## **Supplementary information**

## Ecology, evolution and spillover of coronaviruses from bats

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**Supplementary Table 1.** Wild bat hosts of coronaviruses reported in published studies. All coronaviruses were considered in our search, but we highlight links between bat species and key bat coronavirus subgenera associated with human infections (e.g., *Sarbecovirus*), domestic animal infections (e.g., *Rhinacovirus*), or are widespread and well characterized (e.g., *Nobecovirus*) based on sequencing information available in the associated studies.

Bat species	Bat family	Key coronavirus	Reference
		subgenera	
Emballonura alecto	Emballonuridae	Nobecovirus	5
Taphozous melanopogon	Emballonuridae		1,9
Taphozous perforatus	Emballonuridae	Merbecovirus	10,11
Aselliscus stoliczkanus	Hipposideridae	Rhinacovirus	12,145,163,173,174
		Sarbecovirus	
Hipposideros abae	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	13
Hipposideros armiger	Hipposideridae	Hibecovirus	1,9,14-17,145,174
		Merbecovirus	
		Nobecovirus	
		Rhinacovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Hipposideros bicolor	Hipposideridae		1
Hipposideros caffer	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	1-4,142,163,172
		Hibecovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Hipposideros cervinus	Hipposideridae		18,163
Hipposideros cf. caffer	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	19
		Hibecovirus	
Hipposideros cf. ruber	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	13,20-22
		Hibecovirus	
Hipposideros cineraceus	Hipposideridae	Rhinacovirus	23,152
Hipposideros curtus	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	163,172
Hipposideros diadema	Hipposideridae		1,5,163
Hipposideros fuliginosus	Hipposideridae	Hibecovirus	163,172
Hipposideros galeritus	Hipposideridae	Sarbecovirus	1
Hipposideros gentilis	Hipposideridae		169
Hipposideros	Hipposideridae		169
khaokhouayensis			
Hipposideros larvatus	Hipposideridae	Hibecovirus	1,9,15,26,27,152,163,173,174
, ,		Nobecovirus	
		Rhinacovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Hipposideros lekaguli	Hipposideridae	Nobecovirus	1,9,163
Hipposideros pomona	Hipposideridae	Hibecovirus	28-30,145,152,163,173,174
		Rhinacovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Hipposideros pratti	Hipposideridae	Hibecovirus	1,31,145
1 1 P. G. C.	1-	Rhinacovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Hipposideros ruber	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	1,4,141,142,156,163,172
		Hibecovirus	
		Nobecovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	

Bat species	Bat family	Key coronavirus subgenera	Reference
Macronycteris gigas	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	1,22,142,163,172
(formerly <i>Hipposideros</i>		Hibecovirus	
gigas)			
Macronycteris vittatus	Hipposideridae	Duvinacovirus	24,25,32
(formerly <i>Hipposideros</i>		Hibecovirus	
commersoni)		Nobecovirus	
Cardioderma cor	Megadermatidae		24,32
Lyroderma lyra	Megadermatidae		1,9,163,174
(formerly <i>Megaderma</i>			
lyra)			
Miniopterus africanus	Miniopteridae		24
Miniopterus australis	Miniopteridae		33
Miniopterus fuliginosus	Miniopteridae		1,14,30,31,34,35,140,162,171
Miniopterus fuscus	Miniopteridae		30,145
Miniopterus inflatus	Miniopteridae		1,22,24,142
Miniopterus magnater	Miniopteridae		1,9,36-39,163
Miniopterus minor	Miniopteridae		2,24,32
Miniopterus mossambicus	Miniopteridae		3
Miniopterus natalensis	Miniopteridae		7,24
Miniopterus pusillus	Miniopteridae		9,36-40,145,163,174
Miniopterus schreibersii	Miniopteridae	Merbecovirus	8,9,17,30,33,37,41-47,140,145,163,171,174
		Rhinacovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Chaerephon plicatus	Molossidae	Merbecovirus	26,31,48,49,152,169,174
		Sarbecovirus	
Chaerephon pumilus	Molossidae	Duvinacovirus	1-4,6,24,142,163
		Nobecovirus	
Cynomops abrasus	Molossidae		50
Cynomops planirostris	Molossidae		50
Eumops glaucinus	Molossidae	Merbecovirus	51
Molossus currentium	Molossidae		52
Molossus molossus	Molossidae		53-55
Molossus rufus	Molossidae		51,52,54,55
Mops condylurus	Molossidae	Hibecovirus	1-3,6,142,163,172
		Nobecovirus	
Mops midas	Molossidae		3,7,163
Mormopterus	Molossidae		3
francoismoutoui			
Mormopterus jugularis	Molossidae		3
Nyctinomops laticaudatus	Molossidae	Merbecovirus	1,56
Otomops martiensseni	Molossidae		24,32,163
Tadarida brasiliensis	Molossidae		1,53,56,158
Tadarida teniotis	Molossidae	Sarbecovirus	8,57
Pteronotus davyi	Mormoopidae		54
Pteronotus parnellii	Mormoopidae		1,52,56
Pteronotus personatus	Mormoopidae		1
Mystacina tuberculata	Mystacinidae		58
Nycteris cf. gambiensis	Nycteridae	Merbecovirus	59
Nycteris macrotis	Nycteridae	Merbecovirus	141

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41,142,163,172
63,169,174
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Bat species	Bat family	Key coronavirus subgenera	Reference
Pteropus alecto	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	1,33,73
Pteropus conspicillatus	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	163
Pteropus lylei	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	74,163
Pteropus medius	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	1,75-77,163
(formerly Pteropus			
giganteus)			
Pteropus rufus	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	67
Rousettus aegyptiacus	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	1,2,4,6,24,32,78,141,163,172
Rousettus	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	1,5,27,64,170
amplexicaudatus			
Rousettus leschenaultii	Pteropodidae	Merbecovirus	1,23,27-29,40,71,79-81,159,162,163,174
		Nobecovirus	
Rousettus	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	3
madagascariensis			
Rhinolophus acuminatus	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	151,163
Rhinolophus affinis	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	1,12,30,47,82,83,145,146,161,163,169,174
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus blasii	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	45,163
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus cf. clivosus	Rhinolophidae	Duvinacovirus	6,139
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus clivosus	Rhinolophidae	Duvinacovirus	1,4,84
Milliolophus chvosus	Milliolopilluac	Hibecovirus	
		Rhinacovirus,	
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus cornutus	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	85,148
Rhinolophus creaghi	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	1,163
Rhinolophus darlingi	Rhinolophidae		141
Rhinolophus euryale	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	8,45,86,163
,	,	Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus	Rhinolophidae	Merbecovirus	1,8,12,17,23,29,31,43-45,57,78,83,86,89-
ferrumequinum		Nobecovirus	93,140,145,159,160,163,171,174
		Rhinacovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus fumigatus	Rhinolophidae		2
Rhinolophus hildebrandtii	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	32
Rhinolophus hipposideros	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	86,94,95,160,165
Rhinolophus landeri	Rhinolophidae		2,32
Rhinolophus lepidus	Rhinolophidae		163
Rhinolophus lobatus	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	3
Rhinolophus macrotis	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	17,43,83,91,145
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus malayanus	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	96,152,169,174
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus marshalli	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	169
Rhinolophus megaphyllus	Rhinolophidae		33
Rhinolophus mehelyi	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	45,163
Rhinolophus monoceros	Rhinolophidae	Sarbecovirus	14,17,97

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		subgenera	
Rhinolophus pearsonii	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	17,43,91,174
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus pusillus	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	17,31,46,49,82,83,93,98,99,145,152,153,163,169
		Sarbecovirus	,174
Rhinolophus rex	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	1,17,82
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus rhodesiae	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	3
Rhinolophus rufus	Rhinolophidae	Nobecovirus	5
Rhinolophus shameli	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	1,9,27,83,150
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus sinicus	Rhinolophidae	Nobecovirus	1,12,17,23,30,31,38,40,43,82,83,100-
		Rhinacovirus	109,145,147,152,159,163,173,174
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus stheno	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	29,152,161
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus thomasi	Rhinolophidae	Rhinacovirus	17,163
		Sarbecovirus	
Rhinolophus trifoliatus	Rhinolophidae		18,163
Rhinonicteris aurantia	Rhinonycteridae	Hibecovirus	33
Triaenops afer	Rhinonycteridae	Setracovirus	1,3,32,142
Triaenops menamena	Rhinonycteridae		3
Triaenops persicus	Rhinonycteridae	Merbecovirus	1,6,142
		Nobecovirus	
		Setracovirus	
Rhinopoma hardwickii	Rhinopomatidae	Nobecovirus	10,163
		Sarbecovirus	
Bauerus dubiaquercus	Vespertilionidae		1
Chalinolobus gouldii	Vespertilionidae		110
Chalinolobus morio	Vespertilionidae		110
Corynorhinus townsendii	Vespertilionidae		154
Eptesicus fuscus	Vespertilionidae		56,111-113,149
Eptesicus isabellinus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	42
Eptesicus nilssonii	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	114
Eptesicus serotinus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	8,92,98,115,116,171
Glauconycteris poensis	Pteropodidae		163
Glauconycteris variegata	Pteropodidae	Nobecovirus	163
Falsistrellus mackenziei	Vespertilionidae		110
Hypsugo alaschanicus	Vespertilionidae		140,171
Hypsugo pulveratus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	101,159
Hypsugo savii	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	42,94,117
la io	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,118,145
Kerivoula hardwickii	Vespertilionidae		163
Kerivoula pellucida	Vespertilionidae		163
Kerivoula titania	Vespertilionidae		14
Murina cyclotis	Vespertilionidae		152
Murina leucogaster	Vespertilionidae		17,23
Murina recondita	Vespertilionidae		14
Myotis adversus	Vespertilionidae		174
Myotis aurascens	Vespertilionidae		171

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Myotis bechsteinii	Vespertilionidae		119,120
Myotis blythii	Vespertilionidae		42,89,115
(includes <i>Myotis</i>			
oxygnathus)			
Myotis bombinus	Vespertilionidae		140
Myotis brandtii	Vespertilionidae		114
Myotis californicus	Vespertilionidae		1
Myotis capaccinii	Vespertilionidae		8
Myotis chinensis	Vespertilionidae		145,174
Myotis dasycneme	Vespertilionidae		116,120,121,167
Myotis daubentonii	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus Rhinacovirus	1,8,23,29,31,42,86,89,114,116,120-122,163,167
Myotis davidii	Vespertilionidae		17
Myotis emarginatus	Vespertilionidae		41,90
Myotis evotis	Vespertilionidae		113
Myotis fimbriatus	Vespertilionidae		14,98,163
Myotis formosus (formerly Myotis flavus)	Vespertilionidae		14
Myotis horsfieldii	Vespertilionidae	Nobecovirus	1,27,145,163
Myotis ikonnikovi	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	171
Myotis laniger	Vespertilionidae	Rhinacovirus	152,163
Myotis longipes	Vespertilionidae	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1,174
Myotis lucifugus	Vespertilionidae		113,123,124,125
Myotis macrodactylus	Vespertilionidae		140,171
Myotis macropus	Vespertilionidae		33,126
Myotis muricola	Vespertilionidae		152
Myotis myotis	Vespertilionidae		1,8,42,86,89,127,157
Myotis nattereri	Vespertilionidae		8,41,86,89,116,119,122
Myotis nigricans	Vespertilionidae		51
Myotis occultus	Vespertilionidae		111
Myotis pequinius	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	98
Myotis petax	Vespertilionidae		140,171
Myotis pilosus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,31,38,43,46,98,145,163,174
(formerly <i>Myotis ricketti</i> )		Rhinacovirus	
Myotis punicus	Vespertilionidae		8
Myotis riparius	Vespertilionidae		51
Myotis siligorensis	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus Rhinacovirus	17,163,174
Myotis velifer	Vespertilionidae		1,56
Myotis volans	Vespertilionidae		113
Myotis welwitschii	Vespertilionidae		163
Neoromicia capensis	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	7,128,129
Neoromicia cf. zuluensis	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	130
Neoromicia somalica	Vespertilionidae	Nobecovirus	163
Nyctalus lasiopterus	Vespertilionidae		42
Nyctalus leisleri	Vespertilionidae		45
Nyctalus noctula	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	94,121,157
Nyctalus plancyi	Vespertilionidae		1,31

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tional called a Microbiolica		subgenera	
(includes <i>Nyctalus velutinus</i> )			
Nyctophilus geoffroyi	Vespertilionidae		110
Nyctophilus gouldi	Vespertilionidae		110
Perimyotis subflavus	Vespertilionidae		131
Pipistrellus abramus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	31,38,43,92,101,118,132,145,171,174
ripistrelius abrailius	vespertillorlidae	Nobecovirus	
		Sarbecovirus	
Pipistrellus cf. hesperidus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	6,133
Pipistrellus coromandra	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,27,163
Pipistrellus hesperidus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,163
'	Vespertilionidae	IVIELDECOVILUS	172
Pipistrellus inexspectatus	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	A 4 l i	10,42,78,89,94,117,134,168
Pipistrellus kuhlii	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	10,42,70,03,54,117,154,100
(includes <i>Pipistrellus</i>		Nobecovirus	
deserti)	N/ 1212 2 1	100	59,119,120
Pipistrellus nathusii	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,41,43,59,89,118,121,135,157,166
Pipistrellus pipistrellus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	59,86,116,119,120,167
Pipistrellus pygmaeus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	118
Pipistrellus tenuis	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	110
(formerly <i>Pipistrellus</i>			
minus)			57,89
Plecotus auritus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	57,69
		Sarbecovirus	14
Plecotus taivanus	Vespertilionidae		
Scotophilus dinganii	Vespertilionidae	Nobecovirus	1,32,142,172
Scotophilus heathii	Vespertilionidae	Nobecovirus	9,26,163,174
Scotophilus kuhlii	Vespertilionidae	Nobecovirus	1,9,14,27,43,97,136,137,145,147,163,174
Scotophilus leucogaster	Vespertilionidae	Nobecovirus	1,172
Scotophilus nux	Vespertilionidae		1,163,172
Submyotodon latirostris	Vespertilionidae		14
Tylonycteris pachypus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,31,38,43,46,101,118,132,145,155,159,163,174
		Rhinacovirus	
Tylonycteris robustula	Vespertilionidae	Rhinacovirus	101,174
Vespadelus baverstocki	Vespertilionidae		110
Vespadelus pumilus	Vespertilionidae		33
Vespadelus regulus	Vespertilionidae		110
Vespertilio murinus	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	157
Vespertilio sinensis	Vespertilionidae	Merbecovirus	1,31,92,118,138,145,171
(formerly <i>Vespertilio</i>		Hibecovirus	
superans)			

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**Supplementary Table 2.** Comparison of difference approaches to studying coronaviruses in bats. A total of 214 original studies on bat-associated coronaviruses were classified into study types. Study types were not exclusive, so a study may fit into multiple types depending on the sampling

approach and analytical methods. All classified studies can be found in Supplementary Dataset 1.

Study type and	Number of studies	Overview	What we can learn	Advantages	Caveats
description  Experimental Experimental infection of individual bats or bat cell lines, or other viral manipulations in a controlled environment	Bat cell lines: 29 Live bats: 6	Bat cell experiments  Target cells: brain, embryo, intestine, kidney, lung  Tested viruses: multiple bat SARS-related CoVs,	Characterization of newly detected viruses     Bat species susceptibility to infection and doseresponse	Ability to test Koch's postulates using different strains and bat species     Causal inference     Controlled environment	<ul> <li>Relies on existing viral isolates; cannot isolate new pathogens</li> <li>No ecological context; impossible to accurately</li> </ul>
		BatCoV HKU4, BatCoV HKU9, HCoV-229E, HCoV- NL63, MERS-CoV, PEDV, Ro-BatCoV GCCDC1, SADS- CoV, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2, Scotophilus bat CoV	relationships  Magnitude, quality, and kinetics of immune responses to pathogens, and mechanisms of viral control or tolerance  Disease pathogenesis (or lack thereof)	<ul> <li>Rapid technological advances make diagnostic tools affordable</li> <li>Relatively rapid data acquisition</li> </ul>	replicate environmental conditions • Lab conditions may not effectively mimic the environmental conditions that drive infections in reservoir hosts
		512, TGEV <u>Live bat experiments</u> • Tested hosts and viruses: <i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i> (MERS-CoV), <i>Eptesicus fuscus</i> (SARS-CoV-2), <i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Individual and within- host infection, disease, and immunological processes, especially those required for dynamic modeling (e.g., infectious		<ul> <li>Challenging and expensive to house and breed colonies of bats</li> <li>Often requires biosafety level 3 or 4 facilities and specialized training</li> </ul>
		(Myl-CoV), Rousettus leschenaultii (BatCoV HKU9), Rousettus aegyptiacus (bat SARSr-CoV WIV1, SARS-CoV-2)	periods, acute vs. latent infections, waning immunity, etc.) • Tissue tropism and routes of virus excretion and transmission		A bat is not a bat, and a virus is not a virus: species-specific responses to infection make it difficult to generalize across species or bat families

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			<ul> <li>Receptor binding efficiency in bats and other potential hosts</li> <li>Facilitative or antagonistic interactions between coinfecting viruses</li> <li>Virus surface survival and sensitivity to heat or desiccation</li> <li>Development of model systems, laboratory protocols, and screening tools for the field</li> <li>Spillover potential to other/novel hosts</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>In vitro studies miss differences in cell recruitment and localization or cell-cell interaction</li> <li>Immortalized cells behave differently from primary cells or cells in an in vivo context</li> <li>Fundamental knowledge of bat immune systems and basic tools for probing bat immune responses are lacking</li> <li>Experiments are usually time-limited (e.g., limited ability to study immune function senescence, viral recrudescence, etc.)</li> </ul>
Longitudinal Repeated sampling of individuals, single populations, or multiple populations over time; ideally, this occurs in closed populations with known individual lifehistories	14	<ul> <li>Countries: Australia, China, Denmark, Germany, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand</li> <li>Serially sampled species: Eonycteris spelaea, Hipposideros cervinus, Myotis daubentonii, Myotis macropus, Myotis myotis, Pteropus lylei,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some spatial and temporal dynamics of pathogens in populations, and maybe in individuals</li> <li>Spatiotemporal patterns of infection (e.g., travelling waves)</li> <li>Transmission rates and dynamics, using carefully collected</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ability to identify and isolate novel pathogens</li> <li>May have ability to repeatedly collect covariate data or track life-histories of individuals</li> <li>More power to exclude time-invariant differences between individuals,</li> </ul>	May not be truly longitudinal: without known recapture of individuals, repeated longitudinal monitoring at a geographic location may instead represent multiple cross-sectional surveys of the population

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		Rhinolophus sinicus, Rousettus leschenaultii	age-prevalence and age-seroprevalence data  • Variation in prevalence/seroprevalence with host traits or environmental covariates  • Parameters of the disease process in individuals and populations required for dynamic modeling (e.g., seasonality, maybe transmission rates, life-history traits)  • Some dynamics of cocirculating viruses  • Interventions that might reduce prevalence or magnitude of an epizootic or enzootic	populations, or environments  Identification of temporal trends (e.g., seasonality)  Potential for forecasting and prediction  Intervention analysis Relationship between time-series variables	<ul> <li>Expensive, time-consuming, and logistically challenging; slow data acquisition</li> <li>Effective implementation requires a strong ecological understanding of the study system and collection of data to determine sampling frequency and duration</li> <li>May be temporally biased; sampling at regular intervals may consistently detect or consistently miss viral shedding</li> <li>May be spatially biased; difficult to sample spatially replicated populations</li> <li>Determining disease dynamics is difficult: requires consistent recapture of individuals, longitudinal sampling that exceeds pathogen infectious period, nonlethal</li> </ul>

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					pathogen detection, and moderate prevalence  • Large sample sizes, spatially replicated populations, and short sampling intervals are needed to understand environmental drivers, and individual and population-level variation in viral shedding  • Relationships that exist for groups may not apply to individuals (ecological fallacy, e.g., virus x detected in all population subgroups sampled in Habitat A; therefore, all individuals or other population subgroups in Habitat A must also carry virus x.
Cross-sectional (intra-species) Sampling of a bat population or population subgroup(s) at a specific timepoint	14		<ul> <li>Genetic variation of strains within host population(s)</li> <li>Spatial distribution of strains within host population(s)</li> <li>Some differences between</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Relatively fast and inexpensive</li> <li>Sampling of isolated populations can help distinguish between population-level pathogen persistence and spatiotemporally irregular transmission</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No ability to detect seasonality or other temporal trends</li> <li>No causal inference</li> <li>Large amounts of data are required to account for variation</li> </ul>

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			demographic stages (dependent on sampling time-point)  Possible to integrate with longitudinal studies of same species  Natural routes of excretion	<ul> <li>Can sample populations adaptively in response to spillover</li> <li>Ability to isolate pathogens</li> <li>Some ability to detect spatial variation or statistically analyze differences.</li> </ul>	among individuals or populations  • Effective implementation requires a strong ecological understanding of the study system  • May be temporally biased: sampling during peaks or troughs in population prevalence will overor underestimate geographic variation in prevalence or genetic diversity  • May be spatially biased: at one timepoint, different population subgroups may have peaks or troughs in prevalence  • Ecological fallacy (as in longitudinal studies)
Cross-sectional (inter-species) Sampling of bat assemblages or a subset of a bat assemblage (>1 species) at a specific timepoint	123	<ul> <li>Sampled countries:</li> <li>69</li> <li>Sampled bat families:</li> <li>18</li> <li>Positive bat families:</li> <li>14</li> <li>Sampled bat species:</li> <li>543</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identity of potential reservoir hosts</li> <li>Potential exchange of strains between hosts</li> <li>Host and geographic factors that impact viral diversity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rapid detection of viruses in multiple species</li> <li>Ability to isolate pathogens</li> <li>Some ability to detect species-level differences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Same caveats as intra-species cross-sectional studies</li> <li>Often low sample sizes for opportunistically sampled species</li> <li>Species bias: research effort may</li> </ul>

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		• Positive bat species: 238		Relatively fast and inexpensive	inadvertently skew importance of a particular species as a reservoir or spillover host  • Ecological fallacy (as in longitudinal and intra-species cross-sectional studies)
Multi-pathogen detection Detection of multiple pathogens (virus families, strains, or other parasite taxa) using metagenomic sequencing or other targeted methods on samples collected during cross-sectional or longitudinal sampling at the individual- or population-level	36		Viral species diversity, abundance, and community dynamics Some information about periods of potential spillover risk for newly detected viruses not yet known to be zoonotic Coinfection and some insight into interactive effects of viruses on hosts	Can be combined with next-generation sequencing to identify viral communities  May require little to no fieldwork if samples are already available  Can be relatively inexpensive with rapid data acquisition (design dependent)	<ul> <li>Same caveats as longitudinal or cross-sectional studies, depending on design</li> <li>May be difficult to distinguish between facilitative or antagonistic interactions between coinfecting viruses or viruses synchronously shed from a bat population; requires large sample sizes combined with simulation or experimental studies</li> <li>Drivers of multi-viral infection or shedding may be difficult to detect (e.g., may be driven by facilitative interaction between known or undetected coinfecting viruses, interactions with host physiology/immunity,</li> </ul>

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					and/or a response to optimal environmental conditions)  Biased detection: high titers of one virus in a sample may reduce assay sensitivity to other viruses  No causal inference Co-detection of pathogens in pooled or population-level samples may reflect coinfection or contribution of multiple bats to the collected sample
Sequencing only Viral sequencing on samples collected during longitudinal or cross-sectional sampling; little collection of data on other covariates	29		<ul> <li>Comparative genomics</li> <li>Mutation and evolutionary rates</li> <li>Virus discovery</li> <li>Effective population size and genetic diversity of virus within or across subpopulations</li> <li>Some information on viral dynamics may be possible (e.g., through phylodynamics)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires little background knowledge of study system</li> <li>Relatively inexpensive; rapid data acquisition</li> <li>May require little to no fieldwork if samples are already available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No ecological or physiological context</li> <li>No causal inference</li> </ul>