Emergence and Re-Emergence of Infectious Diseases: Perpetual Threat to Public Health World Wide

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Abstract: Now-a-days emerging and re-emerging infections worldwide are becoming the utmost problem for the development of mankind. Many different infections are considered to be zoonotic for humans (transferred from animals to humans). Emerging infections are those which are completely new contagion and affected new geographical locations. Infections are thought to be re-emerging that were important health problem globally or in a specific region, then diminished and once again appear and become the health issues for vast number of population. Although, zoonotic infective agents are most probably thought to be the cause of emergence and re-emergence of communicable diseases.

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INTRODUCTION

For centuries, infectious diseases are categorized with famine and wars, which are the utmost problem for the development and existence of humans and globally they remained as the major causes of disabilities and then death. In opposition to a consistent history of recognized infections, epidemics of new and from the past infections leads to occasional appearance of different diseases and drastically increasing the worldwide burden of infections. Different researches of the emerging diseases exposed the evolutionary properties of the disease causing micro-organisms and their effective relationship with the environment and their hosts (Morens et al., 2004). Number of communicable diseases are considered to be zoonotic for humans (Wille et al., 2017). According to the Woolhouse et al. (2005), the study demonstrated that 177 human pathogens are labeled emerging and re-emerging and in which 58% of them are zoonotic agents. Significant increases in emergence and re-
emergence of the pathogen all around the world is the main cause of the variety of contagious disease threats which mankind is currently facing. Spreading contagions in countries which are under development must be looked after to avoid the infections in the developed world because of the different effects of HIV/AIDS pandemic, globalization of business, population mobility and the food supply (Church, 2004).

As the food chain keeps on changing, this will continues to produces the different opportunities for the emergence and re-emergence of new and the old diseases (Castellano et al., 2008). Biological, genetic, demographic, socioeconomic, environmental and ecological factors along with the constant evolutionary changes in micro-organisms are making infectious diseases more active and influenced. Micro-organisms also have the ability to do changes in their virulence, transmissibility, resistance and other characteristics so interference is requirement to control them with the passage of time (Wilson, 2017). Emergence and re-emergence of any disease causing agents are not strongly related with any specific type of unhuman hosts however they have probably wide range of host (Woolhouse and Gowtage-Sequeria, 2005). Contagious pathogens are evolutionarily active and with the time the number of diseases they cause increasing and persistently developing. Meanwhile the newly arising infective agents do not emerge suddenly but lately they must have come from some other place, generally from the infections caused by the animals as happened with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), HIV infection and influenza. This transmission in between the species emphasizes on the significance of interrelationship study of animals and human infections (Keesing et al., 2010) and identifying the main role played by the microbial reservoirs (includes the vectors, animals and the environment) in human communicable diseases (Morens et al., 2008).

Already established or previous contagious infections may also re-arise in different forms or in different location such as widely spread drug-tolerant tuberculosis and in US the West Nile Virus, to become the new source of epidemics (Dheda et al., 2010; Murray et al., 2011). According to the WHO, (2011) various human infections looks like they have different patterns in which they evolved, which were seen from time to time in thousand years. In that time period, firstly they emerge and cause pandemics or epidemics, secondly develop and adjusted to human population and thirdly undergo the constant re-emergences and ultimately, they become endemic which have the potential for future epidemics.

**Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases**

Infection is thought to be emerging that is absolutely new contagion or has currently expanded in occurrence or impact and harshness, affected newer geographical places, or is an current disease that has lately evolved new medical sample, or developed tolerance to present remedy (Sarma, 2017). Re-rising infections are diseases that when had been important health issues worldwide or in a specific country, and then diminished dramatically, however are once again turning into health issues for a huge proportion of the population including tuberculosis and malaria (Morens and Fauci, 2013).

Rising and Re-emerging sicknesses are inflicting and the development of
devastating results worldwide, with hundreds of thousands infected and billions dead. Various infections have dispersed from one region to another and becoming the cause of increased death rates and influencing the world economies and subsistence (Obi et al., 2010).

Future manifestations of newly arising infections are probably to explode at these escalating interfaces. The communities that are poor and present in the less approachable areas are likely to be affected by these epidemics such as in countries which are under development. Such societies often depend on inadequate strategies of medical surveillance and diagnostics, in addition to conventional treatment strategies. Accordingly, it is sadly pretty possible that newly appearing infection with immoderate prevalent potential may only identified after it has developed and prevailed in the host and in livestock they have and spread substantially (Birhan et al., 2015).

Concern related to emerging infections has developed resulting in the appearances of new contagions, e.g. HIV/AIDS, as well the re-appearance of others, along with dengue, and from appreciation of the complicated determinants in their emergence together with, microbial version to new hosts (SARS and HIV infection), travel (acute haemorrhagic conjunctivitis), animal migration, populace immunity pressures (influenza A), and movement (West Nile virus infection, H5N1 avian influenza) and microbial escape from antibiotic pressures (multidrug-resistant and widely drug-resistant tuberculosis)(Morens et al., 2008).

Measles

Measles is an extremely communicable infection. It is an RNA virus belongs to Paramyxoviridae family of the genus morbillivirus; it's far serologically a monotypic virus, however genetically prominent with 24 genotypes compiled in eight clades (A–H) (Sarkar, 2017). Even in relatively evolved nations, measles kills about 3 of every 1,000 folks inflamed. In the past one decade, 777,000 human beings were died by measles. In 2010, measles killed handiest a hundred and 60,000 international – a testimony to enormous use of vaccine (Poland and Jacobson, 2012). Globally, predicted 20 million instances of measles preserve to arise, and it stays a main motive of loss of life among young youngsters. It's far uncommon inside the USA and other first global international locations; however numerous outbreaks have passed off in the United States recently, because of a mixture of things which include bad vaccine coverage and importation of cases amongst travelers getting back from endemic areas (Abad and Safdar, 2015).

Factors which might also have contributed to this multiplied hazard consist of: poor get right of entry to preventive offerings, living in far flung geographic locations that may hinder outreach software efforts, the difficulty of retaining vaccine refrigeration chains, cultural variations, poverty and malnourishment (Le et al., 2017).

Avian Influenza

The appearance and re-appearance of influenza viruses with the ability to spread from one continent to another, is a tough challenge for each human being worldwide (Webster and Hulse, 2004). Bird flu, as a result of the surprisingly pathogenic HN influenza virus has affected as a minimum 8
international locations in Asia which causes epidemics of acute sickness, vast number of deaths and devastation of poultry business. This virus has the ability to be transmitted from inflamed birds to humans causing severe sickness and high mortality rate (Obi et al., 2010). According to WHO (2010) in April 2009, the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus caused the infection in humans in Mexico and California and then quickly unfolds global through human-to-human transmission. In August 2010, all around the world 214 countries had suggested laboratory confirmed instances of H1N1 influenza strain in 2009, consisting of over 18449 deaths. The influenza virus continuously progressed and the emergence of the notably disease causing H7N7, H7N3, H5N1 and H9N3 viruses are of a great concern to veterinary and public health officers. Tremendously concentrated rooster and pig farming alongside conventional stay animal offer top of the line situation for multiplied modification, re-collection and recombination of this virus (Webster and Hulse, 2004).

**Rift Valley Fever**

Rift valley fever is a viral disease of humans, ruminants and camels which spread by arthropod (Mosquito). In Africa it is considered to be the most important viral zoonosis which may also present as a hemorrhagic disease with liver, ocular or neurological lesion but outbreak are characterized by the onset of abortion and high neonatal mortality which are associated with persistent heavy rain fall with sustained flooding and with large number of mosquitoes. It belongs to the genus *phelbovirus* and the family *bunyaviridae* (Gerdes, 2004). These recent events have raised a serious concern for a potential risk of RVF expanding its range to most of the Mediterranean Basin (De Meneghi, 2006).

**Dengue Fever**

Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) is the intense form of Dengue fever and this is the vector borne disease which spread by mosquito. Dengue virus is passed through mosquito named *Aedes aegypti* which is intensely tormented by human and environmental drivers, however additionally inspired via weather (temperature, humidity and solar radiation). Even though DENV changed into acknowledged flowing into among mosquitoes, but dengue virus firstly emerged in East Africa and West Africa regions and spread among the population all through the epidemic in 1964-68 which happened to be occurred in Nigeria, then in Senegal and Burkina Faso in 1980 and in Kenya in 1982. Considering the fact that, then epidemic manifestations have been recorded in East Africa, in Senegal and currently in Gabon (Bourgarel et al., 2010).

**Lassa Fever**

Lassa virus is the cause of the resulting severe viral zoonotic disease, Lassa fever. This is an arena virus which is known to be cause of an acute hemorrhagic fever characterized with the aid of different clinical symptoms such as sore throat, fever, nausea, vomiting, muscle aches and abdominal pain. This virus shows persistent infection in which it remains without exhibiting any symptoms, profusely excreting virus in urination in *Mastomys natalensis*, the ever-present and pretty commensal rodent host. In West Africa Lassa fever is pandemic and remained stated from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Guinea. Human beings possibly flavivirus emerge as inflamed through contact with infected rodent excreta, urine, tissues, or
blood. According to some studies that Lassa fever 300,000 to 500,000 cases and 5000 deaths every year emerges in West Africa (Ogbru et al., 2007).

Factors Affecting Emergence and Re-emergence of Disease

The disease causing microbes are a fact for all living organisms, with considerate impacts at the biological and developmental level of societies, species and people. The consequence of contagion is adaptable, starting from situations in which they don’t show any symptoms of disease to extreme level of infection and increase dmortality rate, relying on the possibilities which are referred to the host (which includes genetics, age, immune functions and other circumstance), the pathogen (including aspects relating to transmission, disease causing ability or virulence) and the surroundings and their interactions, every so often defined because of the formation of the atmosphere in which host interact with pathogen (Schmid Hempel, 2011).

The complicated interaction among environment, health care, statistical analysis of human population, social, and behavior have an impact on the appearance and re-appearance of viral diseases which are caused by animals (Venkatesan et al., 2010). The serious factors include adjustment and exchange of microorganisms; vulnerability of host; climatic conditions; converting ecologies, demographics problems of wildlife; economic development and land use; globalization; technology and enterprise; decline in the health of public and wildlife offerings; social discrimination; loss of political motivation are the serious reasons that all leads to severe damage(Hamburg et al., 2003).

Climatic Conditions

Even though the dispersion of infection is multi causative, globally changes are occurring in the weather which is the significant contributor. Climate changes have an effect on host defenses, vectors, disease causing agents and surroundings (King, 2004). Weather is the major cause which strongly affected the diseases which spread by vectors and water. Considering that arthropod vectors seems to be maximum lively at excessive temperatures and due to the fact water scarcity for the duration of droughts frequently ends in bad sanitation, and in South East Asia, climate trade may be anticipated to force the unfold of diarrhoeal infections and vector-borne (Coker et al., 2011).

International Travel

The continuous increase in world population and traveling towards the urbanized regions for job, leads to congestion, inappropriate hygiene and sanitation, which provides the great breeding floor for infective agents. Elevated global travel, particularly lacking suitable preparation and different shielding methods, lead to multiplied infection in tourists, who subsequently deliver the infection back when returned to their homes(Obi et al., 2010). Further to human actions, accelerated move-border alternate of livestock and natural world is also a challenge (Coker et al., 2011).

Trade and Globalization

The occurrence of international business has been one of the leading changes in our lives over the past quarter of a century. Since 1800, the special movements of any normal human being have prolonged greater than 1000. At the flip of this century nearly seven-hundred million people travelled across the world and this range is expected to attain 1 billion by means of 2010(Birhan et al., 2015).
Not most effective are greater humans visiting, but journey is quicker and greater culturally big and permeates into areas of the world not comfortably on hand within the beyond. Humans, animals and products can ward off the globe quicker than the incubation duration of virtually each pathogen recognized these days (King, 2004).

Microbial Adaptation
In addition to environmental changes, global tour, statistical analysis of trade and globalization and ecological elements, that give influence and increases emergence of new infections and prevalence, or scope of existing one according to geographical locations, the significance of community well-being system factors as affects, especially for the newly emerging resistant strains, which should not be underestimated (Coker et al., 2011). Microorganisms are particularly capable of bringing distinction and alternate for their existence and replication in harsh conditions(King, 2004).

CONCLUSION
These days emerging and re-emerging viral infections are one of the worldwide issues. According to different studies new emerging contagious diseases revealed their evolutionary properties and the relationship of these pathogens with their environment and hosts they affects. Significant increase in new emerging and re-emerging infections are becoming the threat to mankind as well to animal worldwide. Especially in under developed these infections must be addressed properly so that to avoid their spread in developed world. Different factors which includes the genetic, biological, geographic, socioeconomic, environmental as well the constant evolutionary changes in the pathogens are making them more dynamic and predisposed. However, these microorganisms are also capable to do changes in their virulence, transmissibility, drug-resistance and other characteristics, that are becoming the cause of the emerging and re-emerging of infections that are needed to be controlled.

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