

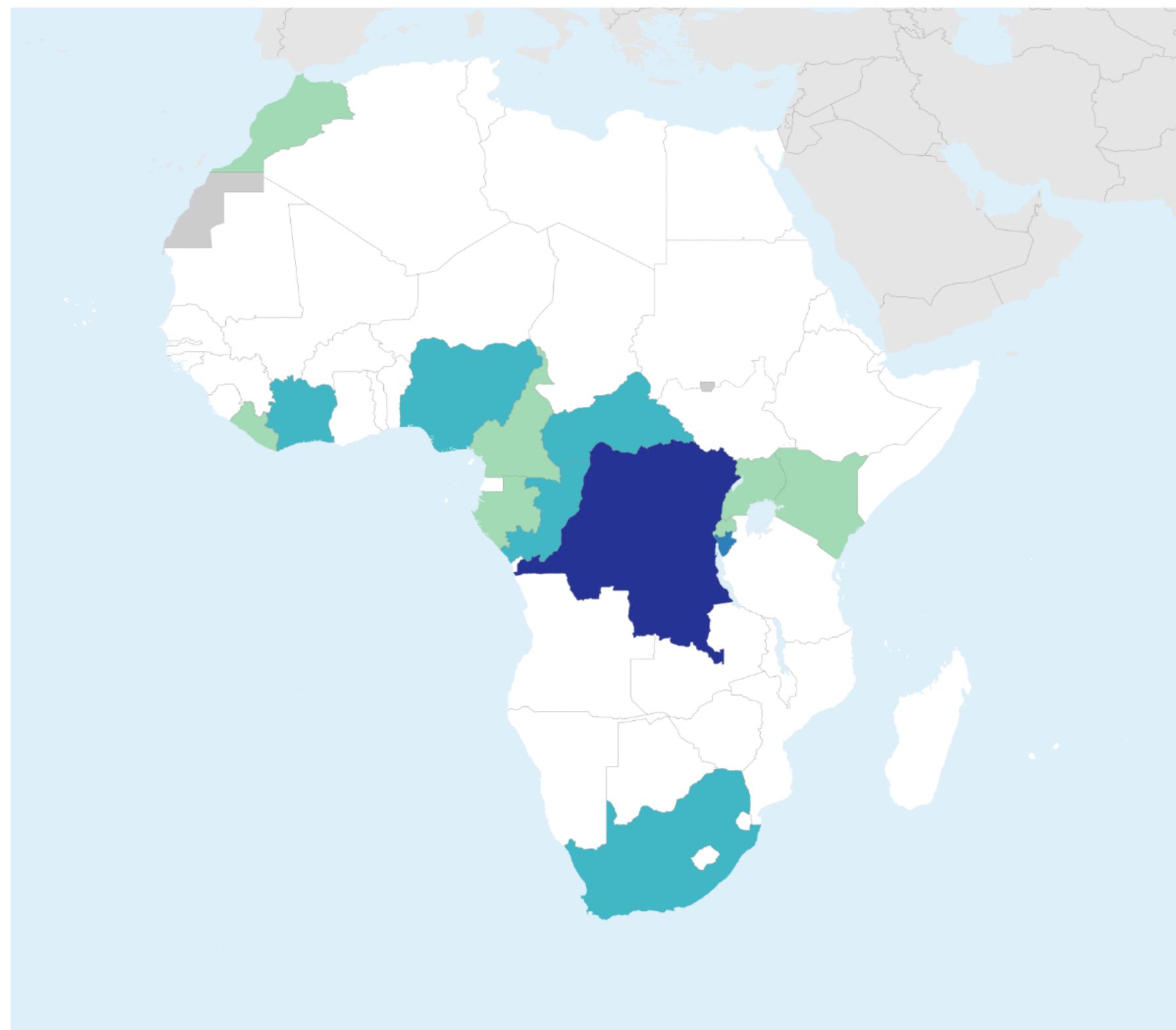
# Common analytics tasks and available R tools/packages

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# Context: Mpox as of 01 September

Mpox cases in 2024, Africa  
from 01 Jan 2024, as of 01 Sep 2024



Confirmed case

- 0
- 1-9
- 10-99
- 100-999
- 1000+
- Not applicable

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Map Production: WHO Health Emergencies Programme  
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Summary of Laboratory confirmed mpox cases

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Case fatality ratio (%)	As of 01 Sep 2024				Clades detected in country	Date of last report
				Cases in 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Deaths in 2024 <sup>1</sup>	Cases in the past four weeks <sup>2</sup>	Deaths in the past four weeks <sup>2</sup>		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4,489	27	1	3,244	25	47	0	Clades Ia and Ib	1 September 2024
Burundi	313	0	0	313	0	273	0	Clade Ib	1 September 2024
Nigeria	909	9	1	48	0	10	0	Clade II (a+b)	25 August 2024
Central African Republic	92	2	2	45	1	2	0	Clade Ia	18 August 2024
Côte d'Ivoire	28	1	4	28	1	22	1	Clade II (a+b)	18 August 2024
South Africa	29	3	10	24	3	0	0	Clade II (a+b)	18 August 2024

# Context (cont'd)




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# The epidemiological modelling R tools ecosystem

Many R packages & individual/community developers

## CRAN Task View: Epidemiology

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**Version:** 2024-06-20

**URL:** <https://CRAN.R-project.org/view=Epidemiology>

**Source:** <https://github.com/cran-task-views/Epidemiology/>

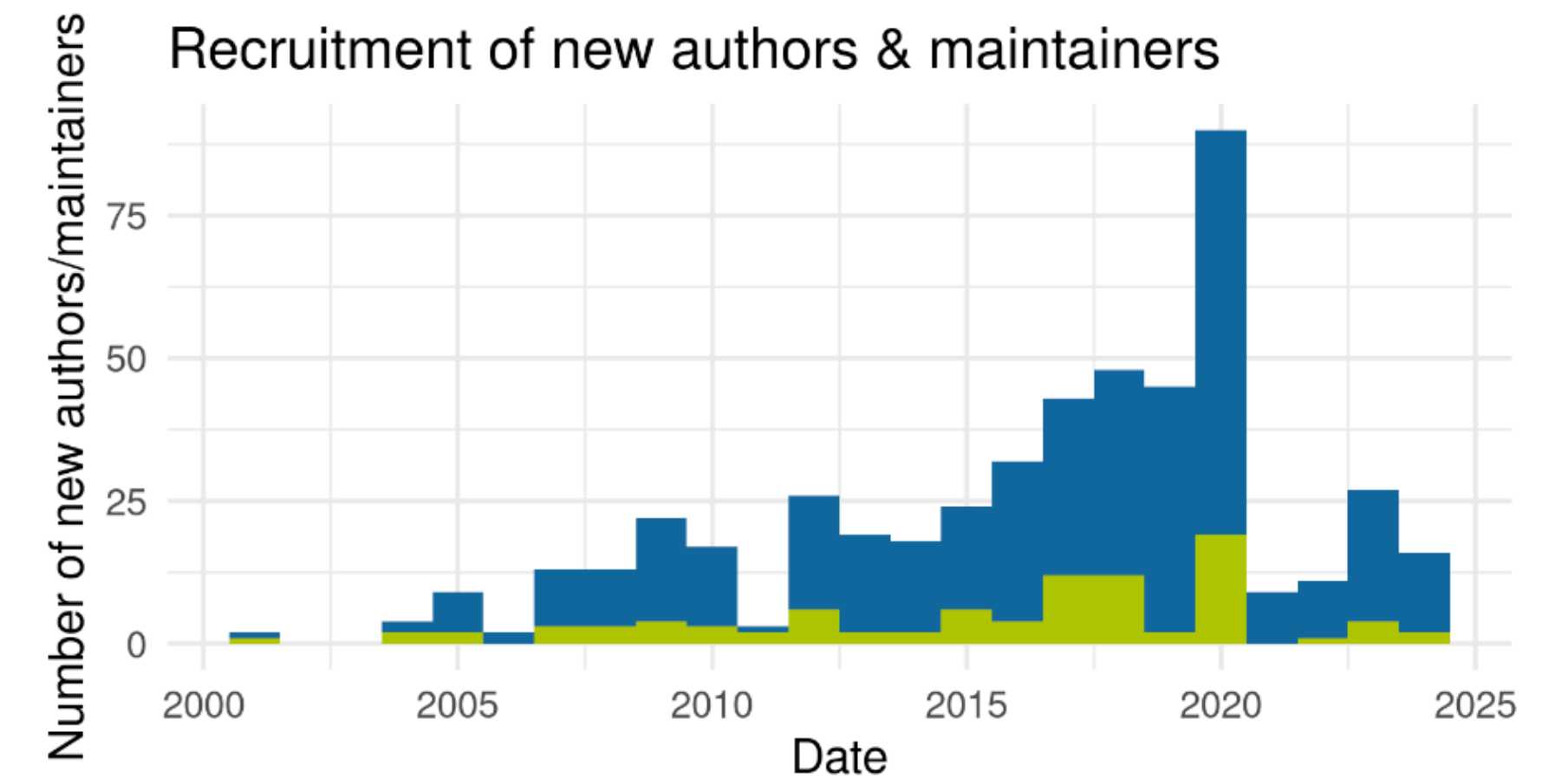
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**Installation:** The packages from this task view can be installed automatically using the `ctv` package. For example, `ctv::install.views("Epidemiology", coreOnly = TRUE)` installs all the core packages or `ctv::update.views("Epidemiology")` installs all packages that are not yet installed and up-to-date. See the [CRAN Task View Initiative](#) for more details.

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<https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/Epidemiology.html>



<https://epiverse-connect.github.io/ctv-analysis/>



What can we anticipate in terms of analytics with emerging mpox data?

# Summary of tasks

- Task 1: **Cleaning** data
- Task 2: Estimating **transmissibility**
- Task 3: Getting **epidemiological parameter** distributions
  - Task 4: Estimating **epidemiological delays**
  - Task 5: **Nowcasting and forecasting** infections
- Task 6: Estimating **severity**
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- Task 8: Analysing **long term dynamics & scenarios**

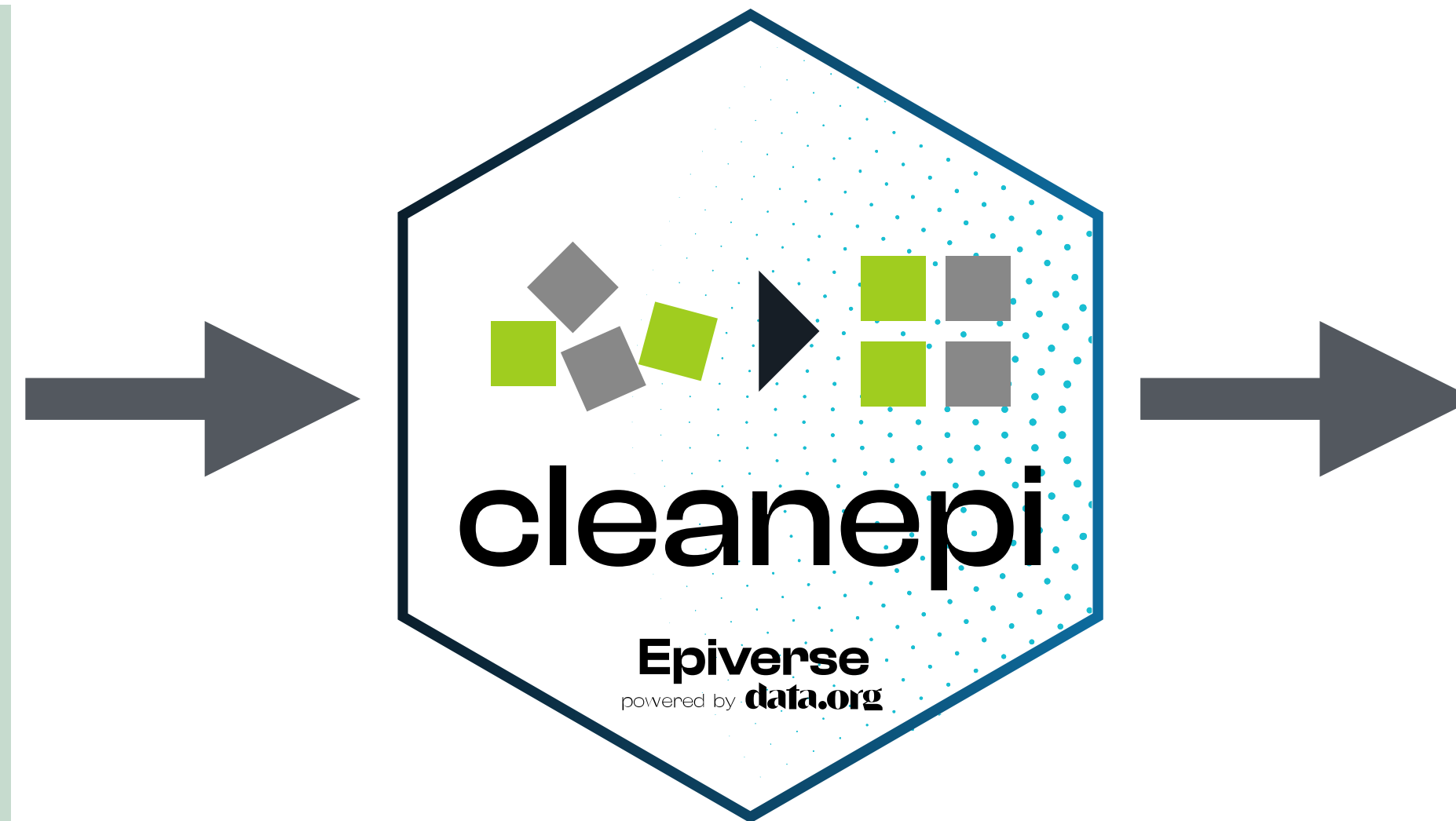


# Task 1: data cleaning

An R package for modular data cleaning

## Engine

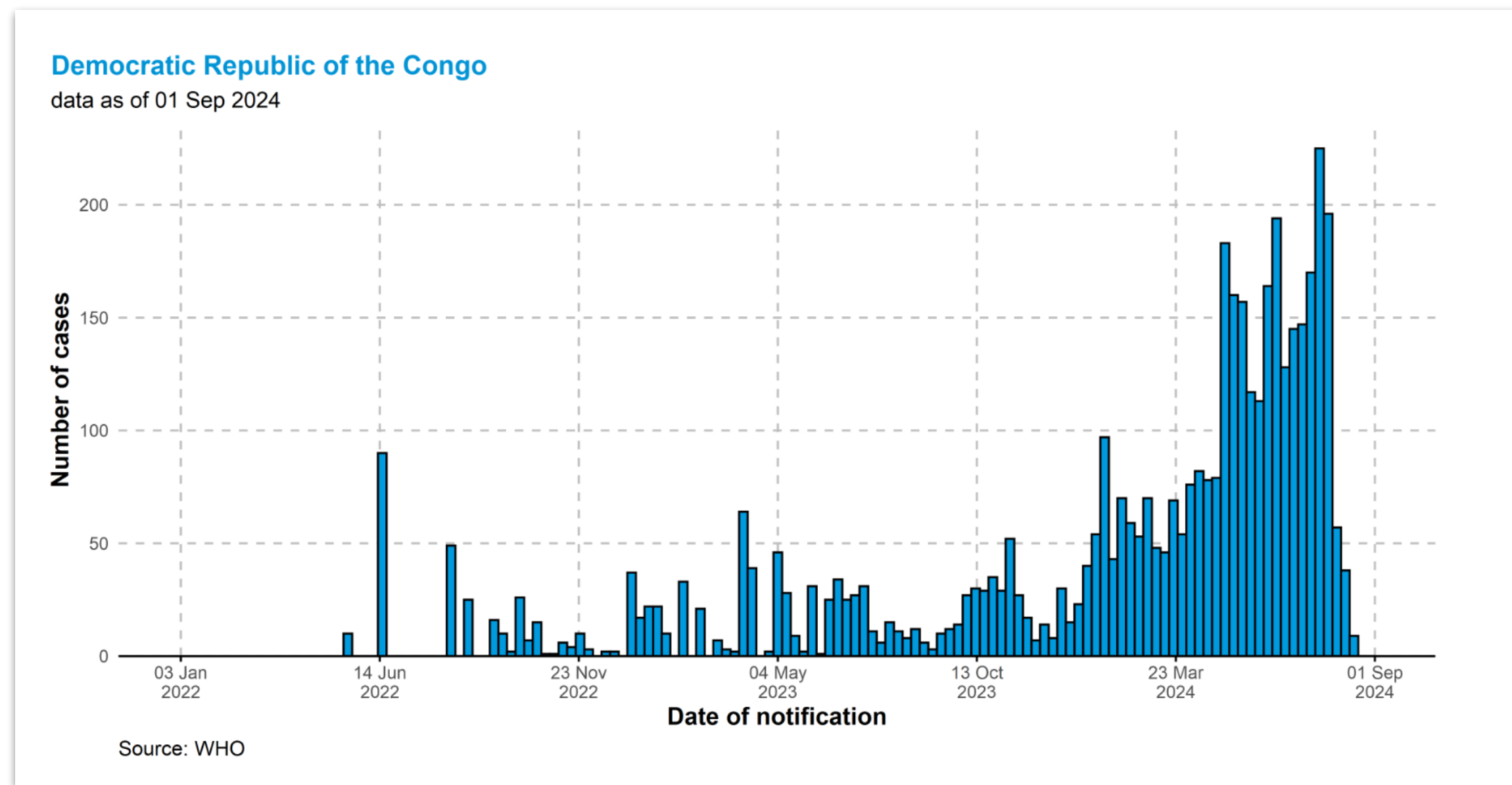
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- lubridate
- matchmaker
- **numberize**
- snakecase



<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/cleanepi/>



# Task 2: estimating transmissibility ( $R_t$ )



Source: [https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/mpx\\_global/](https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/mpx_global/)





# Task 3: Get epidemiological parameters

The screenshot shows the documentation for the 'epiparameter' R package. At the top, it lists the license as MIT, shows that R-CMD-check is passing, and indicates 82% code coverage. The package version is 0.2.0.9000. Below this, a description states that the package contains a library of epidemiological parameters for infectious diseases and helper functions. The 'Current database' section shows a search for 'mpox' resulting in 122 entries. A table of results is displayed with columns for Disease, Pathogen, Distribution, and Reference.

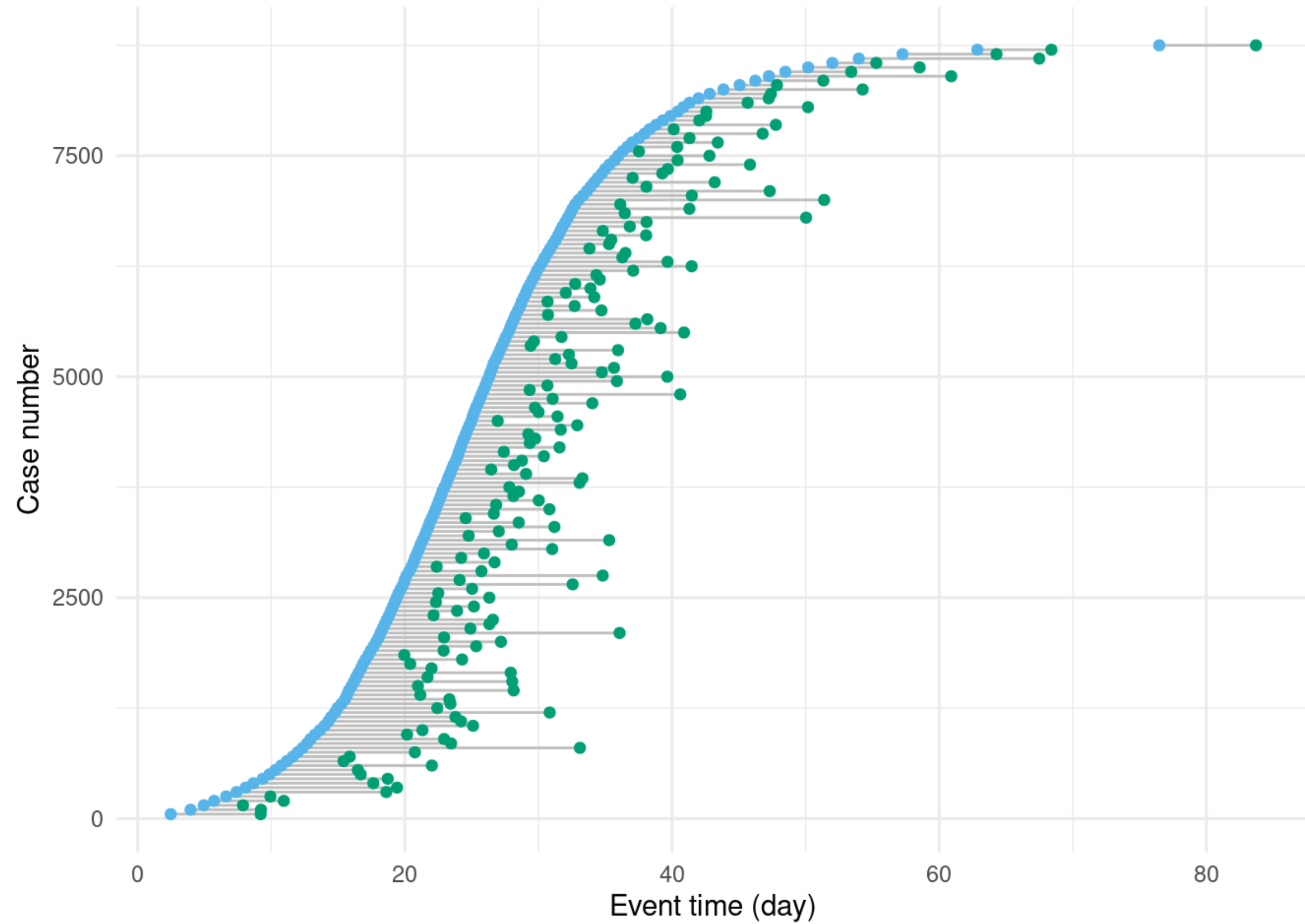
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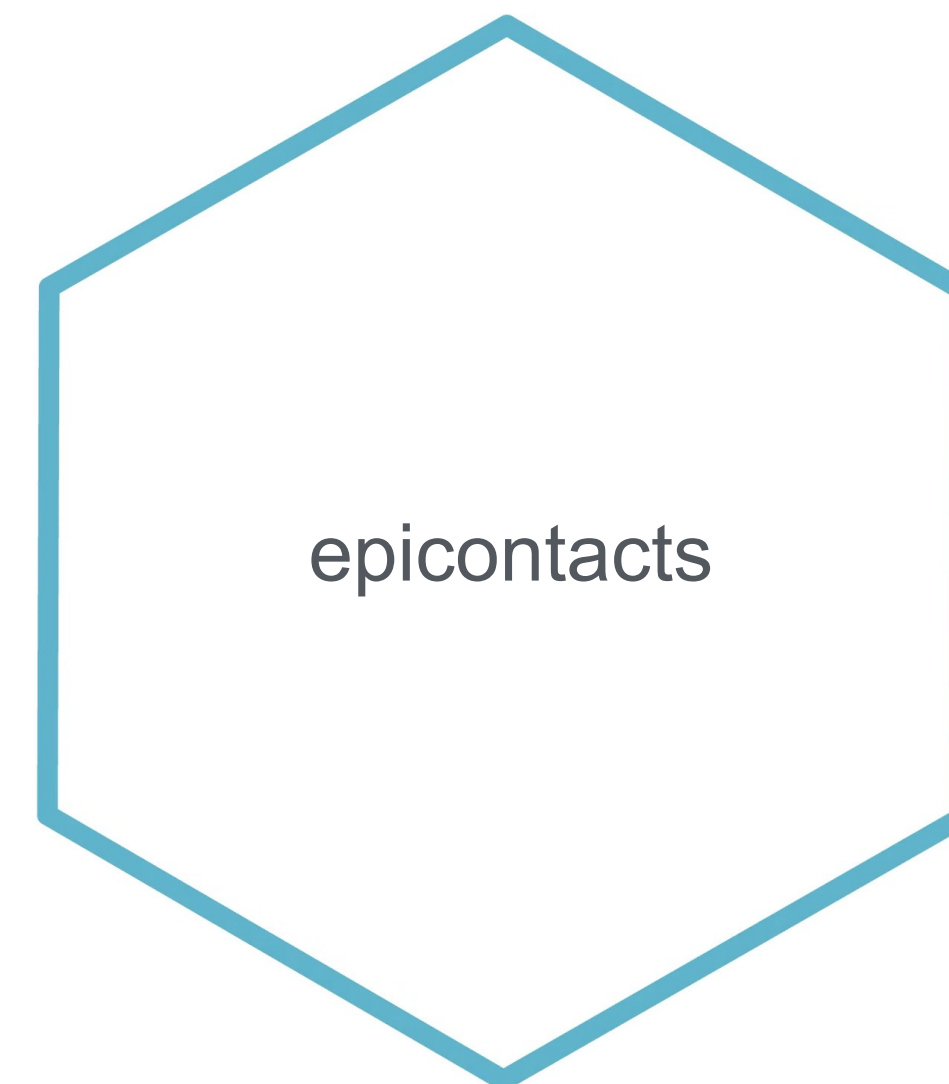
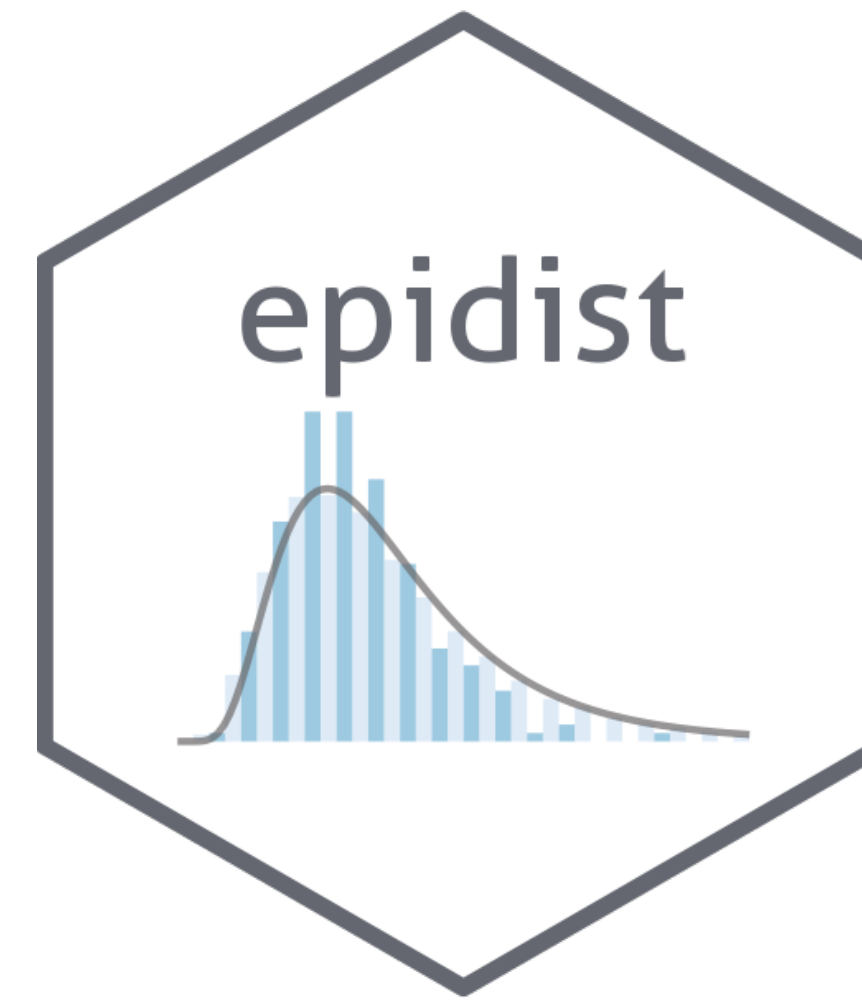
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Collaboratory EpiParameter Community. The header features the text 'Collaboratory Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence' and 'EpiParameter Community'. A navigation menu includes 'About', 'Community', 'News', 'Resources', and 'GitHub'. The main content area has an 'About' section with an 'Overview' sub-section. The overview text describes the community as a global collaborative working group coordinated by WHO, aiming to develop a global repository of epidemiological parameters. It also explains that these parameters are used by mathematical models to understand transmission dynamics and determine the potential impact of outbreaks.

<https://who-collaboratory.github.io/collaboratory-epiparameter-community/#/>

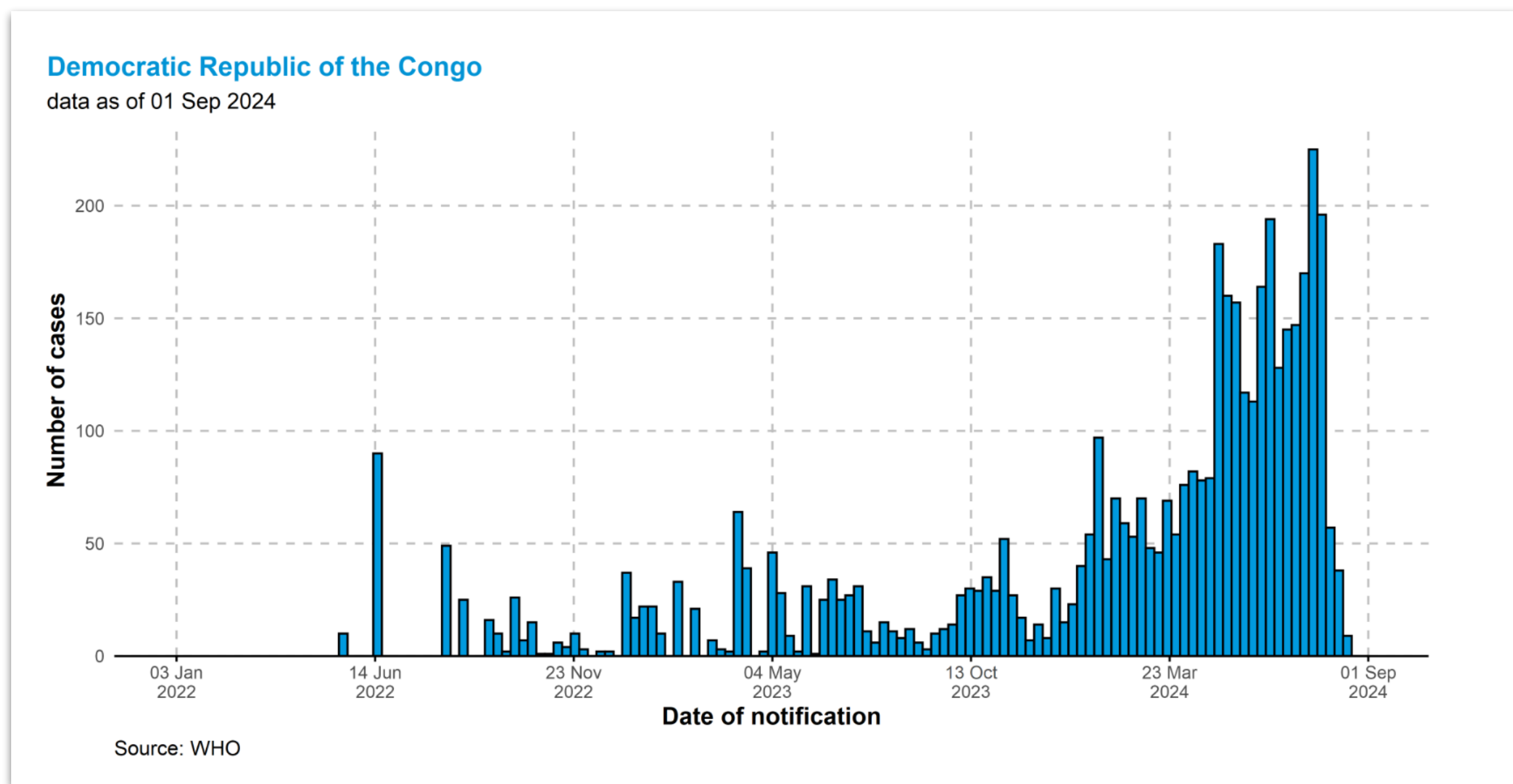
# Task 4: estimate **delays**



A hypothetical line list showing the time between primary and secondary event.  
Source: epidist Getting Started vignette



# Task 5: **nowcast & forecast** mpox infections



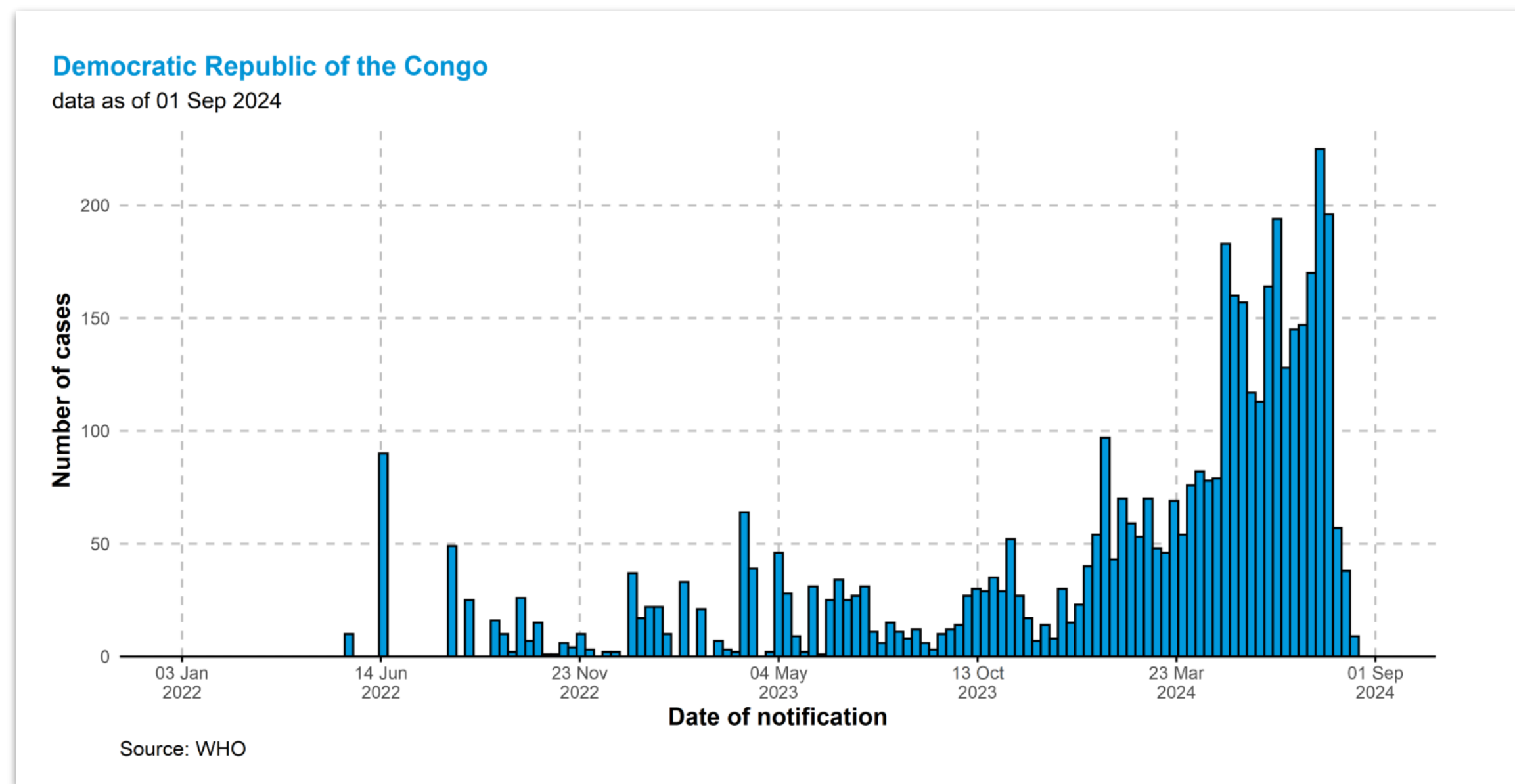
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See end-to-end  
nowcasting example:

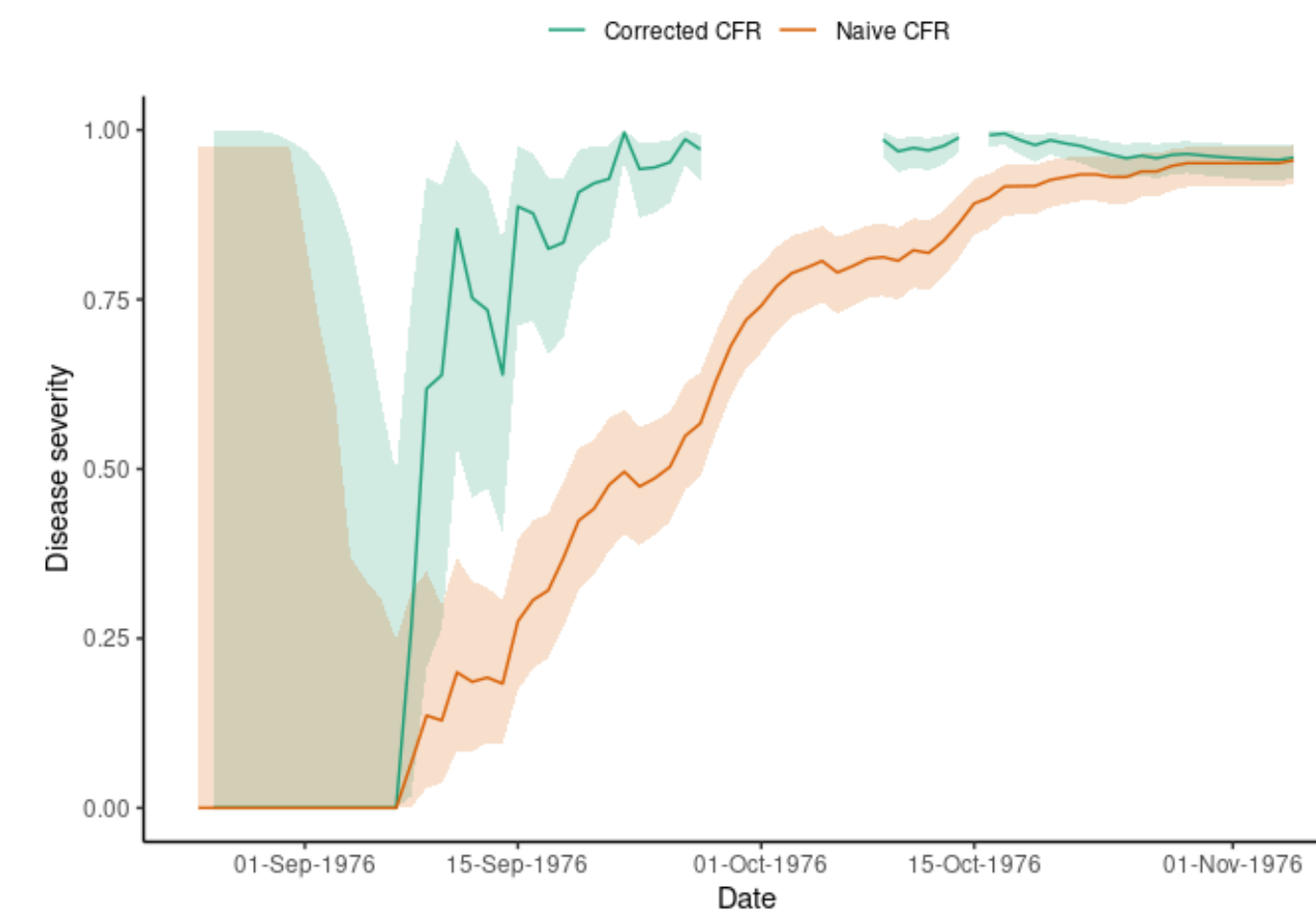
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- epinowcast

# Task 6: estimate severity (cfr, etc)



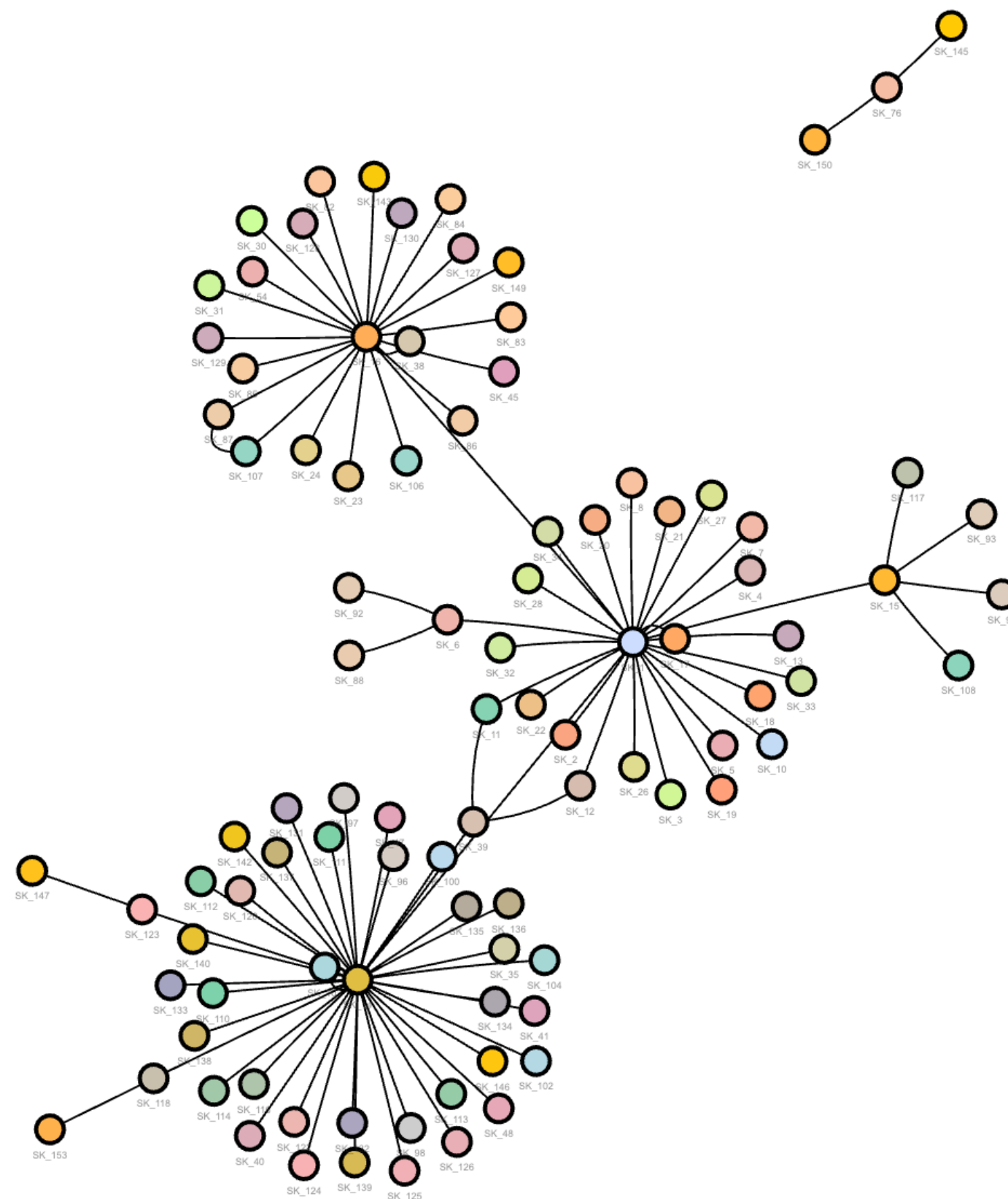
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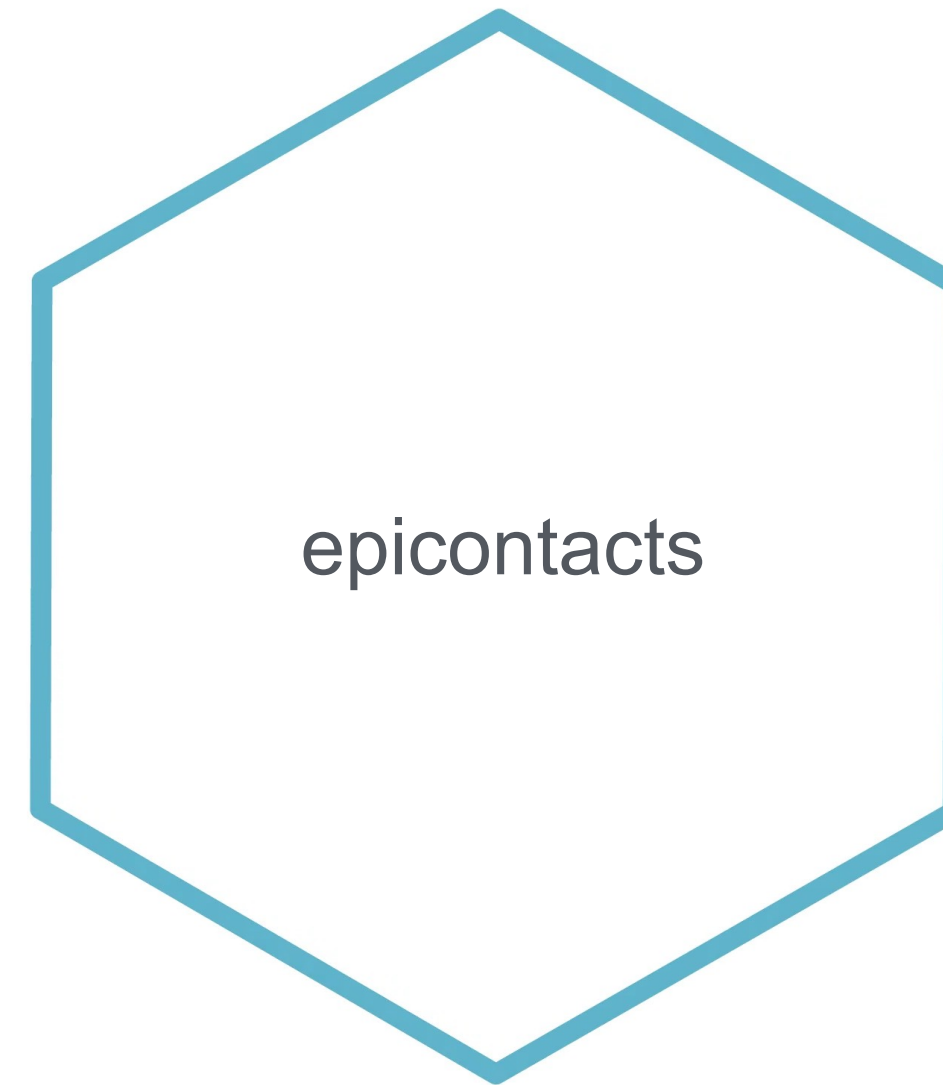




# Task 7: analyse transmission chains + contact data



Transmission chains for Middle East respiratory syndrome in South Korea, 2015  
Source: *(epicontacts) R package Getting Started vignette*

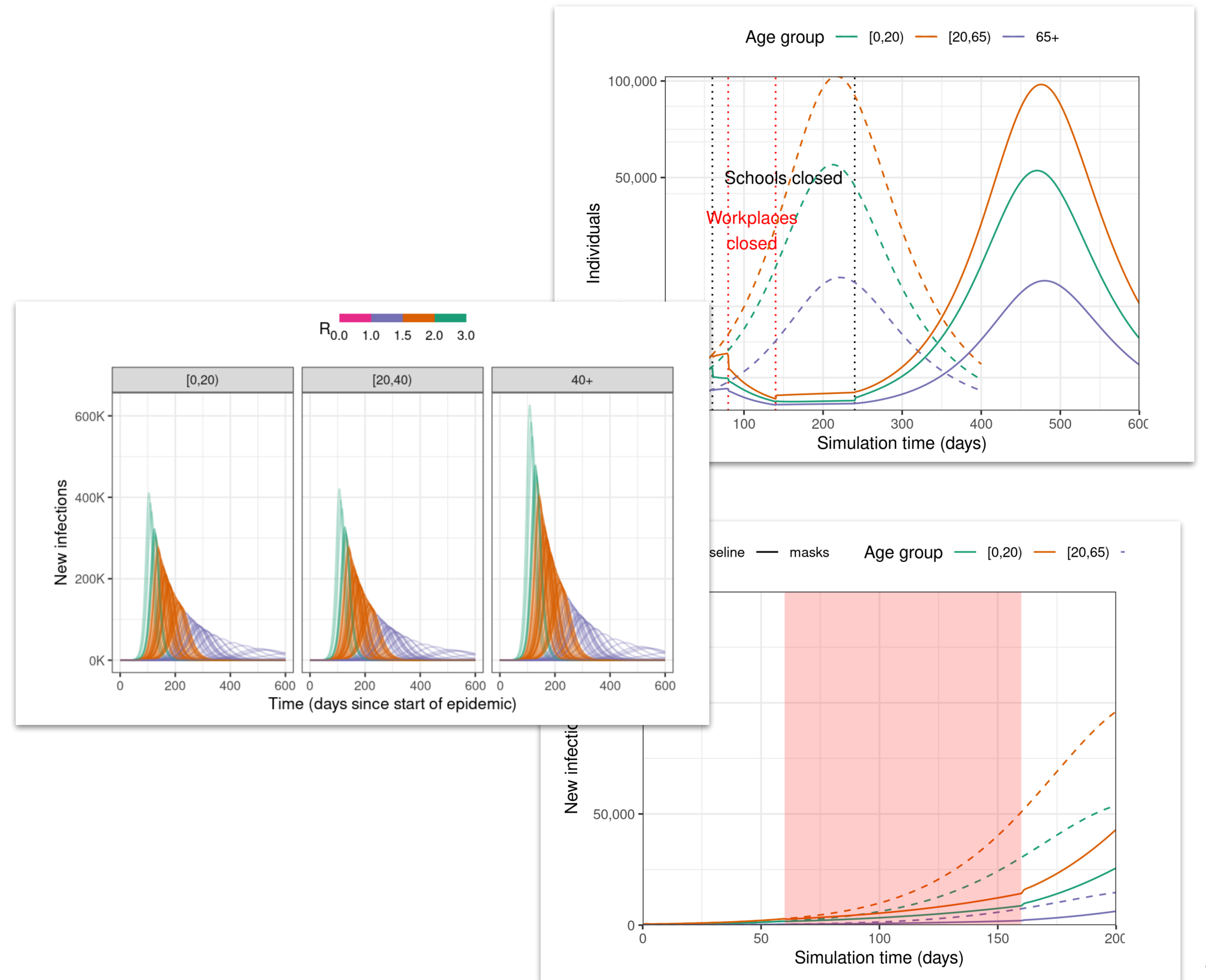


- Visualise and explore
- Estimate serial interval
- Cluster size distributions and contact degrees

- Estimate  $R_0$  and  $k$
- Fit to data using branching processes



# Task 8: Analyse long term dynamics and scenarios



Source: epidemics R package vignettes

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# Which R package should I use?

PLOS Computational Biology

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### Ten simple rules for finding and selecting R packages

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- Rule 1: Consider your purpose
- Rule 2: Find and collect options
- Rule 3: Check how it's shared
- Rule 4: Explore the availability and quality of help
- Rule 5: Quantify how established it is
- Rule 6: Seek evidence of peer acceptance and review
- Rule 7: Find out who developed it
- Rule 8: See how it's developed
- Rule 9: Put it to the test
- Rule 10: Develop your own package

# Summary

- Mpox 2024 outbreak is growing
- Here, provided overview of some analytics tasks that can be anticipated
- Showcased existing and emerging R tools to tackle common tasks
- Try out with emerging data and share ideas, findings, frustrations, etc with the developer community for enhancements.

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  - R package developers & contributors
  - Methods developers
  - User community



# Questions

- Are there any packages for incorporating phylogenetic data into reconstructing transmission chains?
- Answer: [outbreaker2](#), [TransPhylo](#), [phybreak](#)