis, or post-Ebola syndrome), leading to under-representation of the DALY burden of implicated pathogens. We acknowledge potential biases, such as selection bias linked to the use of passive microbial surveillance data; however, we addressed specific biases for included pathogens (eg, by using spatial information to adjust the bias associated with the location of antenatal care clinics when estimating HIV burden; appendix pp 16–22).[1] The exact drivers of high burden of fungal infections must still be elucidated to put the results into context. Some other categories in our study should include more detail (such as the polymicrobial category), which we plan to addresss in future research endeavours. Future studies should also account for the complex interactions and cumulative burden of multiple diseases over a lifecourse.

In conclusion, we estimated the fatal and non-fatal burden, expressed as DALYs, associated with 85 pathogens globally in 2019. We included pathogens when they were observed as intermediate causes of death and disability to accurately evaluate and compare impacts on population health. In this comprehensive analysis, we estimated that more than 700 million DALYs were associated with 85 pathogens, and that this burden disproportionately affected children younger than 5 years. We identified pathogens with sizeable associated burden of disease that have not been frequently considered in priority setting exercises and policy-level discussions. Therefore, we urgently call for further research in drug development, vaccinology, and pathogen biology to innovate and accelerate drug and vaccine development for the broader group of pathogens highlighted in these rankings.

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