



ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS OF ENTERIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE

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ENTERIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES ARE:

Deadly: the second-leading cause of death for children < 5 yrs old, globally

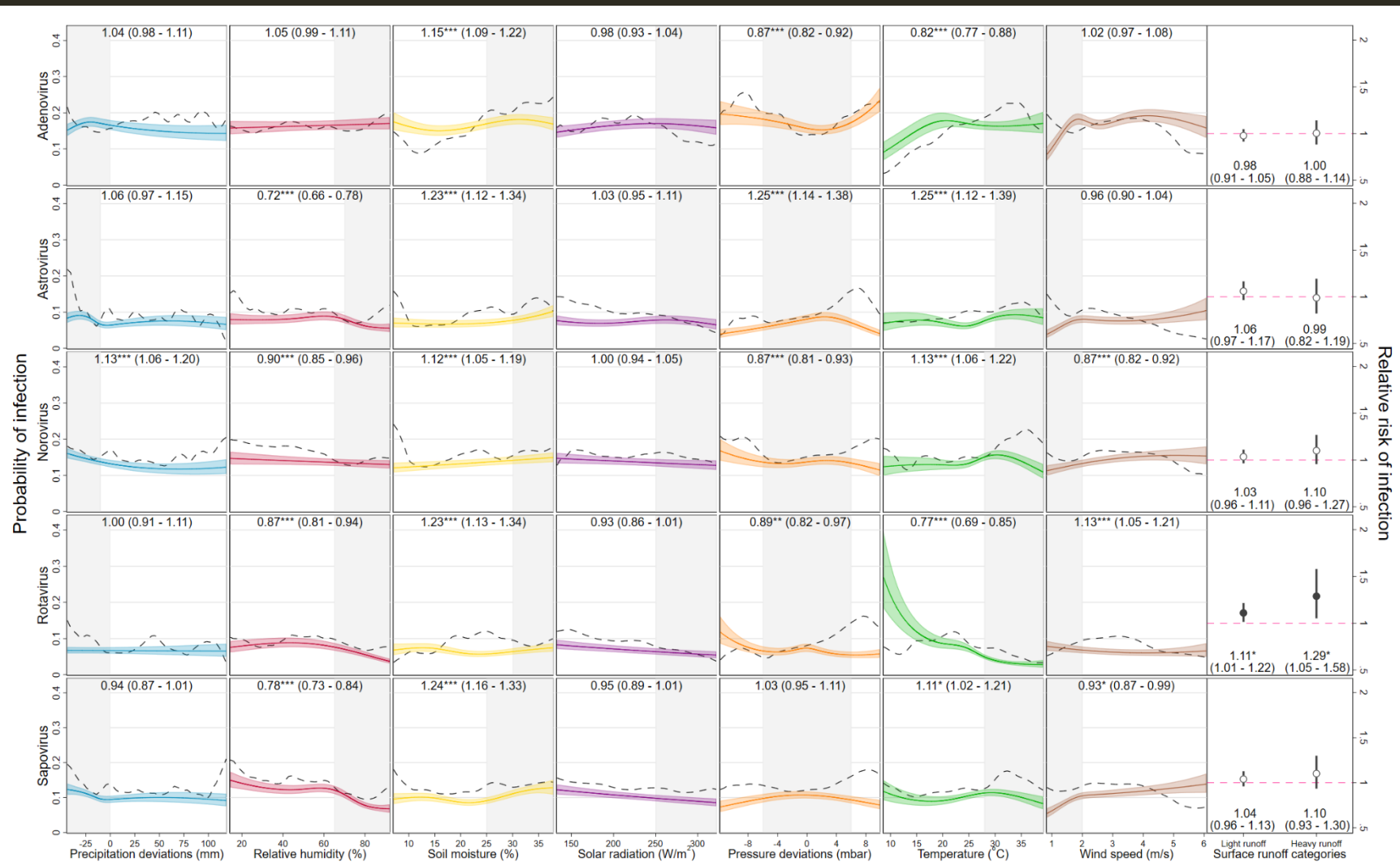
Burdensome: morbidities include impaired cognitive development, stunting, and reduced vaccine responsiveness

Preventable and treatable: WASH interventions, emerging vaccines, and simple rehydration therapies are available

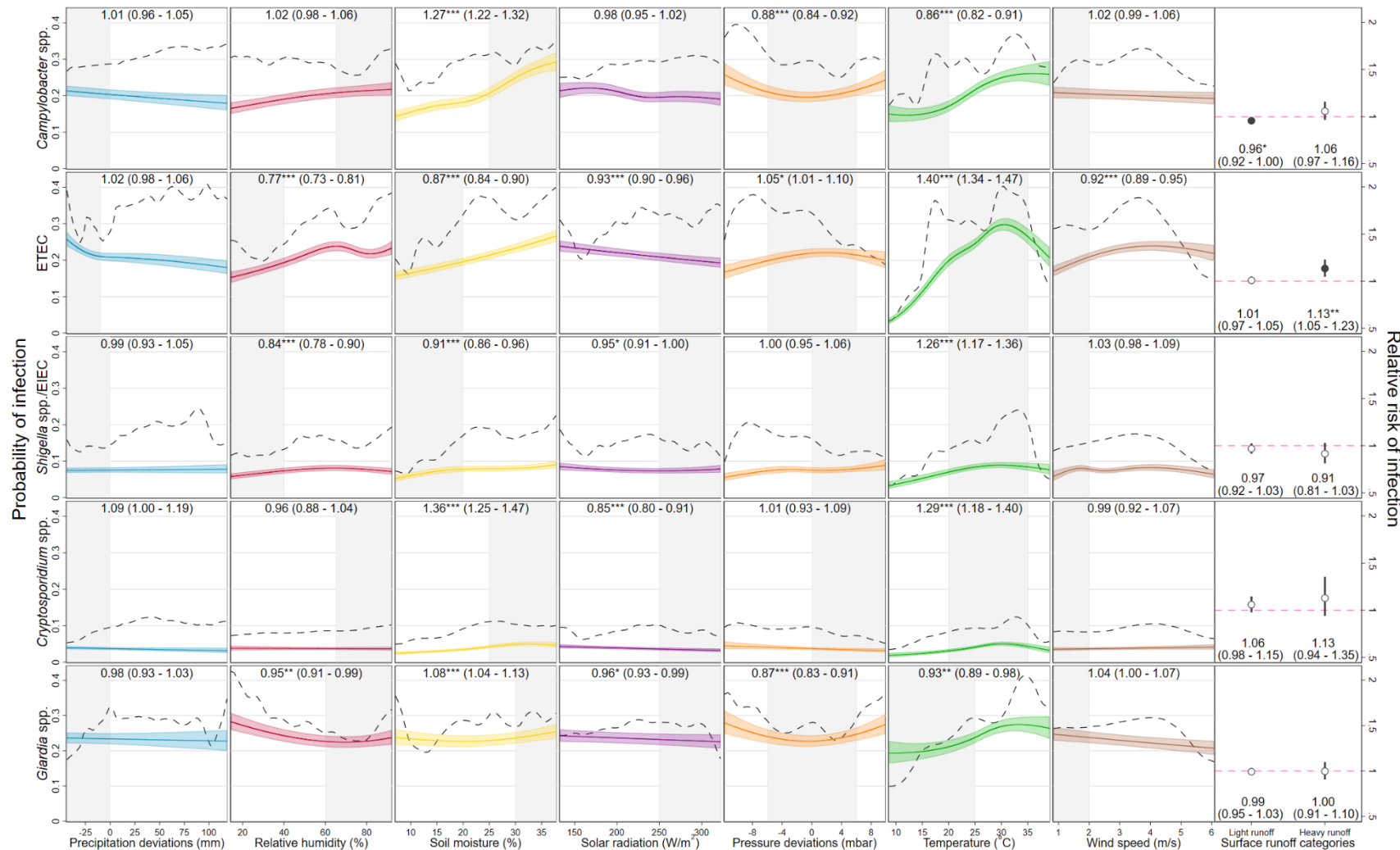
THE GEO-HEALTH ENTERICS PROJECT

1. Can Earth Observations provide reliable environmental estimates to support enteric disease risk analysis?
2. What are the hydroclimatic sensitivities of major enteric pathogens?
3. Can we infer process and predict risk for specific pathogens?

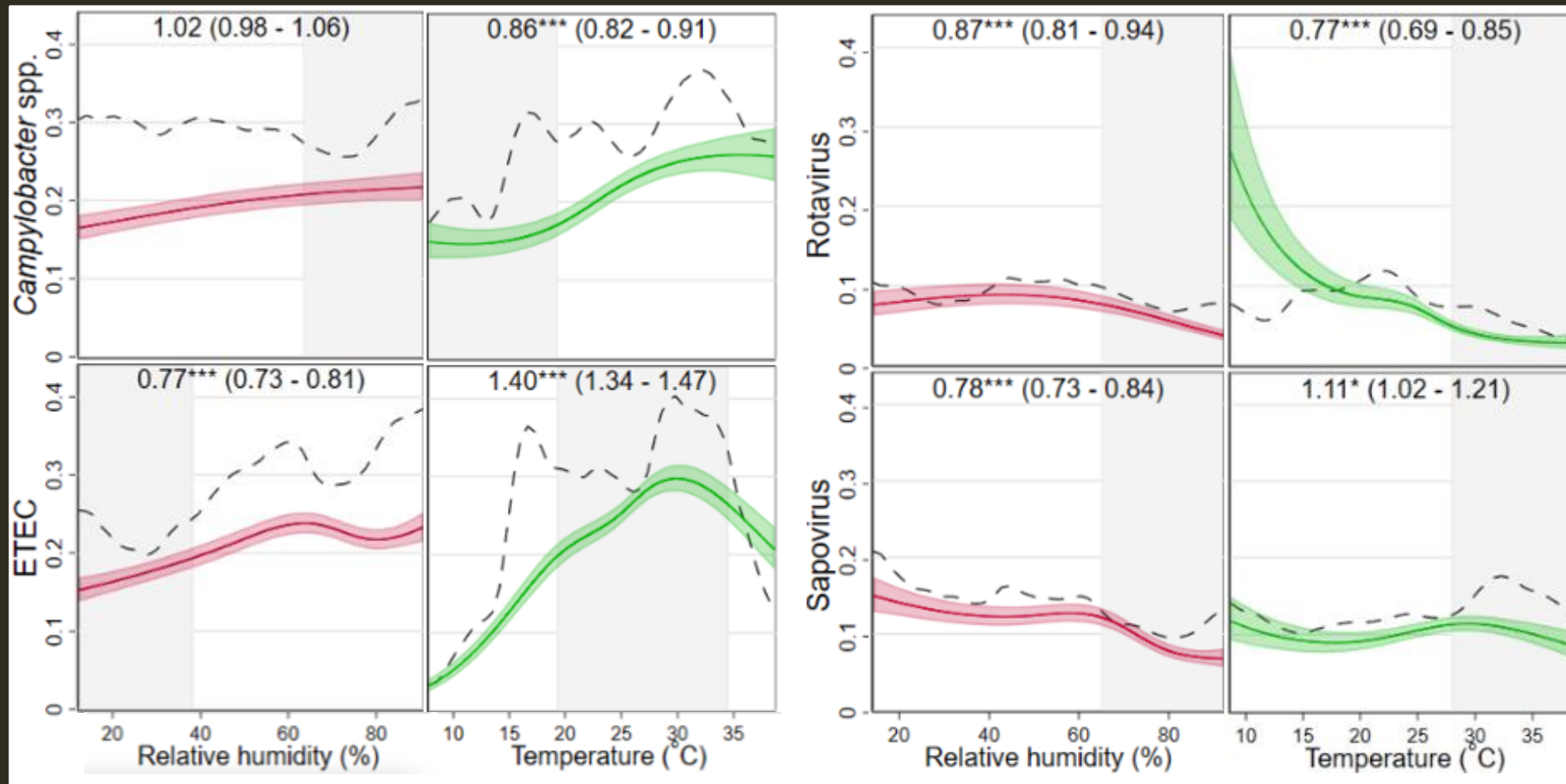
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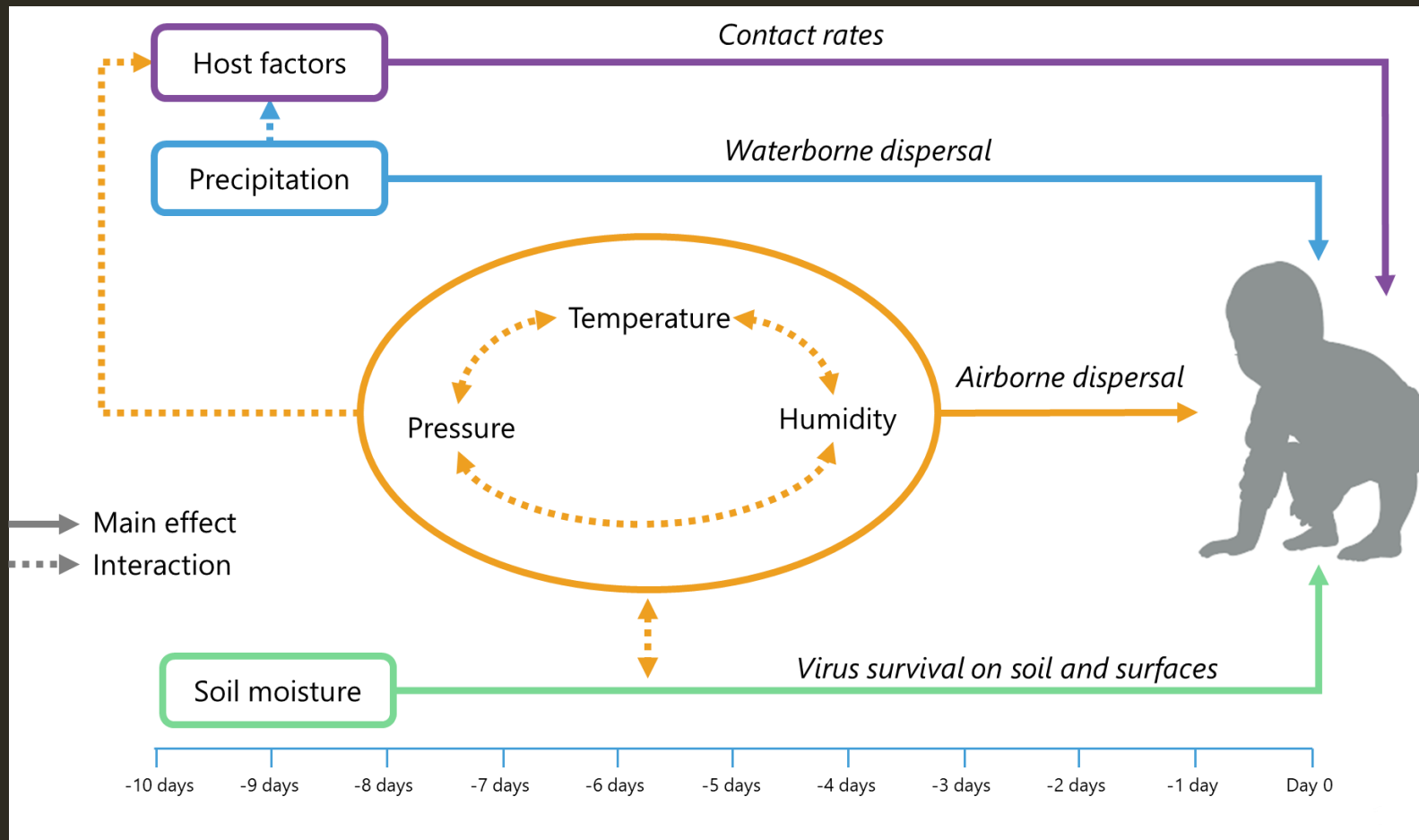
Warmer, wetter conditions =

Reduced viral pathogen risk

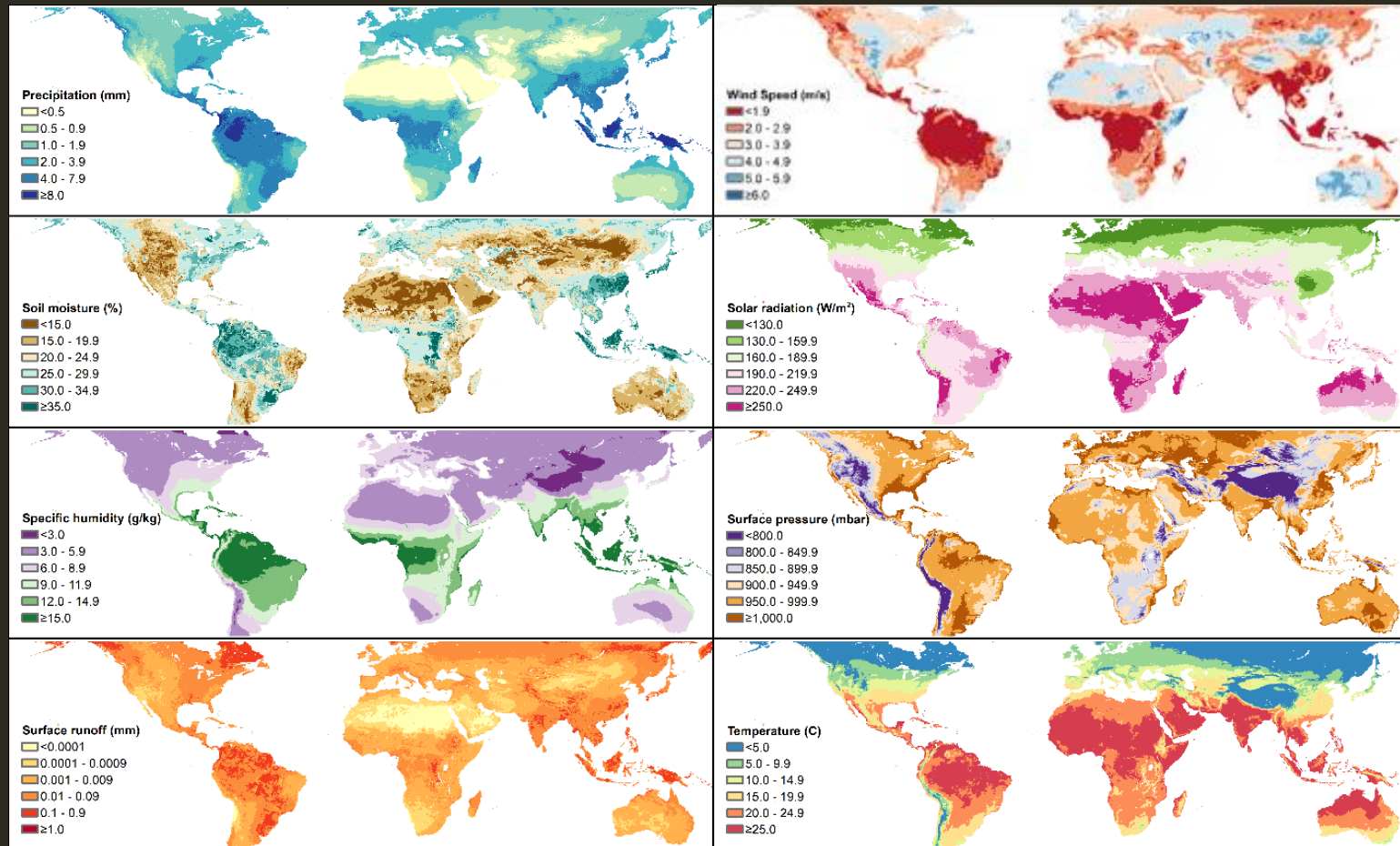
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Increased bacterial pathogen risk

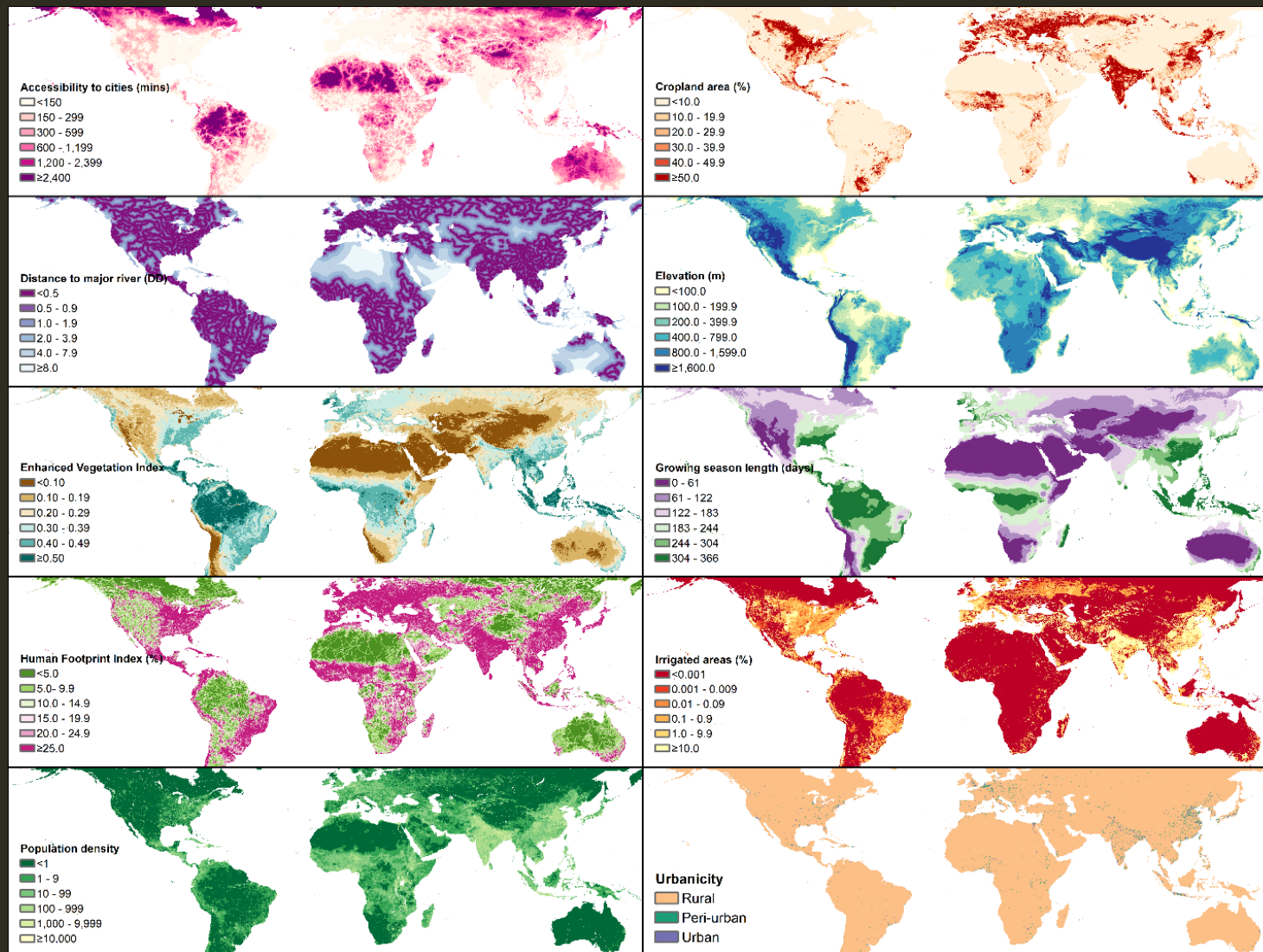
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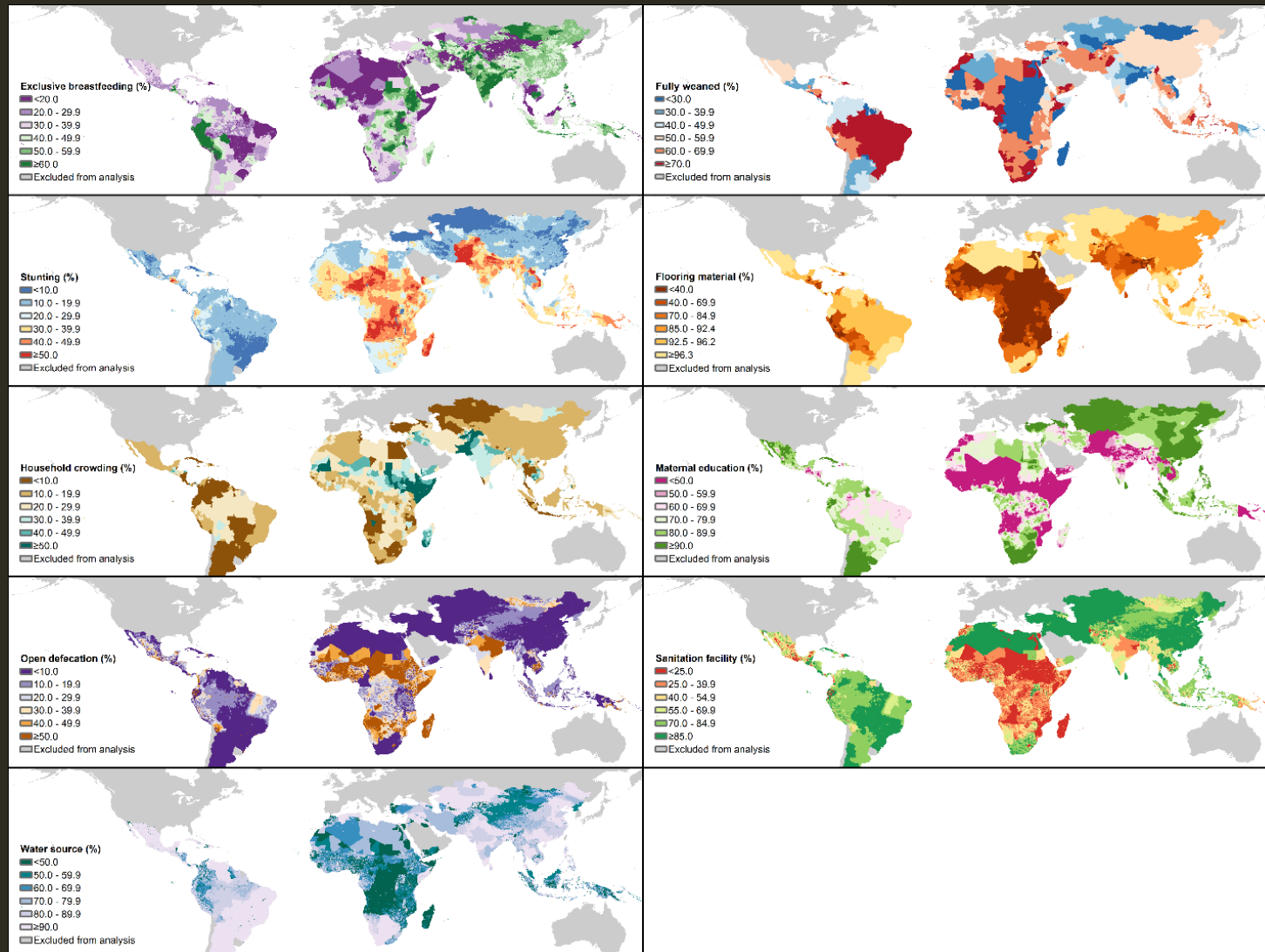
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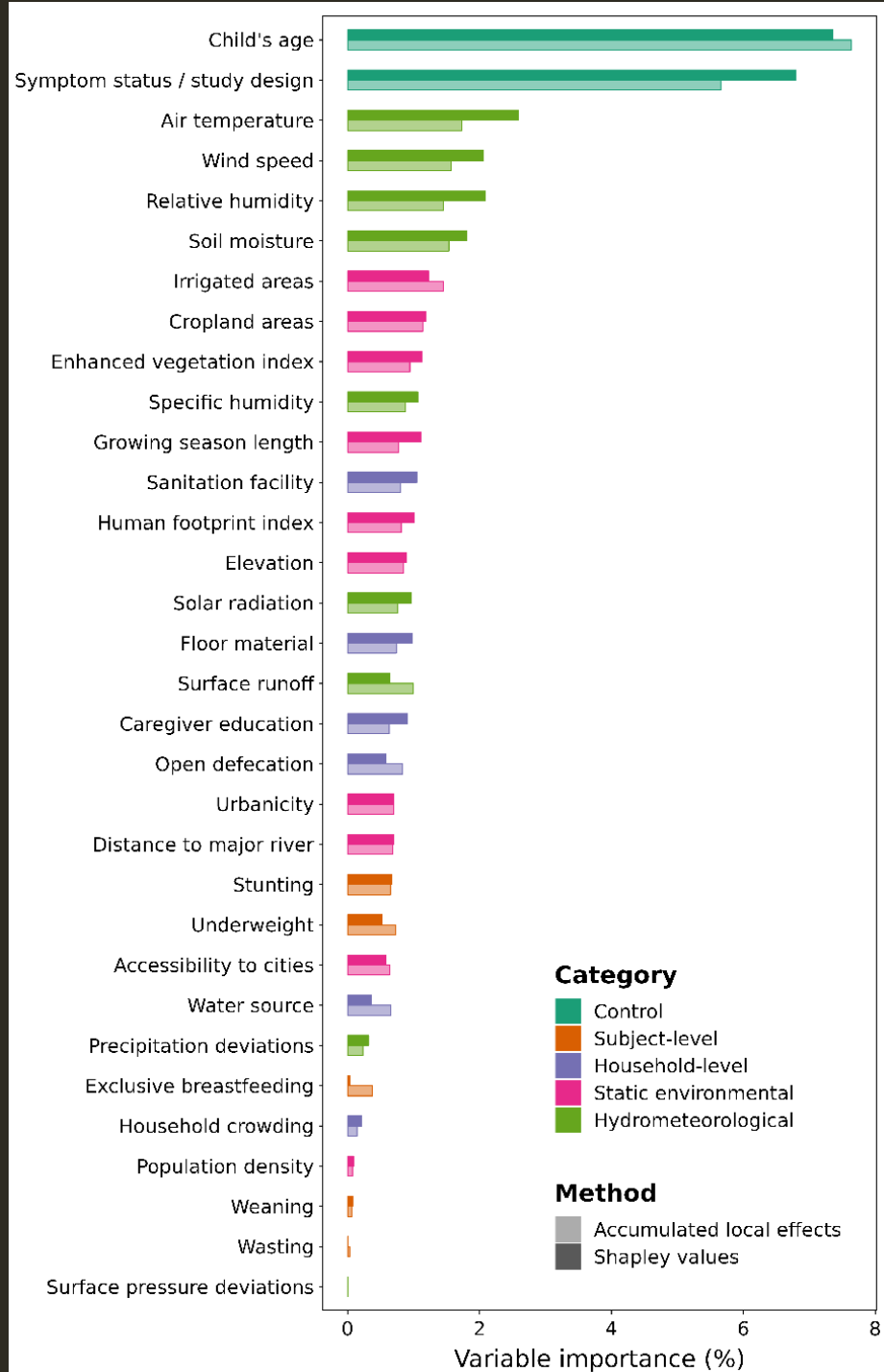
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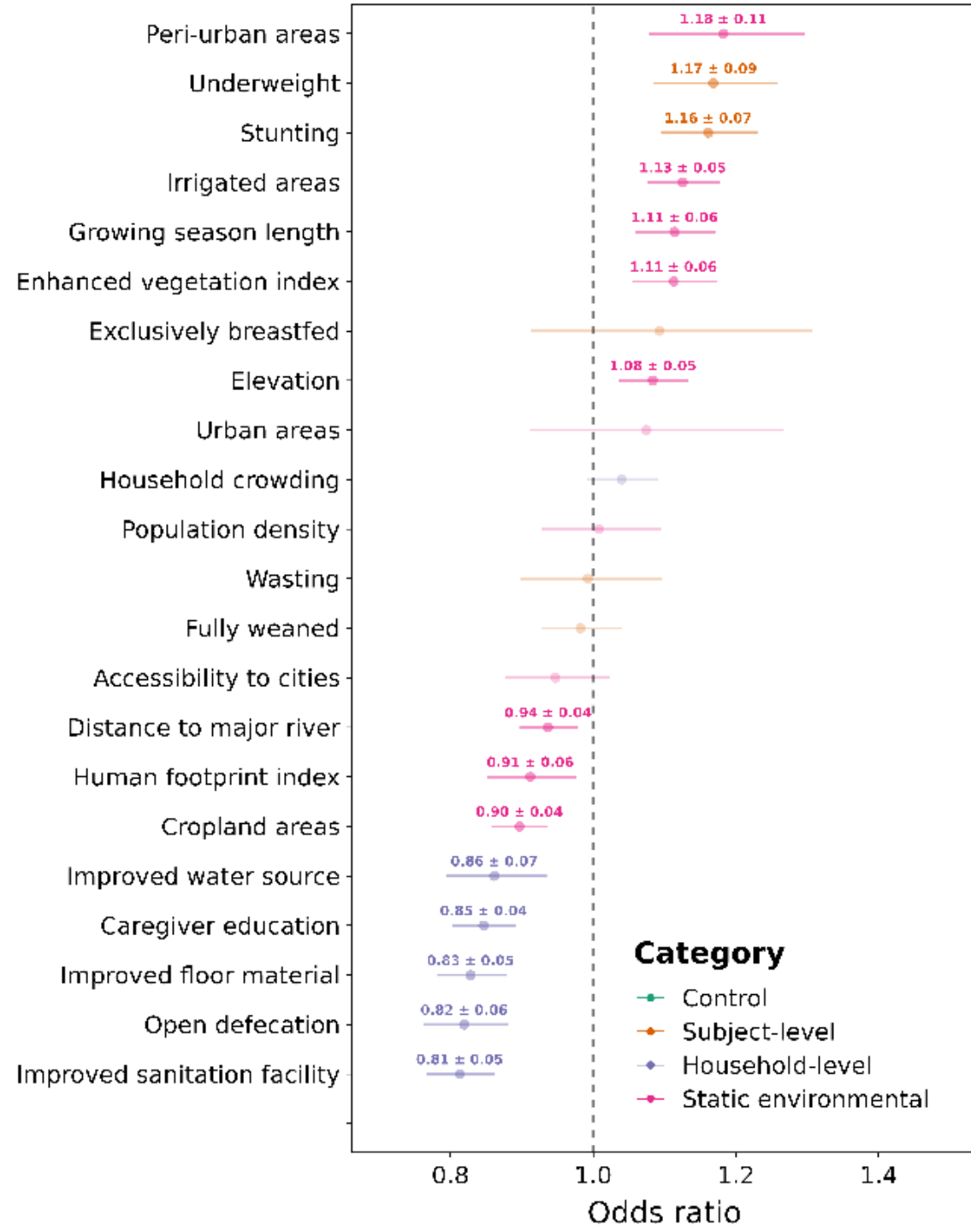
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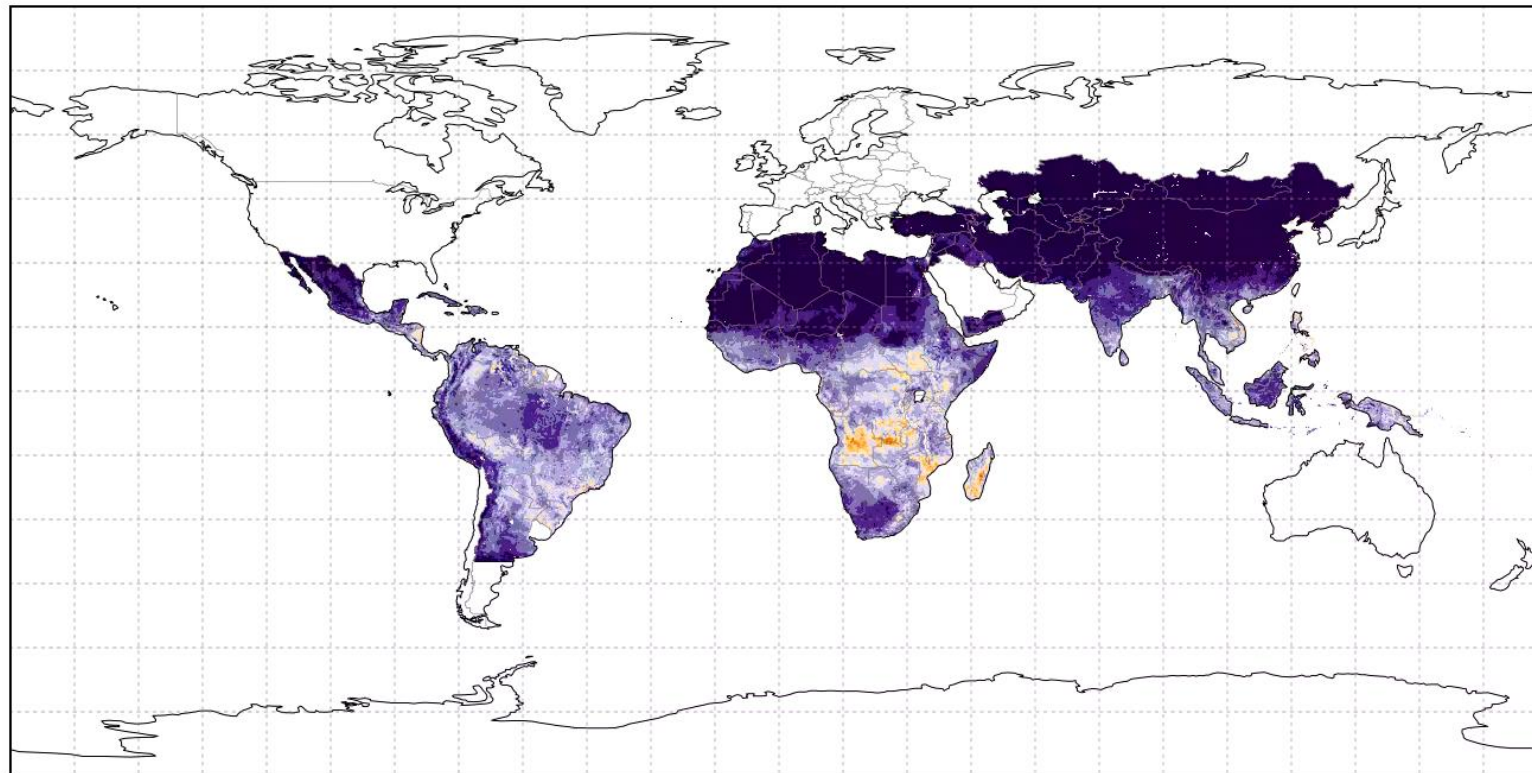
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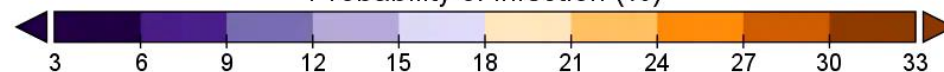
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Estimated Shigella prevalence in asymptomatic children aged 12-23 months old

Time: 2018-01-01 00:00



Probability of Infection (%)



WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

Environmental sensitivities of enteric infectious diseases are **pathogen-specific**

Satellite-informed meteorological and hydrological estimates **contribute significantly** to pathogen risk modeling

This supports improved **understanding** of environmental sensitivities and **prediction and projection** of pathogen-specific infection risks

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

We need **coordinated data collection**: disease surveillance, genomics analysis, and environmental conditions

Environmentally-mediated risk profiles vary within communities as well as across communities: **multiscale studies are required**

More sophisticated integration of information on **human movement and other behavioral factors** will advance understanding and prediction skill

Environmentally-informed spatiotemporal risk analyses can be applied to **health system interventions**, including vaccination campaigns

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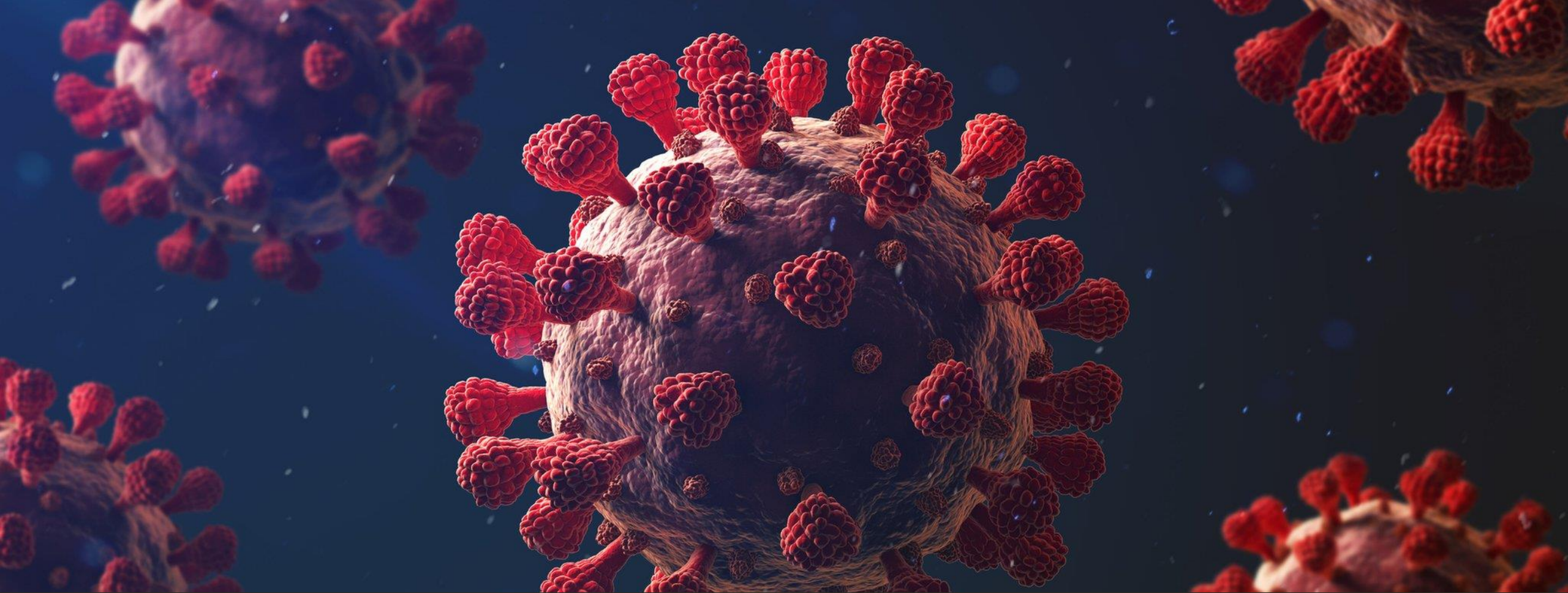
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COVID-19 SUPPLEMENT

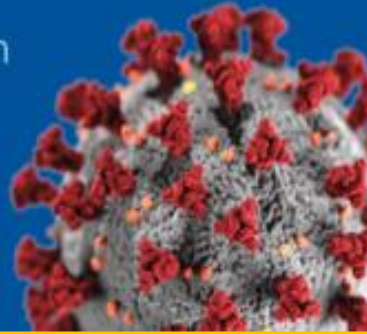
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Climatological, Meteorological and Environmental factors in the COVID-19 pandemic



An international virtual symposium on drivers, predictability and actionable information



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A framework for research linking weather, climate and COVID-19

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First Report of the WMO COVID-19 Task Team

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CREATE A UNIFIED, RELIABLE DATA RECORD

United States:

US	36	061	10476
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Country	State	County	District
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Europe:

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Country	State*	County**	District
ISO 3166 1 2 letters	NUTS 1 + 1 digit/letter	NUTS 2 + 1 digit/letter	NUTS 3 + 1 digit/letter

Global:

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* NUTS 1 level represents groups of subregions (or equivalent) for some European countries (e.g., Italy).

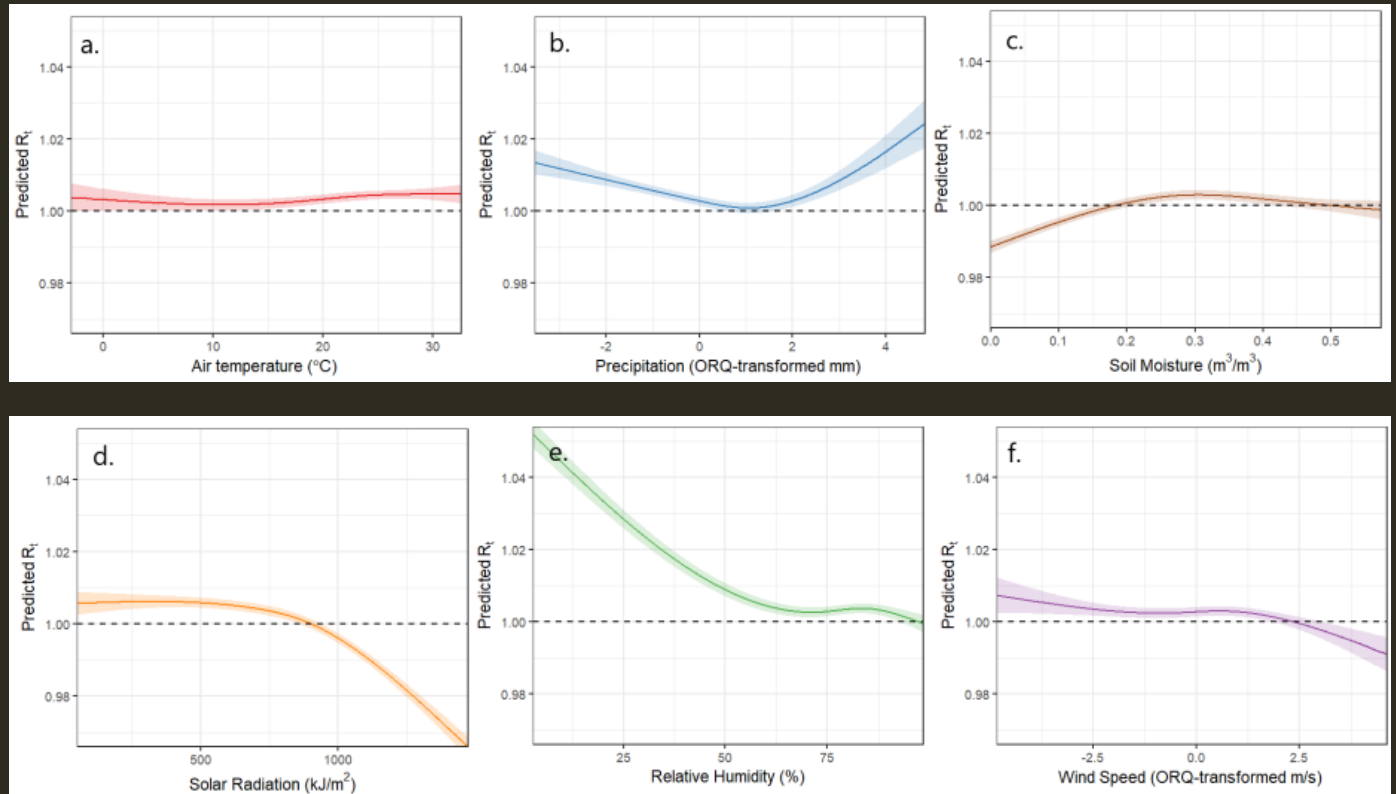
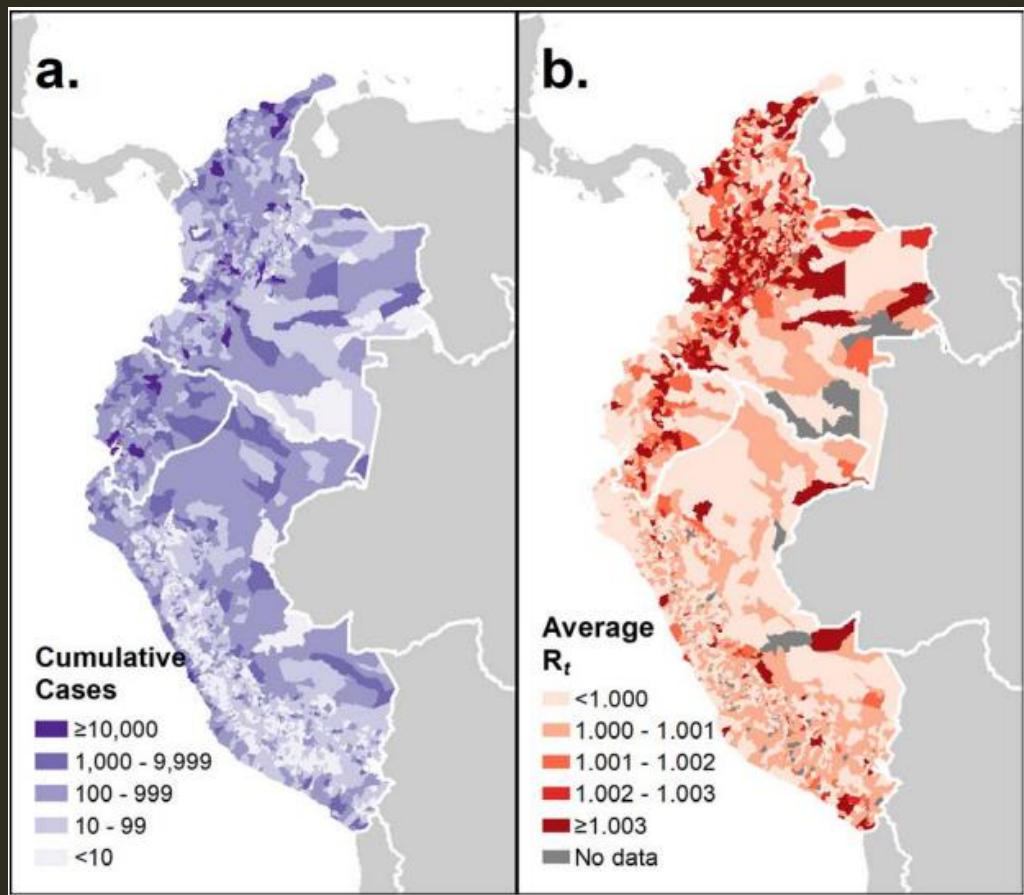
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- Maps all geospatial units globally into a unique standardized ID.
- Standardizes administrative names and codes at all levels.
- Standardizes dates, data types, and formats.
- Unifies variable names, types, and categories.
- Merges data from all credible sources at all levels.
- Cleans the data and fixing confusing entries.
- Integrates hydrometeorological variables at all levels.
- Optimizes the data for machine learning applications.

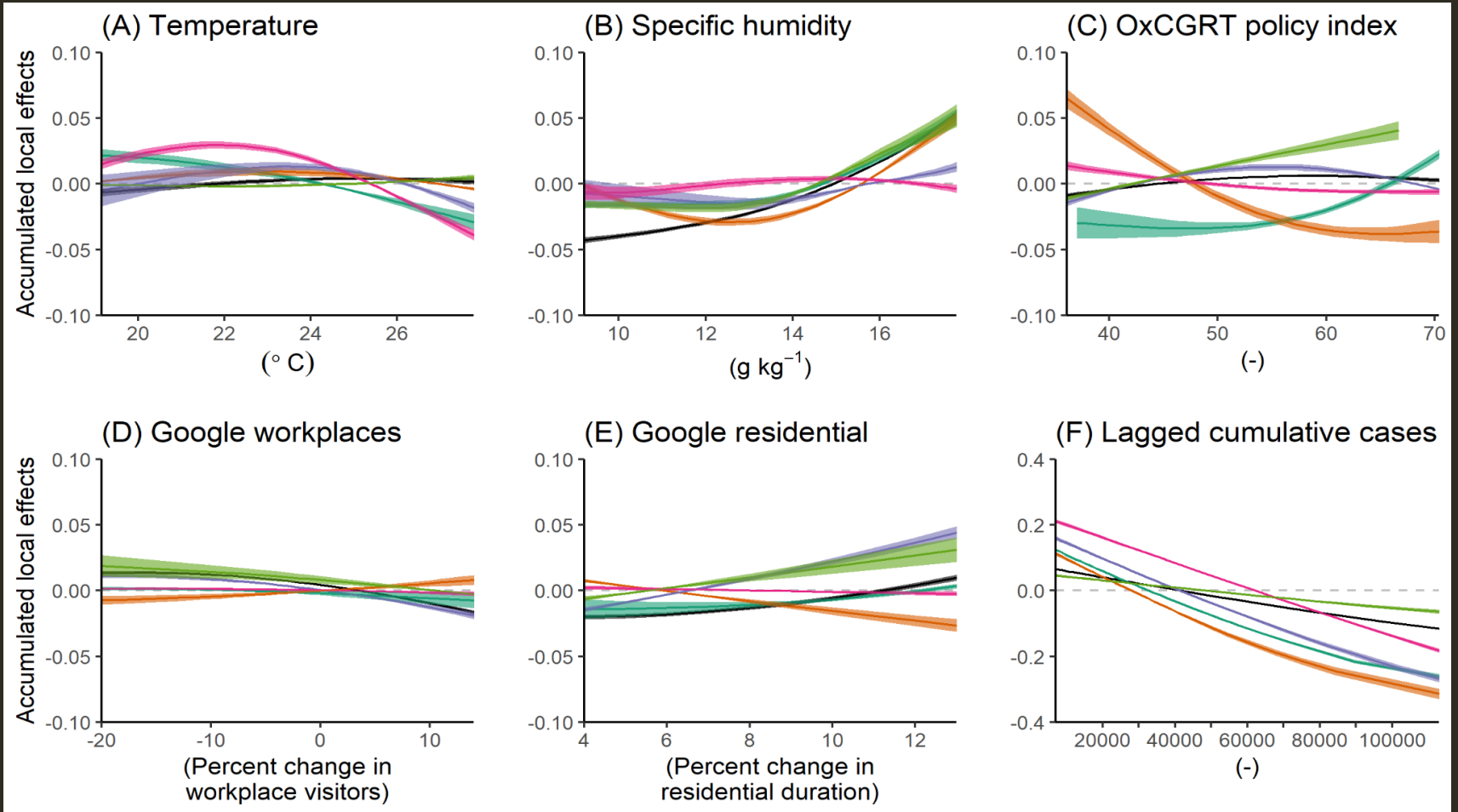
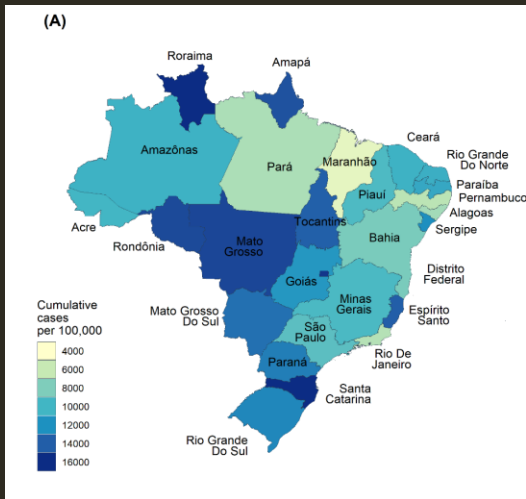
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METEOROLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES: WESTERN SOUTH AMERICA



METEOROLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES: BRAZIL



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