

# Influence of Rainfall on *Leptospira* Infection and Disease in a Tropical Urban Setting, Brazil

## Appendix

**Appendix Table 1.** Diagnostic criteria of confirmed-positive cases of leptospirosis requiring hospitalization from 2 reference hospitals in Salvador, Brazil, January 2013–April 2015\*

No. cases confirmed positive (%) N = 161†	Culture	MAT‡	ELISA 1§	PCR
60 (37.3)	Negative	Positive	Positive	Negative
23 (14.2)	Negative	Positive	NA	Negative
18 (11.2)	Negative	Positive	Positive	NA
17 (10.6)	Negative	Positive	Positive	Positive
7 (4.3)	Negative	Negative	NA	Positive
7 (4.3)	Negative	Negative	Negative	Positive
4 (2.5)	Negative	Positive	NA	Positive
4 (2.5)	Negative	Positive	Negative	Negative
2 (1.2)	Positive	Positive	NA	Positive
2 (1.2)	Positive	Negative	NA	Positive
2 (1.2)	Positive	Negative	NA	Negative
2 (1.2)	NA	Positive	NA	Positive
2 (1.2)	NA	Positive	Positive	Negative
2 (1.2)	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive
2 (1.2)	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive
2 (1.2)	NA	Positive	Positive	NA
1 (0.62)	Positive	Positive	NA	Negative
1 (0.62)	NA	Positive	NA	Negative
1 (0.62)	Positive	Positive	Negative	Positive
1 (0.62)	Negative	Negative	Positive	Positive
1 (0.62)	Positive	Positive	Positive	NA

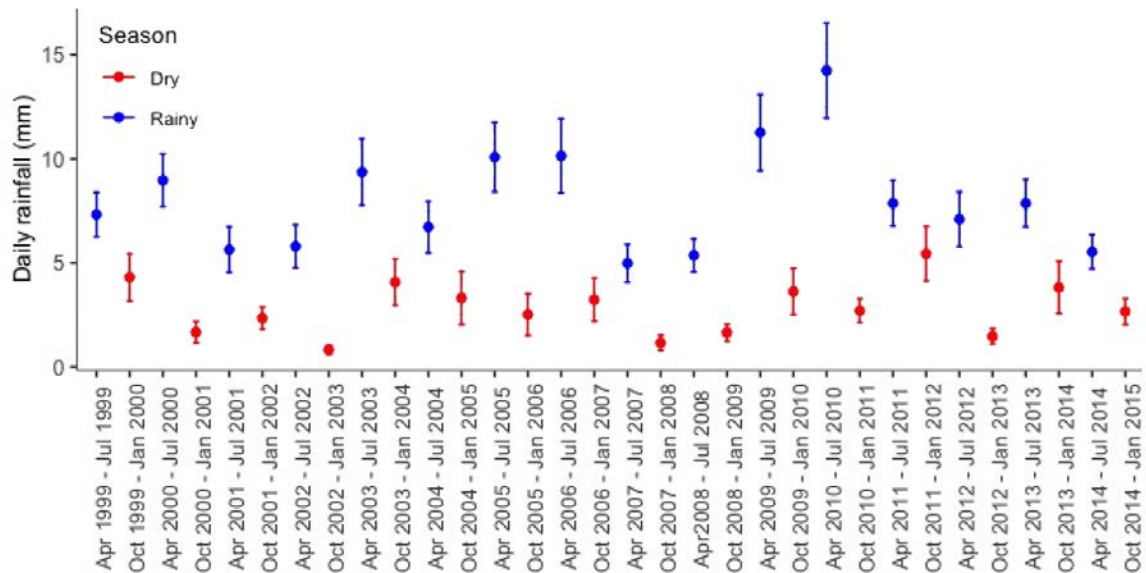
\*Positive samples were defined as a  $\geq 4$ -fold rise in MAT titers of paired serum samples, MAT titers  $\geq 1:800$  in a single sample, or positive PCR. Diagnostic tests are marked as NA if the diagnostic test was not performed. MAT, microscopic agglutination test; NA, not available.

†Total number of confirmed positive symptomatic hospitalized patients from the 2 reference hospitals based on panel of diagnostic tests.

‡MAT positivity was determined as having titers  $\geq 1:800$  in a single sample or a  $\geq 4$ -fold rise in MAT titers for paired serum samples.

**Appendix Table 2.** Characteristics of confirmed positive hospitalized cases from 2 reference hospitals in Salvador, Brazil, January 2013–April 2015

Characteristic	No. responses	Mean (SD) or % of group
<b>Clinical symptoms</b>		
No. days of symptoms before admission to hospital	161	7.2 (3.5)
<b>Complications during hospital stay</b>		
Fever	161	100.0%
Conjunctival suffusion	159	8.8%
Jaundice	160	73.8%
<b>Outcome</b>		
Days spent in hospital	161	11.2 (10.4)
Case-fatality rate	161	7.5%



**Appendix Figure.** Seasonal cumulative rainfall in Salvador, Brazil, 1999–2015. The rainy season typically occurs April–July (red) and the dry season October–January (red). Black vertical lines denote the start of the seasonal follow-up periods evaluated in the study.