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## B. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### B.1 WHAT ARE THE MAJOR GOALS OF THE PROJECT?

Zoonotic coronaviruses are a significant threat to global health, as demonstrated with the emergence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) in 2002, and the more recent emergence of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV). The wildlife reservoirs for SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV have been identified (including >260 by our group). These, and other wildlife species, are hunted, traded, butchered and consumed across Asia, creating a large-scale human-wildlife interface, and high risk of future emergence. To understand the risk of zoonotic CoV emergence, we propose to examine 1) the transmission dynamics of bat CoVs across the human-wildlife interface, and 2) how this process is influenced by the nature and frequency of contact among animals. China and people who are part of the market system are unique because they have a high degree of mixing of host species leading to viral evolution, and high potential for spill over from bats to humans. We will pursue three specific aims and will screen free ranging and captive bats in China for CoVs. We will also study the role of bats in the spread of high-pathogenicity viruses in goats and other wild mammals. We have already developed a set of bioinformatics tools and mathematical models to examine the risk of future bat CoV spillover to humans. This work will be conducted in collaboration with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

**Specific Aim 1: Assessment of CoV spillover potential at high-risk sites in China** China probably has enhanced potential for bat-CoVs to infect others. We will compare the genetic diversity of mammalian CoVs in market systems compared to within intact ecosystems of China and Southeast Asia. We will interview people about the nature and frequency of contact with wild species, collect blood samples from bats that are "posed to wildlife," and collect a full range of clinical samples from bats and other mammals in the market system.

**Specific Aim 2: Receptor evolution, host range and predictive modeling** Our hypotheses: 1) CoV host-range in bats and other mammals is limited by the phylogenetic relatedness of host species, and 2) ecological opportunity for contact between species so that the wildlife trade disrupts the natural co-phylogeny and promotes viral evolution. We will develop CoV phylogenies from sequence data collected previously by our group, and in the proposed study, as well as from Genbank. We will examine co-evolutionary congruence between receptor genes (receptor) and neutral genes. We will predict host-range in unsampled species using a generalizable model of host ancestry and phylogenetic traits to explain patterns of viral sharing. We will test for evolutionary selection of market vs. wild-sampled viruses, and use data to parameterize a model of cross-species transmission. We will then use this model to examine scenarios of how CoVs might spread between species.

We will experimentally use reverse genetics, pseudovirus and receptor-binding assays to determine the ability of bat-CoVs to bind to ACE2 and other receptors in cell culture and in humanized mice. With bat-CoVs that we've isolated or expressing different receptor molecules, we will determine the potential for each isolated virus and those with receptor binding site sequences to spill over to other species. We will generate receptor mutants to identify how significantly each would evolve to use ACE2, CD26/DPP4 (MERS-CoV receptor), or other receptors. We will then use receptor-mutant pseudoviruses to determine the ability of each to bind to human and bat receptors, and with humanized mice where particularly interesting viruses are identified, we will obtain public health-relevant data, and also iteratively refine our predictive model to better target bat species and CoV studies to obtain bat-CoV strains of the greatest interest for understanding the mechanisms of cross-species transmission.

#### B.1.a Have the major goals changed since the initial application?

No

### B.2 WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED UNDER THESE GOALS?

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### B.3 COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

For this reporting period, is there one or more Revision/Supplement associated with this application?

No

### B.4 WHAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAS THE PROJECT PROVIDED?

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**B.5 HAVE THE RESULTS BEEN DISSEMINATED TO COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST?**

- 1) Oral presentations and University lectures: PI Daszak and Co-investigators Shi, Jin, Olival, Ge, and Zhang gave >100 invited University and Conference lectures including Forum on Microbial Threats, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Symposium at École du Val-de-Grâce in Paris, Leadership Roundtable at Concordia University Montreal, 1st annual Global Pandemic Policy Summit at Texas A&M, Conf. of the Wildlife Disease Association in Australia, Int'l. Conf. on Conservation Biol in Influenza, Duke University, WDA, ISID conference, Zoological Society of London Symposium, Future of Earth meeting, North American Bat Research Symposium, and others.
- 2) Agency and other briefings: PI Daszak and Research Technician Guanglei Zhu introduced this project to USG partners within the following agencies: Forestry Dept of Peoples' Republic of China, FAO, TNC, TRAFFIC, China CDC, and TIA Foundation in Beijing, EcoHealth Alliance, the State Forestry Administration of China, and China CDC.
- 3) Public outreach: PI Daszak and Co-investigator Zhu reported on this project at the EcoHealth meeting hosted by the Cosmos Club, Washington D.C. (2015); PI Daszak and Co-investigator Zhu reported on this project at a Wildlife Trade and Public Health Seminar in Beijing (2015); PI Daszak introduced this project in a lecture at the New York Academy of Science (2016); PI Daszak presented project and results to date to department heads and senior researchers at Infectious Disease Department of Yunnan Provincial CDC (2016).

**B.6 WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS?****Specific Aim 1: Assessment of CoV spillover potential at high risk hubs in wildlife markets.**

- Given the reduced amount of wildlife in the local markets within South East China and the continued expansion of the Chinese wildlife trade within SE Asia, we would like to conduct short field trips to assess market activity and the potential usage of other high-risk hosts in countries that are part of the international trade (Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, etc.). EcoHealth will support further activities in these countries which would provide leverage to reduce costs of fieldwork, and increase our impact.
- Following the successful collection of ethnographic interviews and topographic groups in Year 2, we will be analyzing the qualitative data collection from Years 1 and 2.

Findings and comprehensive survey tool for a network study of wildlife farmers using a questionnaire to characterize and map the wildlife value chain.

- After the success of our pilot studies in Year 2, we will continue targeting individuals with behavioral and biological survey work in Yunnan and expand to Guangxi, Yunnan, and surrounding provinces.

- We will commence our anonymized surveillance data collection. Anonymized passive hospital surveillance allows for data collection and testing from all eligible non-hospital patients thereby limiting population sample bias and identifying positive cases. The strengths of this approach are enormous: an unbiased patient pool; a prospectively collected, anonymized patient data; a low resource effort with a high efficiency design; and impactful research with potential for both case series and case control studies. We have already secured approval from the Institutional Review Boards of the Wuhan School of Public Health and Hummingbird IRB.

Specific Aim 2: Receptor evolution, host range and predictive modeling of bat-CoV emergence risk.  
Future steps to optimize the model of role of species diversity in CoV emergence risk will include:

- Test hypothesis: implement our receptor evolution model to predict the role of specific data on the role of bats in the wildlife trade network in south east Asia.
- Model viral mixing across the full range parameters found along the wildlife trade network to identify the trade nodes with highest mixing potential. This will include the identification of key nodes in the network, such as ports, transit hubs, and wildlife markets.
- Phylogeographic study of bat-CoV to better understand the geographic distribution and evolution of bat-CoV genetic diversity in south

China.

- Phylogenetic analysis of SARS-like CoVs from different bat species and human populations and infer their historical movements and temporal evolution. Preliminary sequences data has been generated and will be completed and analyzed.

- Cophylogenetic analysis of SARS-like CoVs and Beta-CoV comparing phylogenetic patterns building on Year 2 analyses using published sequences and also including additional sequences obtained in Year 2.

network.

- Examine co-evolutionary relationships between bat-CoVs and their hosts using both functional (receptor) and neutral genes;

- Parameterize mathematical models that predict CoV infection rates, mortality and transmission dynamics

- Conduct surveillance of SARS-like CoVs and lineage C betacoronaviruses (MERS-related).

- Full-length genome sequencing and evolution analysis of SARS-like coronaviruses identified from different bat species at different geographical locations across China.

- Full-length genomic sequencing and evolution analysis of Lineage C betacoronaviruses identified from different bat species and different geographical locations across China,

- Full-length genome sequencing and evolution analysis of HKU9-related bat and HKU10-related bat coronaviruses.

Specific Aim 3: Testing novel hypotheses

- Humanized mice with human ACE<sub>2</sub> will be used to determine the tissue tropism and pathogenicity of bat SL-CoV

- Isolate novel bat viruses and determine the receptor molecules. Spike/lyser potential for each isolated virus will be assessed.

- An infectious clone of full length MERS-CoV will be constructed. MERS-related viruses identified from Chinese bats, the chimeric viruses with S gene of bat MERS-related coronaviruses and backbone of the infectious clone of MERS-CoV will be constructed to study the receptor usage and infectivity of bat MERS-related viruses.

- Surveillance of infected human populations by SARS-like CoVs. This work will be performed at locations in Yunnan, Guangxi and Guangdong provinces, in previously uninfected areas with human populations respectively, for detection of viral RNA, S gene and antibodies against S protein.

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See Appendix II for more

**Year 1 Report: Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronaviruses Emergence****Award Number:** 1R01AI110964-02

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**Section B: Accomplishment****B.1 What are the Major Goals of the Project**

Zoonotic coronaviruses have emerged from bats to cause severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) in 2002, and the recent emergence Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV). The wildlife reservoirs of SARS-CoV were identified by our group as bat species, and since then hundreds of novel bat-CoVs have been discovered (over 200 by our group). These, and other wildlife species, are hunted, traded, butchered, and consumed across Asia, creating a large-scale human-wildlife interface, and high risk of future emergence of novel CoVs. To understand the risk of zoonotic CoV emergence, we propose to examine 1) the transmission dynamics of bat-CoVs across the human-wildlife interface; 2) the evolutionary potential, and how it might force CoV evolution; we will assess the nature and frequency of contact among animals and people at two critical human-animal interfaces: live animal markets in China and people who are highly exposed to bats in rural China. In this study, we hypothesize that CoV emergence may be accelerated by heightened mixing of host species leading to viral evolution, and high potential for contact with humans. In this study, we propose the following aims and will screen free ranging and captive bats in China for known and novel CoVs, occupying regional exposure to bats and other wildlife, and examine the evolution and properties of novel bat-CoVs we have already identified. In these we will discover; we will then use ecological and evolutionary analyses and predictive mathematical models to examine the risk of future bat-CoV emergence.

**Specific Aim 1: Assessment of CoV spillover potential at high-risk human-wildlife interfaces.** We will examine if: 1) wildlife reservoirs of CoVs in China and Southeast Asia, either via evolutionary adaptation or recombination, can spread to humans. Southeast Asia introduces a higher genetic diversity of mammalian CoVs in market systems compared to within intact ecosystems of China and Southeast Asia; We will interview people about the nature and frequency of contact with bats and other wildlife; collect blood samples from people highly exposed to wildlife; and collect a full range of clinical samples from both the general public and those working in wetmarkets, and screen them for CoVs using serological and molecular assays.

**Specific Aim 2: Receptor evolution, host range and predictive modeling of CoVs to predict CoV emergence risk.** We propose two competing hypotheses: 1) CoV host range in bats drives evolution primarily by the phylogenetic relatedness of bats and evolution of conservation of CoV receptors; 2) CoV host range is limited by geographic and ecological opportunity. We will disrupt the natural CoV-host relationship by examining CoV phylogenies from sequence data collected previously by our group, and in the proposed study, as well as from Genbank. We will examine the relationship between receptor genes and host range using both functional (receptor) and neutral genes. We will predict host range in unsampled species using a generalizable model of host and viral ecological and phylogenetic constraints overlaid with patterns of sharing between species. We will test for positive selection in markets with sampled viruses, and use

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**data** to parameterize mathematical models that predict CoV evolutionary and transmission dynamics. We will then examine scenarios of how CoVs with different transmission routes could spread through wildlife markets.

**Specific Aim 2: Testing predictions of CoV interspecies transmission** We will test our predictions in a range (i.e. emergence potential) experimentally, using reverse genetics, pseudovirions and receptor binding assays, and virus infection of cell cultures. We will use SARS-CoV-2 and other CoVs we've isolated or sequenced, and using live virus or pseudovirus infection of cells of different origin or expressing different receptor molecules, we will assess potential for interspecies transmission. By changing receptor binding site sequence, to spill over. We will do this by using the spike (or S) protein (the main binding/fusion) protein genes from all known bat CoVs, creating mutants to identify how significantly each would need to evolve to use ACE2, CD26/DPP4 (MERS-CoV receptor) or other potential CoV receptors. We will then use receptor binding assays to determine which mutations allow for interspecies transmission. We will also use and other species' cell lines and with humanized receptor genes, particularly in non-human primates, identified phylogenetically, or isolated. These tests will provide public health relevant data, and also iteratively improve our predictive models. This work will complement our field studies to obtain better CoV strains of the greatest concern for interspecies transmission.

### B.1a Have the major goals been met?

### B.2 What was accomplished under these goals?

#### Specific Aim 1: Assessment of CoV spillover potential by means of community biology inventories

In year 2, a community based integrated biological behavioral surveillance system was developed and pilot tested to identify specific animal exposure and seroprevalence rates for zoonotic viruses like CoV (i.e., seropositive status).

#### QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

Targeted, in-depth ethnographic interviews were conducted with 73 individuals in rural Southern China where wildlife trade has been documented. Yunnan, Guangxi and Guangdong provinces were specifically selected for study because they have high biodiversity of wildlife species and numerous live animal markets. In Yunnan province, 10 local and ethnic minorities were included. In Guangxi province, 10 ethnic minorities were included. In-depth interviews were conducted in Yunnan province at nine different sites (2,145 total), in Guangxi province at six different sites. In addition, one focus group was conducted in Guangdong province. The study was approved by the Institutional Review Boards of the Wuhan School of Public Health and Nanjing Medical University.

Recruitment sites in each province included farms, local villages, restaurants, grocery stores, wildlife restaurants, live animal markets, caves where people do bat roosts or collect guano and residential areas/farms near known bat caves or roosts. Participants were recruited primarily through local contacts developed as part of the conservation and community engagement work done over the past decade. Contacts including wildlife conservationists, government officials, outreach workers and wildlife farmers facilitated introductions and provided referrals. To obtain a sample with sufficient representation of categories of interest, participants were recruited using

purposive sampling which provides minimum quotas in terms of time and resources (e.g., live animal market, forest transects).

The five core themes that guided the study were 1) disease ecology, 2) human illness experience and response, 3) socioeconomics and daily living, 4) biosafety, and 5) human-environment and movement/travel. A semi-structured interview guide was developed with examples of questions that could be asked for each theme. In addition, field-based participant observation was ongoing throughout the study and involved observing and talking informally with people in their own natural setting. Field notes were maintained of these on-going observations and discussions.

Table 1: Species Observed in Wetmarkets in Guangdong Province from 2015 - 2016

Genus species	Common Name
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	Leopard
<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	Rare Bush Dog
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Wild Boar
<i>Lepus sinensis</i>	Chinese Hare
<i>Arctonyx collaris</i>	Hog Badger
<i>Hystrix brachyura</i>	Porcupine
<i>Marmota sp.</i>	Marmot
<i>Rhabdomys amoenensis</i>	Bamboo Rat
<i>Erinaceus sp.</i>	Hedgehog
<i>Mustela putorius</i>	Ferrets
<i>Muridae</i>	Rat (species unknown)
<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	Nutria
<i>Vulpes sp.</i>	Fox
<i>Mustela sibirica</i>	Siberian weasel
<i>Paguma larvata</i>	Masked Palm Civet
<i>Felis catus</i>	Domestic Cat
<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Domestic Dog
<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Sika Deer
<i>Ovis aries</i>	Red Deer
<i>Capra sp.</i>	Domestic Goat
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Common Rat

Interviews were conducted between March and June 2015 by 10 interviewers,

none of whom had prior experience.

Interviewers conducted between one and 22

interviews; the interviewers conducted two

thirds of all interviewers. Interviews lasted

between 20 and 60 minutes, and were tape-

recorded and transcribed verbatim before

they were translated into English. All

participants received cooking oil valued at

US\$10 in appreciation of their participation.

The data are currently being coded and an analytic database is being developed.

insights can be drawn from the responses of participants, especially those who are older,

that there has been a decrease in wildlife in

the surrounding environment. This decrease

is attributed to many factors including

infrastructure development. The government

has invested resources to build new roads

and renovate local infrastructure with the

intention of increasing tourism. This has

reduced forested area.

Markets in Guangzhou found wildlife to be

plentiful (see Table 1), although no bats were

seen for sale during the observation period.

In contrast, wildlife was not found in live animal markets in Yunnan and Guangxi. This is a change from previous research visits to the same or similar communities, when bats, rodents and wild boar could be found. Locals in Yunnan and Guangxi attribute the change to conservation law enforcement. The success of conservation enforcement may have moved hunting and trapping underground and made it less feasible to observe them, or income generating activities.



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experience in the last 12 months were evaluated. Of those reporting symptoms, 75% reported: raising animals, animals in the home, purchasing live animals, 50% reported buying meat at a supermarket, 11 (10%) (75%) reported handling/preparing recently killed animals, 11 (69%) Handling live animals or having animals in the home, 10 (56%), reported slaughtering animals, 9 (56%) raised live animals, 7 (44%) reported a pet, and 1 (6%) reported animal feces near food or eating animal touched equipment, damaged food, hunting, or eating raw animal products. Finally, among the first 100 respondents, 2 (2%) reported raising animals in the home, 1 (23%) reported having animals as pets, slaughtering/killing animals, or having bought live animals at wet market.

Respondents were asked about the sources of their infection. Most reported they had no idea how they had become infected. However, when asked about potential behavior changes made at live animal markets in the last 12 months, participants reported a great deal of change. In particular, respondents reported buying live animals less often (38%), only buying from supermarkets (23%), and not buying live animals (23%). (See Table 3).

**Table 3: Behavior Change at Wet Markets**

Behavior	N	(%)	The results of this pilot study conducted largely among individuals who had high levels of unusual illness, as well as high levels of exposure to animals. There was a notable lack of knowledge about animals' ability to transmit infection. Despite this lack of knowledge, there was a sense of unease about animal exposures, given the fairly dramatic behavior changes reported at live animal markets. The finding of a reduction in wildlife purchase may be due to sensitivity to the legality of wildlife trade, biasing respondents towards not admitting purchasing wildlife. Although, there were no participants seropositive for SARS-like CoV, serological data may add support to the findings from self-reported syndromic surveillance, once serological assays are completed.
Wear a mask	4	(3.0)	
Wear gloves	5	(3.8)	
Wash hands	10	(7.7)	
Sometimes shop for meat at supermarket	30	(22.7)	
Buy live animals less often	50	(32.9)	
Buy only farmed wildlife	71	(53.8)	
No longer buy wildlife at wet market	55	(39.5)	

In preparation for full implementation of the integrated biological behavioral surveillance, the survey has been programmed as a mobile application for use on either a mobile device or computer. Electronic data collection will facilitate data entry, data analysis, and reporting. Four field team leads were trained on behavioral survey data collection and electronic data entry technologies (the tablet application) and analysis.

#### Nucleic acid test results of human biological samples

*Testing High-Risk Human Populations for Coronavirus Infection*

**Year 2: Virology** included the following activities:

Year 2, including the custom-built ELISA technology (an assay developed by the Wuhan Institute of Virology to test antibodies against the N protein of SL-CoV) and PCR detection of viral RNA.

#### **Serological test for SL-CoV antibodies in human samples from Yunnan, China**

In order to assess past exposure to bat CoVs, 223 human sera samples were collected from villages in proximity to the bat habitat from which two SL-CoVs with potential for interspecies infection, WIV1 and WIV16, were discovered in our previous research. An ELISA developed at the Wuhan Institute of Virology was used to test antibodies against the N protein of SL-CoV. A number of human specimens generated high OD values and neutralization test to WIV1 and WIV16 was thus performed. These findings are encouraging; however no neutralization antibodies were detected. In Year 3, we will continue to validate and optimize these ELISA assays and other serological assays to detect past CoV exposure.

#### **PCR test for CoV nucleic acid in human samples from several provinces**

We collected 405 human samples from various populations and to obtain sequence data on strain variation, individual samples (4 each) were pooled prior to nucleic acid extraction then tested using PCR. When a group tested positive, we then conducted the confirmation test in the individual samples. One single sample (14YN611) from someone who had identified as having had a fever and respiratory symptoms was found to be positive. This was an unexpected finding and will be investigated in Year 2. By hunting豪情, we can individualize collection and continuing to optimize PCR assays. Refined serological assays (above) will provide sufficient data to assess past exposure to specific CoV lineages, and optimizing of PCR detections will allow for more CoV diagnosis through sequencing.

#### **Specific Aim 2: Parental evolution, host range, and distribution, including hot CoV emergence risk**

##### **Bat CoV PCR detection and sequencing from live sampled bat populations**

We collected 1,714 anal swab samples, 495 fecal samples, 53 blood samples, and 138 serum samples from 15 bat genera in Guangdong, Yunnan, Sichuan, Hubei, Hunan, Guizhou, Guangxi provinces.

**Table 4 Bat Samples collected for CoV survey**

Sample date	Sample location	Anal	Fecal	Blood	Serum
Mar. 2015	Huidong, Guangxi	60	--	--	--
Jun. 2015	Guangdong	495	12	--	--
Apr. 2015	Mengzi, Yunnan	51	10	--	--
May 2015	Jining, Yunnan	--	103	--	--
May. 2015	Mojiang, Yunnan	193	--	--	--
Oct. 2015	Jining, Yunnan	20	--	--	--



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**Table 5 Test result of bat CoV surveillance in 2015 – 12% positive**

	Yunnan	Guangdong	Nanhai	Wuhan	Shanghai	Beijing	Others
Bat species							
<i>Rhinolophus spp.</i>	47/98	12/103	—	16/225	8/53	83/489	—
<i>Hipposideros spp.</i>	0/55	0/47	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Ia io</i>	—	—	—	0/3	—	0/3	—
<i>Pipistrellus spp.</i>	2/11	0/19	—	0/2	0/4	1/26	—
<i>Myotis spp.</i>	0/4	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Eonycteris spelaea</i>	0/3	—	—	—	—	0/3	—
<i>Vesperugo superans</i>	—	—	41/128	—	—	41/128	—
<i>Myotis spp.</i>	1/38	—	—	0/70	0/35	1/143	—
<i>Taphozous spp.</i>	0/25	—	—	0/1	—	0/26	—
<i>Tynalycteris pachypus</i>	8/25	—	27/191	—	—	35/216	—
<i>Cynopterushorsfieldii</i>	1/1	—	—	—	—	1/1	—
<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	—	0/1	—	—	—	0/1	—
<i>Tadrida spp.</i>	—	0/5	—	—	—	0/5	—
<i>Bartsia</i>	—	—	—	0/1	—	0/1	—
<i>Nyctalus velutinus</i>	—	—	—	0/10	—	0/10	—
Fecal samples	28/168	22/218	—	—	—	50/648	—
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>82/657</b>	<b>56/326</b>	<b>48/322</b>	<b>41/128</b>	<b>27/191</b>	<b>18/458</b>	<b>8/204</b>
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c (scored circle), 14 host switches (solid colored circle with a crossbow), 0 losers (green circle).

**Our findings demonstrate co-speciation alone is not sufficient to explain the observed co-phylogenetic pattern and several host switches have been specifically identified. In addition, no global signal of co-speciation has been detected. This work highlights the need for these types of detailed coprovenance studies.**

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Market Characterization via Multidimensional Clustering

Our ongoing observational research and monitoring of temperate

trade. The nexus of the wildlife trade and the potential hotspots of interspecies viral mixing is now in many cases in animal storage facilities and the contact between high-risk environments. To define and limit parameters for intermixing of wildlife species in areas of high potential mixing, we have developed a preliminary survey and sampling protocol to assess these risks. Samples will be collected from animals through these storage facilities - using non-invasive methods such as faecal samples and sample along the wildlife trade network and reveal hidden nodes and sites of interspecies mixing.

We have explored our intermixing-modelling framework, which consists of a trade chain, where the diversity, abundance, residence time, and contact rates of different animals move through the trade network.

### *Specific Aim 3: Testing predictions of CoV inter-species transmission.*

In Year 2, we continued our surveillance for novel SARS-like viruses in Yunnan and other provinces and obtained full genome sequence for 11 CoV isolates. Phylogenetic and recombination analyses. Importantly, recombination analysis of the full-length SL-CoV genome sequences from a single bat population revealed that frequent recombination events among different SL-CoVs strains occur. Several SL-CoVs that are more genetically similar to SARS-CoV were found. The results of the genome analysis of the SL-CoVs from Yunnan provide more insight into the evolution of SARS-CoV.

Full-length genome sequencing of S1-CoVs identified from a single bat colony

To date, including preliminary data submitted for this R01 that we are now analyzing under the current funding, we have conducted 5 years of surveillance for SARS-CoV in a single bat colony in Yunnan Province (from 2011 to 2015). In addition to the discovery of diverse novel SARS-like CoVs by the region corresponding to the receptor-binding domain (RBD) of SARS-CoV, 11 isolates were

These SL-CoVs, including four others isolated previously from this colony (KSHC007, KSHC014, WIV1 and WIV16), are highly diversified in the S gene, but share similar sequence identity to SARS-CoV-like coronaviruses (Fig 4). Genomic phylogenetic analysis showed that the S genes of the SL-CoVs detected in this colony are more







***Additional Year 2 items for Specific Aim 2:***

- The infectious clone of WIV1 was successfully constructed using reverse genetic methods,
- Two CMV-NECs for WIV1-like coronavirus S. 3. was constructed by replacing two genes from baculovirus
- Permission to import mice with human CoVs will be obtained to support experimental studies.

- Comparative cophylogenetic analyses of bat host and CoV RdRp and Spike gene phylogenies will assess patterns of evolutionary congruence and frequency of cross-species transmission. This will be conducted in year 3.
- Animal infection experiments of SARS-CoV-like coronaviruses were not done, because of the availability of primates with the ACE2 receptor, which are not available in China. We will begin this work in year 3.
- Sampling of bat and other mammalian species in markets to screen for CoVs. We will begin this work in year 3.

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#### B.4 What opportunities for training and professional development did you have?

We presented our project to graduate students, faculty, and staff at Yunnan Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention (YNCDC), Dali Provincial Hospital, and The Third People's Hospital of Kunming. Select doctors at YNCDC (2) and Dali Provincial Hospital (3) were trained.

We trained graduate students from Public Health Faculty (1) and the World Health Organization of Public Health (3) in qualitative behavioral risk data collection that included survey technologies, survey data analysis, and presentation skills.

Students from the University of Miami (<http://citiprogram.miami.edu>) received education content on the project.





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<b>Glossary of acronyms:</b>		
S/K - Senior/Key	Foreign Org - Foreign	
DOB - Date of Birth	SS - Supplemental Support	
Cal - Person Months (Calendar)	PE - Personnel Supplement	
Aca - Person Months	DI - Diversity Supplement	
Sum - Person Months		
<b>D.2 PERSONNEL UPDATE</b>		
<b>D.2.a Existing Personnel</b>		
Will there be, in the current budget period, significant changes in personnel for the PD/PI(s) or other senior/key personnel designated in the Notice of Award? (minimum amount of effort required by the Notice of Award)		
No		
<b>D.2.b New Senior/Key Personnel</b>		
Are there, or will there be, new senior/key personnel?		
Yes		
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<b>D.2.c Changes in Other Support</b>		
Has there been a change in other support since the last reporting period?		
No		
<b>D.2.d New Other Significant Contributors</b>		
Are there, or will there be, new other significant contributors?		
No		
<b>D.2.e Multi-PI (MPI) Leadership Plan</b>		
Will there be changes in MPI leadership?		
NA		



**AWARDS + FELLOWSHIPS** (Total received \$225,420)

- Don DeAngelis Memorial Grant (\$325) California Forest Pest Council, 2012  
*Designing Protective Treatments for Forest Disease Using Spatial Point Process Models*
- NSF IGERT Bridge Fellowship (\$57,500) UC Davis, CA, 2012  
*Managing Emerging Forest Disease Under Uncertainty*
- NSF IGERT Traineeship in Rapid Environmental Change (\$115.00) UC Davis, CA, 2010
- UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Fellowship (\$40,604) UC Davis, CA, 2010
- NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellowship (\$8,000) Penn State, PA, 2005
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$4,000) Brown University, RI, 2002

**SERVICE + PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- **Workshop Instructor**, Software for Ecopartnership and Data Carpentry, Sep 2012–Present
- **Student Rep**, UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Graduate Committee, Sep 2012–Present
- **Reviewer: Theoretical Ecology**, Journal of Animal Ecology, 2012–Present
- **Web Developer**, Graduate and Undergraduate Ecology Class, Ecological Society of America, 2012–Present  
*Creator + Maintainer of graduate student website for the Ecological Society of America*
- **Founder + Organizer**, Davis R Users' Group, Sep 2012–Present  
*Created users group that provides tutorials and maintains a database of R resources*
- **Contributor**, R packages `lme4`, `kinship2`, `crossfer`, `retime`, 2010–Present
- **Organizer**, NSF REACH IGERT Workshop on Multiple Goals in Management, 2010–Present
- **Organizer**, UC Davis Conference on Ecology and the Business Sector, Apr 2011
- **Organizer**, UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology Symposium, May 2010–2011
- **External Reviewer**, 2009–2010
- **Panel Reviewer**, McKinsey Clinton Global Initiative Energy Project, 2009–2010
- **Business Stewardship Volunteer**, NY Coastal Marine Resource Center, 2009–2010

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE****GreenOrder***Analyst, Senior Analyst: Corporate Environmental Strategy + Governance*

Sep 2006–Jul 2009 New York, NY

- Conducted environmental performance analysis for products in energy, transportation, and water sectors
- Created green product metrics
- Managed engagement with equity research analysts to identify growth opportunities
- Performed market and competitive analysis, and developed reports in retail, real estate, cleantech sectors; prepared and delivered client presentations on managed projects
- Managed analysts performing environmental due diligence
- Developed firm seminar series and analyst training materials; conducted trainings on topics including auditing, statistical analysis, and environmental risk management
- Audited certifications for environmental products and facility performance

**Wal-Mart***Contract Researcher/Consultant: Energy Efficient Lamps at Wal-Mart Stores*

Providence, RI

- Developed forecasting model for sales of energy-efficient lamps at Wal-Mart stores
- Created guidelines for design of lamp recycling program



**E. IMPACT****E.1 WHAT IS THE IMPACT?**

Not Applicable

NOTHING TO REPORT

**E.3 WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER?**

Not Applicable

**E.4 WHAT DOLLAR AMOUNT?**

21100000

CHINA

## F. CHANCES

F.1 CHANGES IN APPROACH AND PRACTICE
Not Applicable
NOTHING TO REPORT
F.3 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES
F.3.a Humans
No Change
F.3.b Vertebrate Animals
No Change
F.3.c Pathogens
No Change
F.3.d Select Agents
No Change

**C. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS****G.1 SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND FUNDING SUPPORT**

NOTHING TO REPORT

**G.2 RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH**

Not Applicable

**G.3 MENLO PARK**

Not Applicable

**G.4 HUMAN SUBJECTS****G.4.a Does the project involve human subjects?**

Yes

Is the research exempt from Human Subject Review?

No

Does this project involve a clinical trial?

No

**G.4.b Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria**

Report Attached: ClinicalTrials.gov Exemption: Risks of COVID-19 Coronavirus Emergency-PROTOCOL-001

**G.4.c ClinicalTrials.gov**

Does this project include a clinical trial?

No

**G.5 HUMAN SUBJECTS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT**

Are there any educational requirements for the investigator(s) to conduct the project?

No

**G.6 HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS (hESCs)**

Does this project involve human embryonic stem cells (only hESC lines listed as approved in the NIH Registry may be used if NIH funds are provided)?

No

**G.7 VERTEBRATE ANIMALS**

Does this project involve vertebrate animals?

Yes

**G.8 PROJECT/PERFORMANCE SITE**

Organization Name: DUNS:

Congressional District:

		District	
Primary: EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.	J0730000066	NY-010	160 West 34th Street 17th Floor New York NY 100012317
Wuhan Institute of Virology	529027474	WUHAN	WUCHANG DISTRICT WUHAN
East China Normal University	4209450	WUHAN	WUCHANG DISTRICT WUHAN
ECOHEALTH ALLIANCE	07709	WUHAN	460 WEST 34TH STREET NEW YORK NY 100012320
EcoHealth Alliance, inc.	077090066	NY-010	460 West 34th Street 17th Floor New York NY 100012317
Wuhan Institute of Virology	529027474	WUHAN	WUCHANG DISTRICT WUHAN
East China Normal University	420945495	WUHAN	3000 Zhongshan Road Shanghai

**G.9 FOREIGN COMPONENT**

Organization Name: Wuhan Institute of Virology

Country: CHINA

**Description of Foreign Component:**

Principal Laboratory for all Research in China as per section G.8 (above) and detailed in our Specific

Organization Name: East China Normal University

Country: CHINA

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**G.10 ESTIMATED UNBILLED BUDGET**

G.10.a Is it anticipated that an estimated unbilled budget for the current year (over) will be greater than 25% of the year's total approved budget?

No

**G.11 PROGRAM INCOME**

Is there a change in programmatic anticipated revenue from last year?

No

**G.12 F&A COSTS**

Is there a change in performance sites that will affect F&amp;A costs?

No

Inclusion Data Record (IDR) #: 166195

## Using an Existing Database or Resource

**Delayed Study?: No**

Clinical Trial No:

## Enrollment location: Foreign

NIH Defined Phase II

Study Note: Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence-PROTOCOL

Planned For: 

**Planned Enrollment Total:** 2,460

**NOTE:** Planned enrollment data exists in the previous version of the system. The PI did not enter the planned enrollment information in the modified system and was not required to do so. Only the total can be provided.

	Physical Category	Gender	Ethnic Categories					Unknown/Not Reported	Total
			Non-Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino	Reported	Unreported	Not Reported		
American Indian and Alaska Native		Female	100	0	0	0	0	0	100
Asian		Male	157	108	0	0	0	0	265
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander		Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White		Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than One Race		Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown or Not Reported		Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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		Male	100	0	0	0	0	0	100