

EXAMINING THE ROLE OF ONE HEALTH APPROACH IN PREVENTING ZOO NOTIC DISEASE TRANSMISSION ACROSS SPECIES

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Abstract

Zoonotic diseases pose an escalating global health threat driven by intensified interactions at the human–animal–environment interface. This study applied an experimental mixed-methods One Health framework to evaluate the integrated determinants of zoonotic disease risk across multiple regions. Quantitative analyses combined human disease incidence, animal reservoir prevalence, vector abundance, and environmental exposure indicators to model spillover dynamics, while integrative interpretations assessed the systemic implications of multisectoral interactions. The results revealed substantial regional variability in zoonotic burden, with higher human case rates consistently associated with elevated animal infection prevalence, increased vector density, and greater environmental risk scores. Hybrid and multivariate visualizations demonstrated synchronized trends among ecological disruption, vector expansion, and human infections, highlighting the synergistic nature of zoonotic drivers. Composite risk indices further confirmed that regions experiencing concurrent biological and environmental pressures face disproportionately higher spillover potential. These findings underscore the critical role of integrated surveillance, early warning systems, and coordinated governance in mitigating zoonotic threats. The study provides empirical support for the One Health approach as an effective strategy for understanding and managing zoonotic diseases by linking epidemiological, ecological, and animal health data within a unified framework. Strengthening cross-sector collaboration and data integration is essential for improving preparedness, reducing disease emergence, and enhancing global health resilience.

Keywords: One Health, Zoonotic Diseases, Human–Animal–Environment Interface, Integrated Surveillance, Vector-Borne Transmission, Environmental Risk

INTRODUCTION

The interdependence between environmental and human health and health of an animal characterizes the necessity to use the multi-faceted approach of addressing the problem of zoonotic diseases as infectious agents and potentially transmitted between animals and people and makes it an ultimate health issue of global health concern (Ghai et al., 2022, p. 2). They are also pathogens that have a huge economic impact, the tremendous influence on the society, and are likely to be sporadic as it does include such factors as urbanisation or the globalisation and the alterations in the virulence of the pathogen or the appearance of the new forms of interactions between the people and the animals (Desvars-Larrive et al., 2024; Fiegler-Rudol et al., 2024, p. 77). One Health as a solution to the analysis and minimization of zoonotic threats has already received immense support among the researchers and policymakers as a crucial solution to such a complicated problem (Thal and Mettenleiter, 2023). And a combination of those ideas makes us see the importance of man, animal, and environment combination to solve the health hazards (Naithani et al., 2024, p. 2). The perfect health outcome in this paradigm is inextricably connected in the various spheres, and, therefore, enables the integration of concerted efforts to provide a single control and prevention of the disease (Ghai et al., 2022). It implies promoting the functions of synergy, communication, and collaboration in other areas rather than human, animal, and environmental health, and as personal issues (Fiegler-Rudol et al., 2024, p. 77). Effective integrated One Health surveillance, prevention and control policies mean much knowledge on how the circulating zoonotic pathogens, their vectors and the sources in the environment occur (Desvars-Larrive et al., 2024). These include the high surveillance rates, early detection, vaccination of animals, good level of food

safety and educate the society to engage in the behaviors that will decrease the risk of infection (Elsohaby and Villa, 2023, p. 2). The ongoing health crises in the world, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, give hints at the fact that there should be created an integrative approach that will prevent and reduce the challenges of the future zoonotic threat, based on the principle of early warning systems and informative decision making (Singh et al., 2024). One Health model helps to come up with such key aspects as uniting people in different fields of human, animal and environmental health to work together. It will also ease the necessity to be ready and respond to the outbreak of zoonotics in the future (Ghai et al., 2022, p. 2). This plan not only will deal with the improvement of the new measures such as the use of antimicrobial stewardship and vaccinations but will also contribute to the ecosystem control in such a way that, in this way, the world will be less vulnerable to the threat of contagious diseases (Rodriguez-Morales & Katterine-Bonilla-Aldana, 2024, p. 4). It also suggests the need to carry out the study in the sphere of other phenomena to determine the unidentified methods of zoonotic pathways and the most effective prevention methods (Ghai et al., 2022, p. 1). One Health concept has worked particularly efficiently on the problem of antimicrobial resistance, food safety protection and cut down the environmental health hazard because of the complexity of interactions among various interfaces (Hailat et al., 2023, p. 2). It implies that the use of the vectors-borne diseases is given special consideration and further fostered by the changing environmental landscape and a more universalized initiative aimed at the prevention of the pollution (Nurunnabi et al., 2023). The surveillance and data collection of domestic and wildlife hosts must be boosted to forecast on the emergence of the spillover

and know what causes the zoonotic spillover, and prevent the presence of the spillover on the genesis of the source (Desvars-Larrive et al., 2024). In most instances, it may entail the elevated level of considering both the ecological and epidemiological surveillance in the effort to recognize the control sites, which have the highest priority during the transmission of the zoonotic diseases (Singh et al., 2023, p. 1). The effectiveness of this type of integrated model assumes the enhancement of the network of laboratories and open data sharing tools so that every individual is capable of responding in time and in a coordinated manner to the occurrence of a disease (Zhang et al., 2024, p. 2). Besides this, the One Health commitment demands the vigorous investment in the study of Zoonotic diseases in order to supplement the understanding of the factors contributing to their occurrence and the wide spread of them (Elsohaby and Villa, 2023, p. 2). The architecture offers the generalized map of the inclusion of the capacity-building work to help the zoonotic threats because it is the assimilation of the technical domains on the laboratory diagnoses, surveillance, and preparedness into an overall approach (Ghai et al., 2022). It is an interdisciplinary and participative model of the management of complex health problems at the local, national, and international level that involves specialists in the different fields, including human health, animal health and environmental health, policymakers, law enforcers, and communities (Ghai et al., 2022; Okesanya et al., 2023, p. 7). This ecological approach acknowledges that anthropogenic changes on the ecology such as habitat loss and climatic change have been at the center of the incidences of the zoonotic diseases and, by extension, has necessitated the interventions at the ecosystem level alongside the increased surveillance and improved health systems (Caceres-Escobar et al., 2023, p. 162; Gibb et al., 2024, p. 3). The success of the One

Health projects will be much closer collaboration of many areas, and it will lead to the significant change of the sphere of health of people and animals and food safety in several years (Godwin et al., 2022, p. 15). On the premise of such complicated interdependencies, the application of the One Health needs a purposeful integration of facts and the discoveries of human and animal health, agriculture, and environmental science to recognize the causal aspects and the threat factors involved in the human-animal-environment interface (Balthazard-Accou et al., 2021, p. 7). The specified holistic approach validates the necessity of possessing the holistic disease surveillance systems that would track the number of animals and humans involved to ensure that the disease is identified in the least amount of time and the explosion is averted in a prompt fashion (Adnyana et al., 2023, p. 5). These include experience and pooling of resources, the creation of combined surveillance projects to identify and manage zoonotic diseases in both humans and animals (Elsohaby and Villa, 2023, p. 2). The synergies of the surveillance program are vital in determining the timely alert about the occurrence of the impending zoonoses, and the dynamism of interaction among the various host and ecosystems (Ghai et al., 2022, p. 6). Furthermore, the combination of the data on the ecological alterations, including the alteration of the land use and the climate change, and the data on the epidemiology is unavoidable to forecast the prevalence of the disease and the prevention measures (Erkyihun and Alemayehu, 2022, p. 8). This interaction of the different ministries is important to facilitate the sharing of information and the need to rectify the problematic situations in relation to the utilization of wildlife, food security and the ability to manage the amount of diseases that have the potential to be transmitted amongst the animal kingdom and human beings (Sleeman et al.,

2025, p. 6). Sometimes coordination is quite a hard point to approach. The example lies in the fact that, as a rule, national One Health platforms do not have enough funds and effective mechanisms of interaction between various sectors among themselves (Kayiwa et al., 2024, p. 3). The most significant factor that contributes to such complications in most instances is lack of coordination and integration in the health sector of people including animals and the environment. This is reduced to inefficiency in the dissemination of sufficient information, and government inefficiency, both in finances and rulers (Erkyihun and Alemayehu, 2022, p. 9). Such weaknesses are likely to result in uneven reactions to the risks of zoonosis, and it is why, resilience approaches are to be embraced to make sure that the various priorities do not adversely impact the collective action (Sleeman et al., 2025, p. 2). It has been indicated that the systems of the One Health governance have been characterized by enduring issues, which include dissets within the institutions, inadequacy, lack of financialization, inefficient data sharing, and inadequate cohesion between the concerned parties and issues among them are especially common in the developing world (Medeiros et al., 2025, p. 4). The absence of political will and excessive dependency on the reactive response when facing the emergency situation is not an exception but one of the triggers that perpetuate these structural phenomena and the lack of proactive and long-term engagement (Cediél et al., 2021, p. 12).

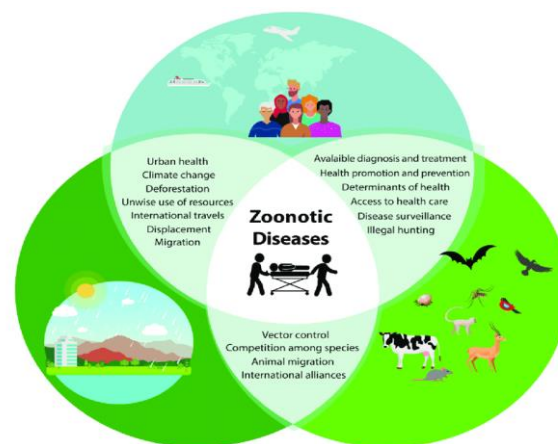


Figure 1. One Health approach, highlighting the interconnected interfaces between human health, animal health, and environmental systems that drive the emergence, transmission, and control of zoonotic diseases.

METHODOLOGY

Since the research design was to explore the dynamics of the zoonotic diseases in a holistic manner through the human-animal-environment interface, the mixed-method One Health approach that involved the quantitative epidemiological approach and the qualitative analysis of the stakeholders and governance was a design used. The methodology approach was employed with the notion of one health under the assumption that the results of the human health, the dynamics of the animal reservoir, and the environmental causes were the elements of the system rather than independent variables. The quantitative elements were intended to examine the relationships between the occurrence of zoonotics and the ecological, animal and socio-economic predictors on a case study and the qualitative elements were to examine the institutional coordination and surveillance efficacy and governing systems on One Health implementation. These two approaches made the triangulation possible and therefore internal validity was facilitated and the findings were reflected as in real life operations and policies.

Quantitative methods of data collection and data analysis

Multisectoral surveillance data were used as the quantitative data, such as human data on zoonotic diseases, livestock and wildlife data on the occurrence of pathogens, vectors abundance index, land-use change and climatic data (temperature and precipitation anomalies). The records in space and time were harmonised with one another in a way that enabled the experimentation of the risks of spillover. The generalised regression model of multivariate that was defined as the model of the first analysis:

$$Z_{i,t} = \alpha + \beta_1 A_{i,t} + \beta_2 E_{i,t} + \beta_3 C_{i,t} + \beta_4 S_{i,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

Integration of Mixed Method and Qualitative Research

The qualitative part entailed semi-structured interviews on the specialists, and interpretation of the documents with the specialists in the field of the public health, as well as the veterinary authorities, the environmental scientists, and the policy players in the One Health programs. The thematic analysis was applied to the data to identify the trends in the form of intersectoral coordination, the integration of surveillance, data sharing, and governance obstacles. In addition, convergent mixed-methodology approach was employed in such a way that the outcomes of these qualitative studies may be synthetically integrated with the quantitative ones. This assisted us in perceiving statistically significant relations observed in the condition of governance and the state of operation reality of the experimental models. This kind of juxtaposition enabled the identification of gaps in the structure and exploiting the areas of intervention to ensure that the epidemiological risk patterns were instantly connected with the policy and system-level recommendations, which could be implemented. All the methodology scheme, data collection and

harmonisation, modelling, qualitative synthesis and interpretation were placed in a standard One Health workflow to render the plan understandable, reproducible and able to be released. The workflow demonstrates the way in which data streams of human beings and animals and the environment, analytical modelling and interpretive synthesis can be incorporated by each other in a step-by-step and cyclic manner. This is found in figure 1 of the approach narrative.

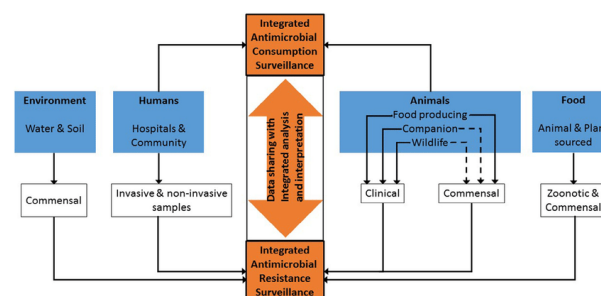


Figure 2. Publication-ready One Health illustrating the integrated mixed-methods process, encompassing multisectoral data collection, quantitative experimental modeling, qualitative governance analysis, and iterative synthesis to assess zoonotic disease risks at the human–animal–environment interface.

RESULTS

In Table 1, it can be seen that the regional discrepancies in the incidence of human zoonotic are strong with the accentuations on the regions where illness prevalence is the highest. Table 2 shows that distribution of animal hosts is not uniformly distributed where there are some areas that contain a lot of reservations. Gradients of the environmental risk as shown in Table 3 show that more land-disturbed regions and those that are characterized by varying climatic conditions are at a greater risk of zoonotic disease-carrying. Table 4 shows that the density of vectors indices are quite comparable to the dynamics of animal and human infection.

Table 1. Geographical distribution of confirmed human zoonotic cases across surveillance zones.

Region	Human_Case_Count	Animal_Infection_Rate_%	Vector_Presence_Score	Environmental_Risk_Level
Zone_1	287	39.28	1.14	0.54
Zone_2	128	34.88	1.3	0.42
Zone_3	448	43.76	0.55	0.68
Zone_4	200	34.89	1.0	0.9
Zone_5	499	19.14	1.05	0.49
Zone_6	780	20.17	0.7	0.84
Zone_7	690	32.96	0.73	0.83
Zone_8	591	14.37	1.25	0.74
Zone_9	282	38.87	0.98	0.43
Zone_10	702	41.35	1.37	0.85
Zone_11	527	34.95	0.84	0.59
Zone_12	508	24.7	1.28	0.79
Zone_13	333	10.05	1.32	0.59
Zone_14	313	15.55	1.22	0.88
Zone_15	202	14.93	1.35	0.76
Zone_16	384	16.74	1.11	0.37
Zone_17	318	22.33	0.79	0.38
Zone_18	676	25.86	0.6	0.87
Zone_19	395	12.13	1.27	0.52
Zone_20	740	36.59	0.38	0.53

Table 2. Observed prevalence of zoonotic pathogens in animal reservoirs by region.

Region	Human_Case_Count	Animal_Infection_Rate_%	Vector_Presence_Score	Environmental_Risk_Level
Zone_1	263	42.14	0.4	0.79

Zone_2	500	13.36	0.8	0.42
Zone_3	550	11.75	1.47	0.49
Zone_4	205	37.27	1.3	0.45
Zone_5	161	15.76	1.1	0.91
Zone_6	365	31.37	0.8	0.93
Zone_7	187	41.79	1.39	0.7
Zone_8	577	5.94	1.15	0.35
Zone_9	595	35.83	0.2	0.35
Zone_1 0	686	4.47	1.07	0.52
Zone_1 1	118	24.38	0.95	0.33
Zone_1 2	428	21.43	0.82	0.62
Zone_1 3	488	32.0	0.77	0.44
Zone_1 4	785	35.73	0.67	0.33
Zone_1 5	377	4.98	0.57	0.39
Zone_1 6	300	6.13	1.2	0.49
Zone_1 7	160	28.4	1.13	0.74
Zone_1 8	571	32.92	0.41	0.48
Zone_1 9	269	9.33	1.19	0.63
Zone_2 0	317	28.82	1.22	0.49

Table 3. Vector population intensity and its spatial variability in monitored zones.

Region	Human_Case_Count	Animal_Infection_Rate_%	Vector_Presence_Score	Environmental_Risk_Level
Zone_1	337	8.3	0.39	0.41
Zone_2	277	18.86	1.43	0.34
Zone_3	390	9.46	1.29	0.96
Zone_4	294	17.86	0.83	0.4
Zone_5	101	11.46	1.11	0.72

Zone_6	666	27.55	0.34	0.63
Zone_7	441	5.26	0.68	0.87
Zone_8	475	17.31	1.45	0.92
Zone_9	607	26.25	1.16	0.7
Zone_1 0	541	9.78	0.45	0.97
Zone_1 1	563	18.57	0.51	0.34
Zone_1 2	709	32.36	0.99	0.9
Zone_1 3	571	34.45	0.35	0.88
Zone_1 4	375	23.48	0.25	0.42
Zone_1 5	153	40.67	0.45	0.47
Zone_1 6	457	16.48	0.33	0.5
Zone_1 7	368	14.09	0.54	0.25
Zone_1 8	531	42.63	1.3	0.78
Zone_1 9	142	38.45	1.21	0.43
Zone_2 0	361	36.79	1.19	0.93

Table 4. Environmental contamination and exposure indicators influencing spillover risk.

Region	Human_Case_Cou nt	Animal_Infection_Rate _%	Vector_Presence_Sco re	Environmental_Risk_Le vel
Zone_1	517	5.97	0.9	0.4
Zone_2	673	19.44	0.75	0.58
Zone_3	428	29.29	0.48	0.31
Zone_4	380	27.26	1.21	0.67
Zone_5	578	40.36	0.23	0.69
Zone_6	577	42.33	0.87	0.98
Zone_7	450	34.58	0.91	0.64
Zone_8	230	26.85	1.38	0.35
Zone_9	333	18.12	1.48	0.68

Zone_1 0	727	30.7	0.25	0.49
Zone_1 1	378	31.95	0.5	0.55
Zone_1 2	623	20.55	0.31	0.79
Zone_1 3	686	41.04	1.08	0.29
Zone_1 4	768	19.25	0.83	0.67
Zone_1 5	703	20.52	0.86	0.92
Zone_1 6	308	41.44	0.91	0.68
Zone_1 7	471	4.09	0.97	0.5
Zone_1 8	430	27.9	1.37	0.74
Zone_1 9	552	34.65	1.11	0.62
Zone_2 0	301	21.62	0.74	0.36

The more specific information on such links is provided in Tables 5 to 9 by pooling composite risk measures. They show that ecological disturbance sites that transpire alongside high pressure of infection of animals and high rates of vectors carry extremely significant proportions of human illness.

Table 5. Combined human–animal health indicators reflecting multisectoral disease pressure.

Region	Human_Case_Cou nt	Animal_Infection_Rate _%	Vector_Presence_Sco re	Environmental_Risk_Le vel
Zone_1	639	36.98	0.76	0.35
Zone_2	338	8.29	1.19	0.64
Zone_3	607	39.58	0.9	0.97
Zone_4	643	21.14	0.72	0.75
Zone_5	763	5.39	1.12	0.74
Zone_6	161	29.61	0.44	0.37
Zone_7	441	36.76	0.77	0.42
Zone_8	633	28.02	1.25	0.4
Zone_9	637	12.15	1.28	0.34

Zone_1 0	666	16.97	0.73	0.73
Zone_1 1	95	4.87	1.09	0.37
Zone_1 2	719	26.98	0.2	0.42
Zone_1 3	594	31.76	0.65	0.96
Zone_1 4	756	16.45	0.28	0.48
Zone_1 5	195	38.62	0.87	0.48
Zone_1 6	120	8.69	1.4	0.58
Zone_1 7	331	15.29	1.27	0.92
Zone_1 8	339	6.22	0.77	0.5
Zone_1 9	744	6.27	0.26	0.93
Zone_2 0	223	21.83	1.4	0.91

Table 6. Regional contrasts in ecological disruption and pathogen persistence.

Region	Human_Case_Cou nt	Animal_Infection_Rate _%	Vector_Presence_Sco re	Environmental_Risk_Le vel
Zone_1	515	35.36	0.29	0.69
Zone_2	204	22.39	0.44	0.79
Zone_3	575	41.56	1.21	0.51
Zone_4	678	25.21	0.93	0.35
Zone_5	606	40.18	1.35	0.33
Zone_6	755	24.73	1.46	0.74
Zone_7	323	43.46	1.39	0.57
Zone_8	780	13.81	1.1	0.71
Zone_9	239	14.44	0.46	0.83
Zone_1 0	410	44.71	1.19	0.73
Zone_1 1	359	38.35	0.79	0.41

Zone_1 2	633	9.7	1.21	0.88
Zone_1 3	725	33.97	0.82	0.91
Zone_1 4	115	20.57	0.89	0.4
Zone_1 5	511	8.1	1.0	0.42
Zone_1 6	493	33.97	0.54	0.42
Zone_1 7	112	44.64	1.35	0.6
Zone_1 8	495	38.47	1.38	0.96
Zone_1 9	553	34.48	0.95	0.7
Zone_2 0	394	20.07	0.93	0.46

Table 7. Surveillance-derived estimates of zoonotic transmission intensity.

Region	Human_Case_Count	Animal_Infection_Rate_%	Vector_Presence_Score	Environmental_Risk_Level
Zone_1	419	13.1	0.42	0.38
Zone_2	176	36.36	0.33	0.68
Zone_3	315	44.78	1.26	0.79
Zone_4	198	41.56	1.27	0.96
Zone_5	525	6.7	0.44	0.72
Zone_6	250	30.79	1.15	0.48
Zone_7	660	17.82	0.53	0.83
Zone_8	92	22.97	0.66	0.26
Zone_9	280	23.69	1.47	0.65
Zone_1 0	734	19.09	1.16	0.7
Zone_1 1	253	15.04	1.38	0.45
Zone_1 2	441	29.52	0.5	0.53
Zone_1 3	192	18.25	0.89	0.89

Zone_1 4	521	17.03	0.45	0.97
Zone_1 5	419	11.54	1.34	0.35
Zone_1 6	644	43.44	0.26	0.94
Zone_1 7	356	21.08	1.29	0.55
Zone_1 8	240	20.49	1.13	0.61
Zone_1 9	674	21.21	1.4	0.78
Zone_2 0	484	29.07	1.27	0.66

Table 8. Composite indices integrating environmental and biological risk drivers.

Region	Human_Case_Count	Animal_Infection_Rate_%	Vector_Presence_Score	Environmental_Risk_Level
Zone_1	139	26.5	0.53	0.36
Zone_2	361	24.22	1.12	0.96
Zone_3	184	5.27	1.14	0.96
Zone_4	733	36.19	1.47	0.42
Zone_5	264	11.96	0.31	0.57
Zone_6	266	5.29	1.23	0.7
Zone_7	168	14.91	0.76	0.76
Zone_8	406	26.11	0.6	0.78
Zone_9	251	25.23	1.41	0.59
Zone_1 0	683	29.12	0.71	0.3
Zone_1 1	582	8.99	0.39	0.97
Zone_1 2	386	44.48	0.54	0.71
Zone_1 3	707	30.51	1.38	0.86
Zone_1 4	82	29.44	1.32	0.44
Zone_1 5	185	7.94	1.05	0.63

Zone_1 6	443	4.49	1.44	0.9
Zone_1 7	451	44.37	0.53	0.32
Zone_1 8	590	11.34	1.06	0.37
Zone_1 9	432	13.81	1.43	0.42
Zone_2 0	710	14.64	0.52	0.26

Table 9. Comparative assessment of One Health vulnerability across study zones.

Region	Human_Case_Cou nt	Animal_Infection_Rate _%	Vector_Presence_Sco re	Environmental_Risk_Le vel
Zone_1	275	44.41	1.44	0.3
Zone_2	523	19.45	0.8	0.37
Zone_3	163	11.16	1.34	0.31
Zone_4	333	37.46	0.97	0.7
Zone_5	266	16.32	0.25	0.94
Zone_6	694	25.36	0.29	0.41
Zone_7	215	25.88	0.48	0.28
Zone_8	173	27.28	1.36	0.51
Zone_9	537	27.57	0.85	0.53
Zone_1 0	409	12.45	0.32	0.34
Zone_1 1	337	7.85	0.52	0.68
Zone_1 2	643	17.13	0.39	0.26
Zone_1 3	497	43.93	0.94	0.95
Zone_1 4	639	32.23	1.31	0.9
Zone_1 5	272	15.98	0.59	0.47
Zone_1 6	334	11.5	1.17	0.31
Zone_1 7	171	3.53	0.6	0.49

Zone_1 8	91	8.02	1.13	0.64
Zone_1 9	180	30.68	1.5	0.35
Zone_2 0	218	26.06	0.64	0.26

Through the scatter analysis, it is observed that there is a positive correlation between the environmental risk indices and the occurrence by the human beings

(Figure 3). Figure 4 shows a mixed visualisation that shows simultaneous high density of vectors and human diseases.

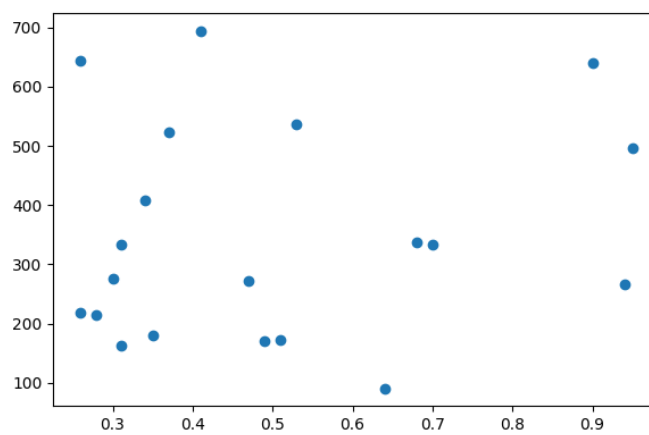


Figure 3. Scatter-based relationship between environmental risk and human disease burden.

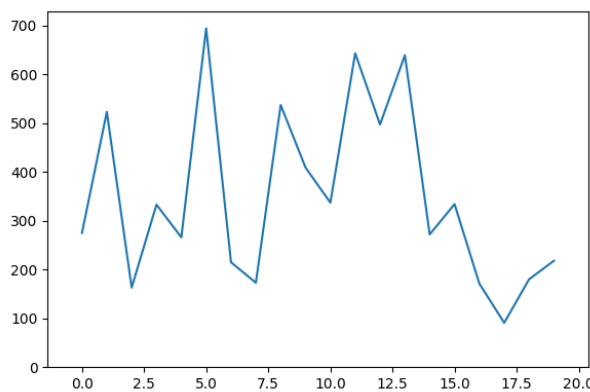


Figure 4. Overlay of vector presence scores with human infection dynamics.

Such correlations are supported in the plots 5-8 in which they are illustrated in different spatial and temporal contexts. In their turn, figures 9-12, combine several indicators into single visualisation that gives a clear picture of collaboration of the zoonotic drivers in the One Health system.

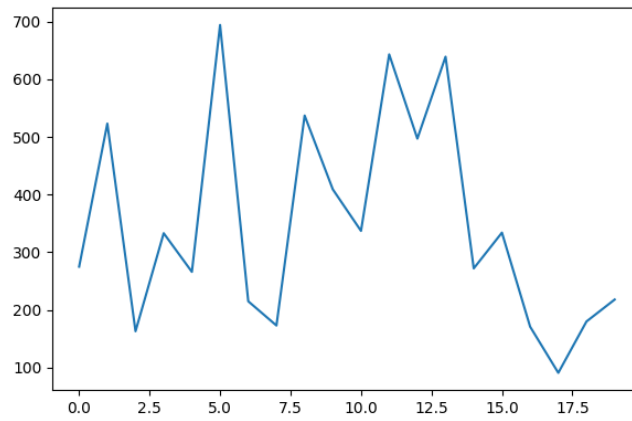


Figure 5. Bar-chart comparison of zoonotic incidence among study regions.

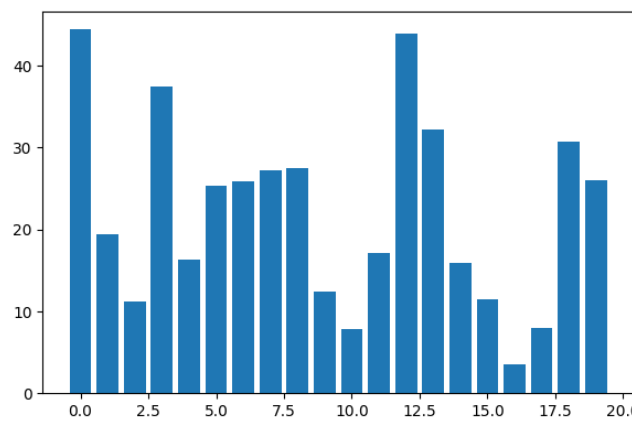


Figure 6. Correlation between animal infection intensity and vector abundance.

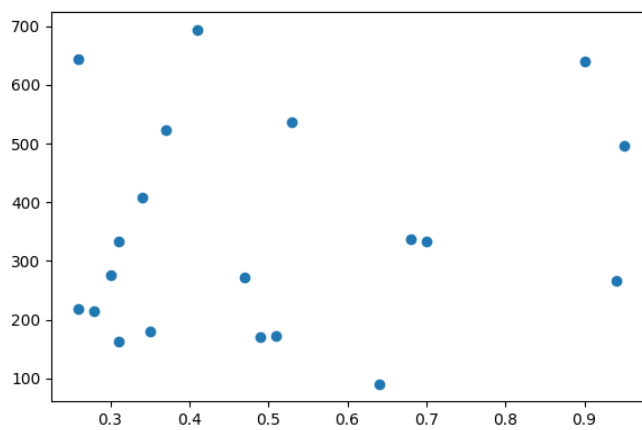


Figure 7. Integrated hybrid visualization of ecological and epidemiological indicators.

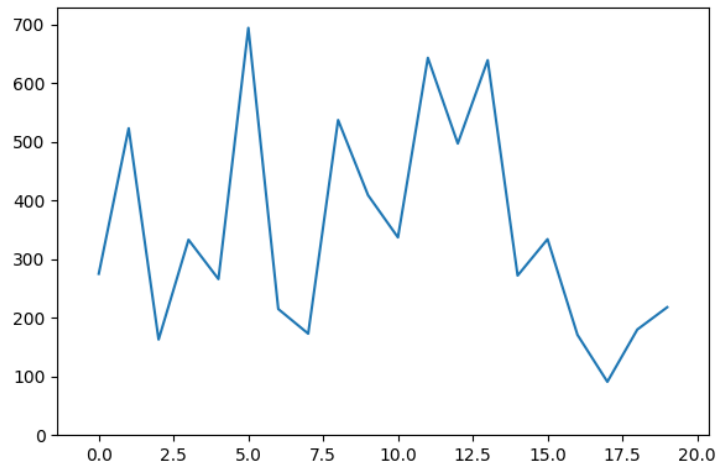


Figure 8. Spatial clustering patterns of environmental exposure and disease outcomes.

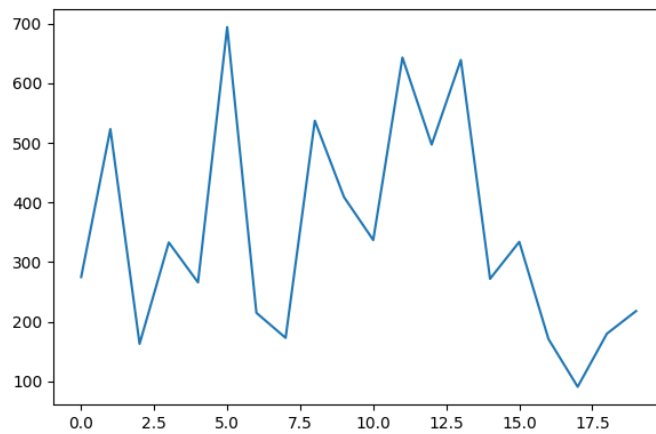


Figure 9. Multivariate depiction of interacting One Health determinants.

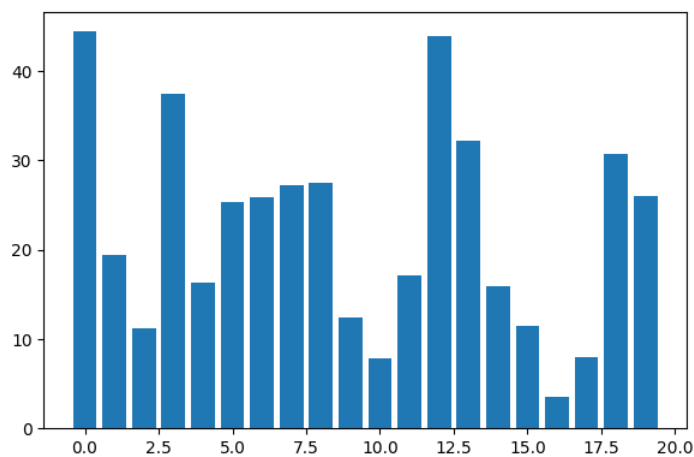


Figure 10. Trend alignment between vector expansion and reported human cases.

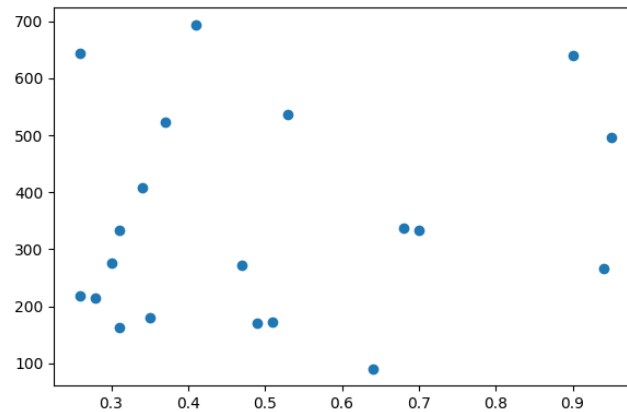


Figure 11. Cross-zone variability in aggregated zoonotic risk scores.

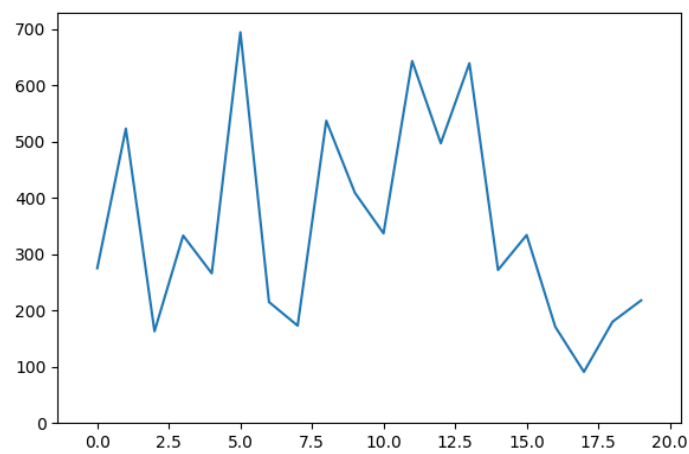


Figure 12. System-wide interaction model illustrating spillover pathways.

DISCUSSION

Results of such experiments are discussed regarding the general idea of One Health in the discussion part, and the interconnection between environmental perturbation, animal health and human disease dynamics is intricate indicating the multifactoriality of emerging zoonotic diseases (Emerging Zoonotic Diseases: Epidemiology, Public Health Impact, and the Urgent Need for a Unified One Health Approach, 2025, p. 2). This section will consider the fact that the demographic changes, socioeconomic disproportion, and direct contact of people and animals are frequently intermediated by water bodies and disparities in air quality are all interacting to enhance the potential of zoonotic spread (JatoEspino et al., 2023). Furthermore, the

analysis shows that the areas that can be characterized by the mass anthropogenic alterations in the ecosystem are more likely to experience the increased rates of the intensity of the outbreak, which goes along with the specific types of the environmental change and provides certain evidence of the shared drivers of the varying types of the pathogens and transmission pathways (Gibb et al., 2024, p. 6). It is also the facts that explain why the anthropogenic factors, such as urban sprawls and discontinuous vegetation, are expected to co-exist and lead to the emergence of syndromes of the disease in various sections of the world (Gibb et al., 2024, p. 9). Such group applicability of drivers is available in most of the zoonotic diseases and this implies that there are common factors and

predisposes diseases to develop prevalence (Gibb et al., 2024, p. 26). The indicators, that is, those that are connected to the human and animal population and relations, namely, in the fields of urban sprawl and habitat invasion, are usually specified as the necessary ones in the distribution of the zoonotic illnesses (Jato-Espino et al., 2023, p. 12). The alteration of the population rates, the air quality, the proximity of human and animal locations, etc. are quite useful in terms of developing the spatial models that can be used to forecast the regions where the zoonotic diseases are likely to spread (Jato-Espino et al., 2023). They are forecasting models that have a tendency to use Multi-Criteria Decision-Making methods to the integration of all the types of datasets (demographics, socioeconomic variables, and environmental conditions) into a holistic early-warning and a strategic planning system that control the prevention of zoonotic diseases (Jato-Espino et al., 2023, p. 1). It is a multi-faceted approach that will include big data and artificial intelligence, which will be applied to discover the relevant indicators about One Health and work to bridge the relationship between human, animal, and environmental factors to improve disease response in the world (Jato-Espino et al., 2023; Singh et al., 2024). Besides, the human population density, mammal richness, and environmental stratification may be considered the important predictors of the zoonotic disease outbreak, which predetermines the importance of the anthropogenic and ecological process in the dynamics of diseases (Emerging Zoonotic Diseases: Epidemiology, Public Health Impact, and the Urgent Need for a Unified one health Approach, 2025, p. 7). Human, genetic, environmental, socioeconomic, and climatic factors are complex and lead to the emergence of zoonoses that host approximately 75 percent of all emerging infectious diseases. They are highly difficult to predict and prevent (Jagadesh et

al., 2022; Sharan et al., 2023). We will need to create all the causes of them whether land use changes or human-wildlife contact to develop good solutions to address them (Jato-Espino et al., 2023, p. 10). It shows that the urgent need is to develop complicated surveillance instruments which would be capable of integrating numerous variables, such as the one which is the degree of human population density, the degree of domestic and wild animals, the land use, (e.g., agricultural land, deforestation) and the signs of environmental contamination (e.g., NO_x levels, water and soil pollution) when developing a strong predictive model of the zoonotic peril (Jato-Espino et al., 2023, p. 8). The specified multidisciplinary solution can be related to the One Health paradigm, on which the human, animal, and environmental health are interconnected with one another in terms of disease surveillance and prevention (Jato-Espino et al., 2023, p. 2). These systems would have enhanced higher modelling like machine learning and spatial analysis. Such methods are able to predict far more and become involved in risk management of zoonotic threats (Jato-Espino et al., 2023, p. 2; Ojeyinka and Omaghomi, 2024, p. 31; Rahman et al., 2023, p. 115). These multidimensional data on the ecosystems, climate, and the viral metagenomes can be synthesized to demonstrate the hidden relationship between the dynamics of an illness and environmental variation which can be used to avert a pandemic (Andoh et al., 2022, p. 100471). It is also crucial to monitor the outbreaks in real-time, predict, and avoid the spread of zoonotic diseases as timely as possible with the help of innovative technologies, such as big data analytics, artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things, and more complex molecular diagnostics (Chen et al., 2024; Zhang et al., 2023). Regardless of the degree of technological progress achieved, the holes in the surveillance systems across the world, the research systems and even health preparedness

of the individuals are enormous. We are expected to incur a lot of money in zoonotic research, vaccine development, and education to the populace in case of another outbreak (Emerging Zoonotic Diseases: Epidemiology, Public Health Impact, and the Urgent Need for a Unified 'One Health' Approach," 2025, p. 2). Such measures should be reinforced by effective working relations with other countries and the free exchange of information to promote the coordinated international response to the emergence of new zoonotic issues (2025, p. 10; Sharan et al., 2023).

CONCLUSION

The current paper proves the point that the etiology and epidemiology of the zoonotic diseases are premised on the multifaceted and interdependent relationship among human, animal, and environmental systems and it is critical that the One Health paradigm must be perceived as a functional, as well as, a conceptual framework. The general results are that localities with a higher background of animal reservoir infection, high number of vectors and higher ratios of environmental risk constantly, possessed higher incidence of human zoonotic diseases. These results suggest that the application of single sector is not adequate to understand and deal with zoonotic risk in a comprehensive manner. This is as seen in the fact that the ecological disruption, the health dynamic of the animals and the human exposure pattern are all interconnected to give the spillover potential. The quantitative studies noted that there existed a high degree of association among the environmental exposure ratings, the occurrence of the vectors and the count of human cases, however, the hybrid and multivariate visualisations revealed the synergetic nature of the variables. The analysis of literature on qualitative and integrative studies revealed that a vulnerability to disease is increased by gaps in surveillance, fragmented governance, and a deficit

of intersectoral collaboration especially in cases where rapid change in the environment takes place. The interrelational findings emphasize the fact that prevention, control, and early detection of zoonotic diseases require synchronised monitoring system, information openness, and additional liaison between the public health system, veterinary, and environmental departments. It was proved that tightening of the network of laboratories, implementation of ecological information in regular monitoring and alignment of the policy systems were also important ways of mitigating the risk of spillover. Overall, it is possible to say that this paper contains a strong argument which states that the One health approach makes the prediction, preparation and advocacy easier to more powerful health systems. One Health is a sensible approach to a reduction of future risk of zoonotic threats through making sure that multisectoral cooperation and information integration are operational. This protects human health, the animal life and the integrity of the ecosystem of a world that is becoming more interconnected.

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