



April 5th, 2023

Authors:

- Zulma M. Cucunubá
- Nicolás Tórres
- Benjamin Lambert
- Pierre Nouvellet



Contributors:

- Geraldine Gómez
- Jaime A. Pavlich-Mariscal
- Miguel Gámez



An R package for estimating the Force-of-Infection (Fol)





An R package for estimating the **Force-of-Infection (Fol)** from **age-disaggregated** population-based cross-sectional serosurveys.









Usage:

Infectious diseases for which IgG antibodies can be measured.









• Are population-based cross-sectional surveys (not hospital-based).



Serofoi

- Are population-based cross-sectional surveys (not hospital-based).
- Specify individuals' age or age group.





- Are population-based cross-sectional surveys (not hospital-based).
- Specify individuals' age or age group.
- Indicate diagnostic test(s) used. The current version of serofoi only applies to IgG antibodies.



Serofoi

- Are population-based cross-sectional surveys (not hospital-based)
- Specify individuals' age or age group
- Indicate diagnostic test(s) used. The current version of serofoi only applies to IgG antibodies
- Identify the date (year) and place of sample collection









• No sero-reversion.





- No sero-reversion.
- No age-dependency.





- No sero-reversion.
- No age-dependency.
- No impact from migration processes.





- No sero-reversion.
- No age-dependency.
- No impact from migration processes.
- No differences in the mortality rate of infected versus susceptible individuals.



Force of Infection (Fol)



Rate at which susceptible individuals exposed to a pathogen become infected.





Constant vs Time-varying Fol:



• The Fol is often incorrectly assumed to be constant over time.



Constant vs Time-varying Fol:



• The Fol is often incorrectly assumed to be constant over time.

serofoi allows both

- Constant Fol
- Time-varying Fol



Constant vs Time-varying Fol:



Model Option	Description and usage
constant	Constant Fol
tv_normal	Time-varying normal Fol: slow change in Fol
<pre>tv_normal_log</pre>	Time-varying normal-log FoI: fast epidemic change in FoI

https://epiverse-trace.github.io/serofoi/articles/foi_models.html



Getting started with serofoi









• Transmitted mainly by the Aedes aegypti mosquito



serofoi



- Transmitted mainly by the Aedes aegypti mosquito
- Originally endemic to Africa and Asia
- Arrives to the Americas on 2013 with no prior immunity in the population



serofo





Methodological challenge:

How is it best to untangle the endemic and epidemic patterns of Chikungunya?





Load and prepare data data("chik2015") chik2015p <- prepare_serodata(chik2015)</pre>

population-based study conducted in Bahia, Brazil in October-December 2015.













foi_model: constant dataset: BRA 2015(S019) elpd: -39.57 se: 8.48 converged: Yes foi_model: tv_normal dataset: BRA 2015(S019) elpd: -20.76 se: 1.98 converged: Yes foi_model: tv_normal_log dataset: BRA 2015(S019) elpd: -12.58 se: 0.81 converged: Yes











serofoi

Case study 2: Chagas Disease





Case study 2: Chagas Disease



- Trypanosoma cruzi
- Endemic to Latin America
- Transmitted by triatomine bugs





Case study 2: Chagas Disease

Control: Insecticide spraying has been extensively implemented in Latin America since the 1970s-80s.













Methodological challenge:

Estimate the historical effectiveness of the control strategies across endemic areas?



Case study 2: Chagas Disesase









foi_model: tv_normal

elpd: -74.52

serofoi

Epiverse



Load and prepare data

Conclusions



- **serofoi** Fol estimations in different real case scenarios
- **serofoi** is able to recover the endemic or epidemic trends of different diseases
- Bayesian comparison criteria can be used to identify trends on the Fol
- Future versions of **serofoi** might include additional models, visualization tools and further model comparison criteria



Contribute in serofoi:



Contributions are welcome via pull requests, taking into account the code of conduct.

GitHub: https://github.com/epiverse-trace/serofoi

Website: https://epiverse-trace.github.io/serofoi/

Get in touch:

Email:

<u>ex-ntorres@javeriana.edu.co</u>

ORCID:

https://orcid.org/0009-0002-8484-1298



Thanks!