

**S1 Table. Excluded studies from systematic literature review**

No.	Reasons for exclusion of studies	Description of excluded studies
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2.	A	Abass KM, van der Werf TS, Phillips RO, Sarfo FS, Abotsi J, Mireku SO, et al. Buruli ulcer control in a highly endemic district in Ghana: role of community-based surveillance volunteers. <i>Am J Trop Med Hyg.</i> 2015;92(1):115-7. Epub 2014/10/22. doi: 10.4269/ajtmh.14-0405. PubMed PMID: 25331802; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4347364.
3.	A	Abdel-Mannan OA, Harris MJ, Parker JA, Aly GS, El-Sayed NM. Testing clinical surveillance of acute flaccid paralysis in Egypt post-eradication of poliomyelitis. <i>Trop Med Int Health.</i> 2010;15(11):1395-400. Epub 2010/10/20. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-3156.2010.02636.x. PubMed PMID: 20955500.
4.	A	Abdel-Wahab F, Ghoneim M, Khashaba M, El-Gilany AH, Abdel-Hady D. Nosocomial infection surveillance in an Egyptian neonatal intensive care unit. <i>J Hosp Infect.</i> 2013;83(3):196-9. Epub 2013/02/05. doi: 10.1016/j.jhin.2012.10.017. PubMed PMID: 23374289.
5.	A	Abebe SM, Andargie G, Shimeka A, Alemu K, Kebede Y, Wubeshet M, et al. The prevalence of non-communicable diseases in northwest Ethiopia: survey of Dabat Health and Demographic Surveillance System. <i>BMJ Open.</i> 2017;7(10):e015496. Epub 2017/10/25. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2016-015496. PubMed PMID: 29061601; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4665308.
6.	A	Abouchadi S, Zhang WH, De Brouwere V. Underreporting of deaths in the maternal deaths surveillance system in one region of Morocco. <i>PLoS One.</i> 2018;13(1):e0188070. Epub 2018/02/01. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0188070. PubMed PMID: 29385140; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC5791944.
7.	A	AC CC, Codeço CT, Honório NA, Pereira GR, CF NP, Nobre AA. Surveillance of dengue vectors using spatio-temporal Bayesian modeling. <i>BMC Med Inform Decis Mak.</i> 2015;15:93. Epub 2015/11/17. doi: 10.1186/s12911-015-0219-6. PubMed PMID: 26566610; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4644323.
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10.	A	Adomako J, Asare GQ, Ofosu A, Iott BE, Anthony T, Momoh AS, et al. Community-based surveillance of maternal deaths in rural Ghana. <i>Bull World Health Organ</i> . 2016;94(2):86-91. Epub 2016/02/26. doi: 10.2471/blt.15.154849. PubMed PMID: 26908958; PubMed Central PMCID: PMCPMC4750432.
11.	A	Adongo PB, Tabong PT, Asampong E, Ansong J, Robalo M, Adanu RM. Health workers perceptions and attitude about Ghana's preparedness towards preventing, containing, and managing Ebola Virus Disease. <i>BMC Health Serv Res</i> . 2017;17(1):266. Epub 2017/04/14. doi: 10.1186/s12913-017-2225-0. PubMed PMID: 28403852; PubMed Central PMCID: PMCPMC5389014.
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13.	A	Agier L, Broutin H, Bertherat E, Djingarey MH, Lingani C, Perea W, et al. Timely detection of bacterial meningitis epidemics at district level: a study in three countries of the African Meningitis Belt. <i>Trans R Soc Trop Med Hyg</i> . 2013;107(1):30-6. Epub 2013/01/09. doi: 10.1093/trstmh/trs010. PubMed PMID: 23296695.
14.	A	Alabi O, Doctor HV, Afenyadu GY, Findley SE. Lessons learned from setting up the Nahuche Health and Demographic Surveillance System in the resource-constrained context of northern Nigeria. <i>Global health action</i> . 2014;7:23368. Epub 2014/05/09. doi: 10.3402/gha.v7.23368. PubMed PMID: 24809831; PubMed Central PMCID: PMCPMC4014660.
15.	A	Alleman MM, Meyer SA, Mulumba A, Nyembwe M, Riziki Y, Mbule A, et al. Improved acute flaccid paralysis surveillance performance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2010-2012. <i>J Infect Dis</i> . 2014;210 Suppl 1:S50-61. Epub 2014/10/16. doi: 10.1093/infdis/jit670. PubMed PMID: 25316874.
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