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Innate pathogenicity.

- some disease-causing organisms cause more damage than others.
- type of tissue(s) affected.
- metastasis to other tissues.
- toxic metabolic products.
- immuno-depressers.
- this determines an individual human's likelihood of dying.

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Other factors.

Risk of secondary infection.

Individual-level: nutrition, immunocompetency, other diseases, sex, age, behavior.

Population-level: density, hygienic facilities, geography, treatment availability, group-level behaviors.

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Disease transmission mode.

- Directly transmitted: usually more cosmopolitan.
e.g., amebiasis, ascariasis, influenza, cholera.
- Vector or intermediate host mediated: usually more restricted.
e.g., trypanosomiasis, schistosomiasis.

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-e.g., syphilis in the U.S. (~ 3,000-4,000 new cases per month).

-these are background diseases and part of the normal health care of most countries.

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-e.g., African trypanosomiasis in Uganda (250,000 dead in 20 years).

-these place huge burdens on health care.

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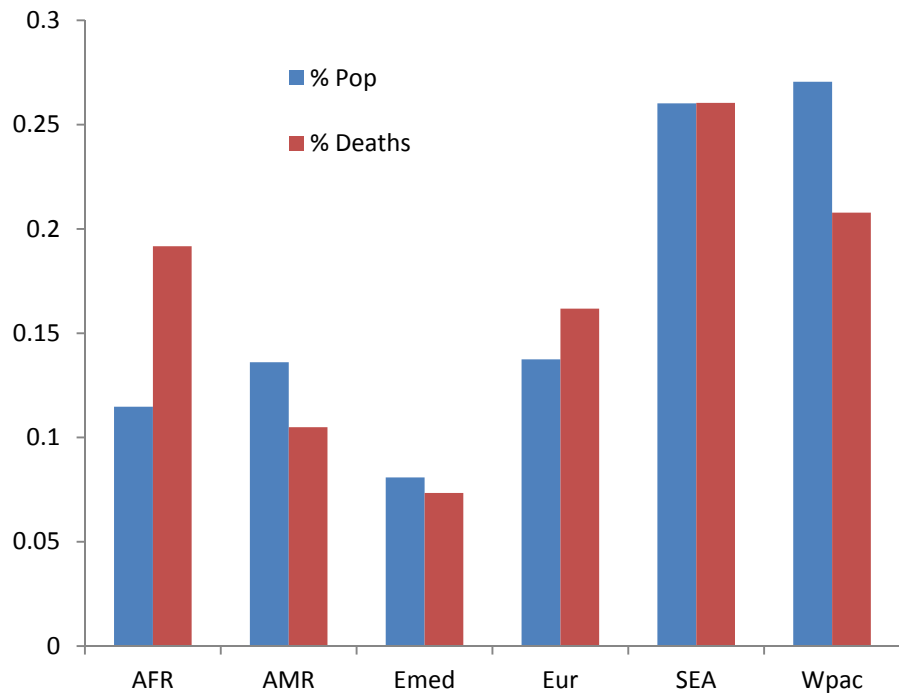
Pandemic levels of disease: a global, or nearly global, spike in morbidity and mortality beyond the normal endemic upper range.

-e.g., 1918-1919 influenza pandemic killed 50 million or more.

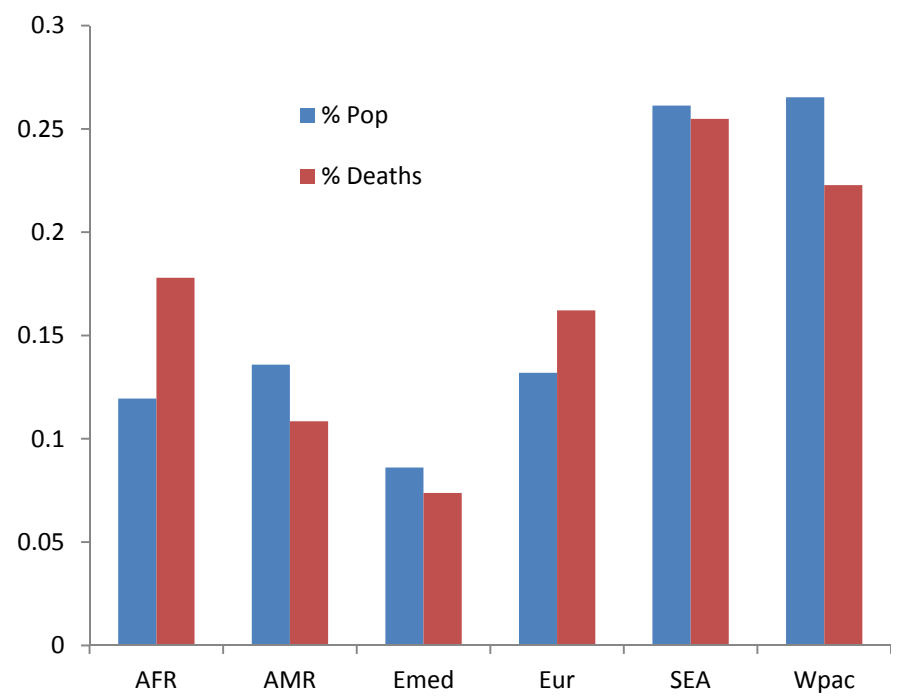
-these are out of control and usually run their course.

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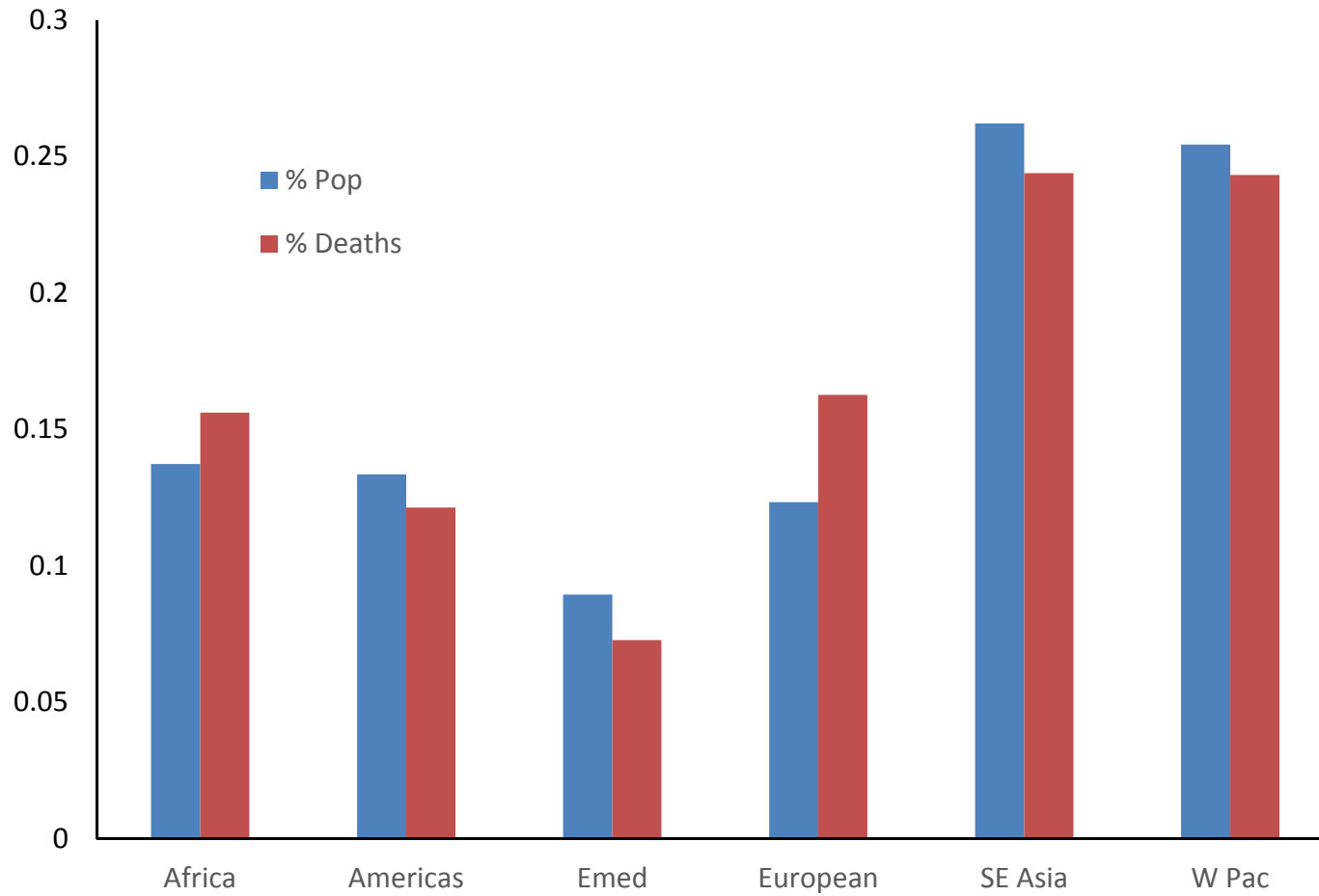


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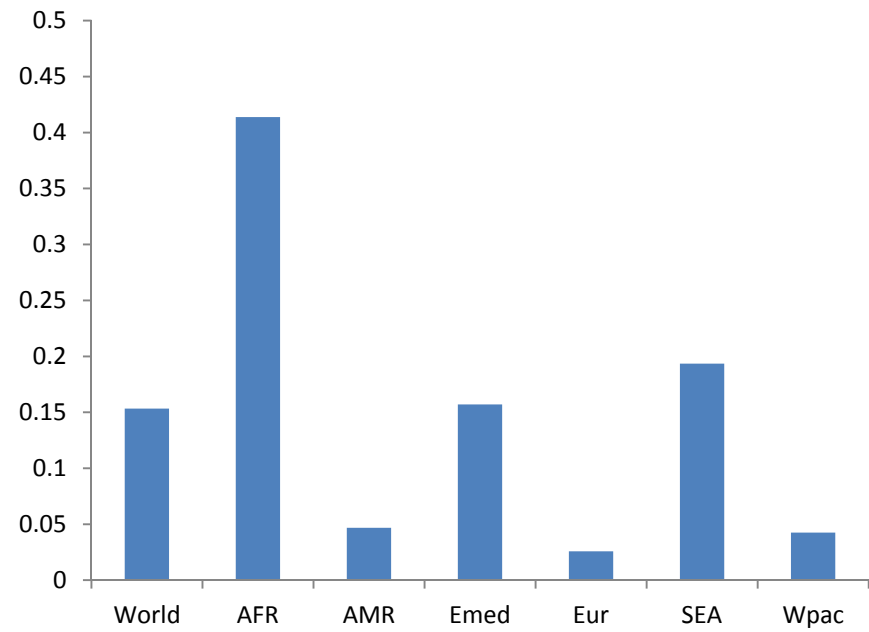
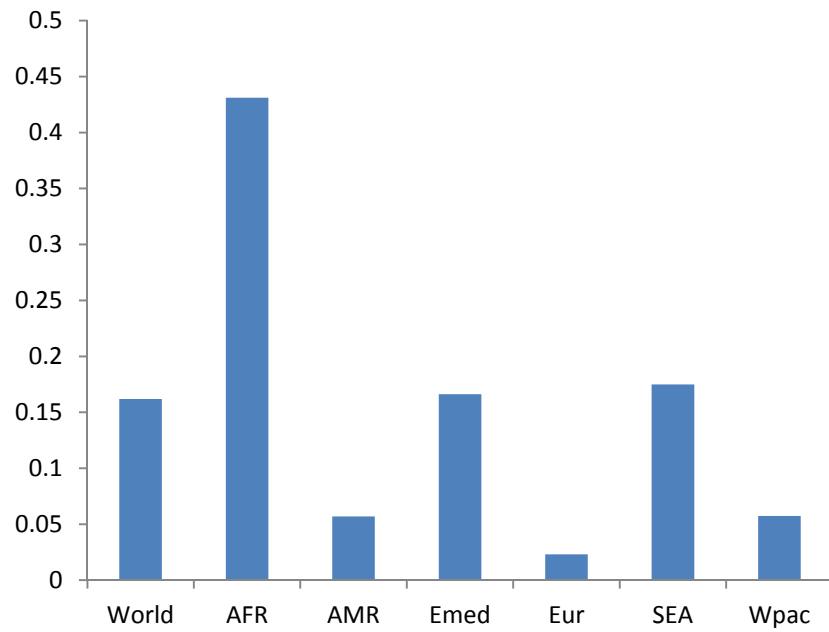
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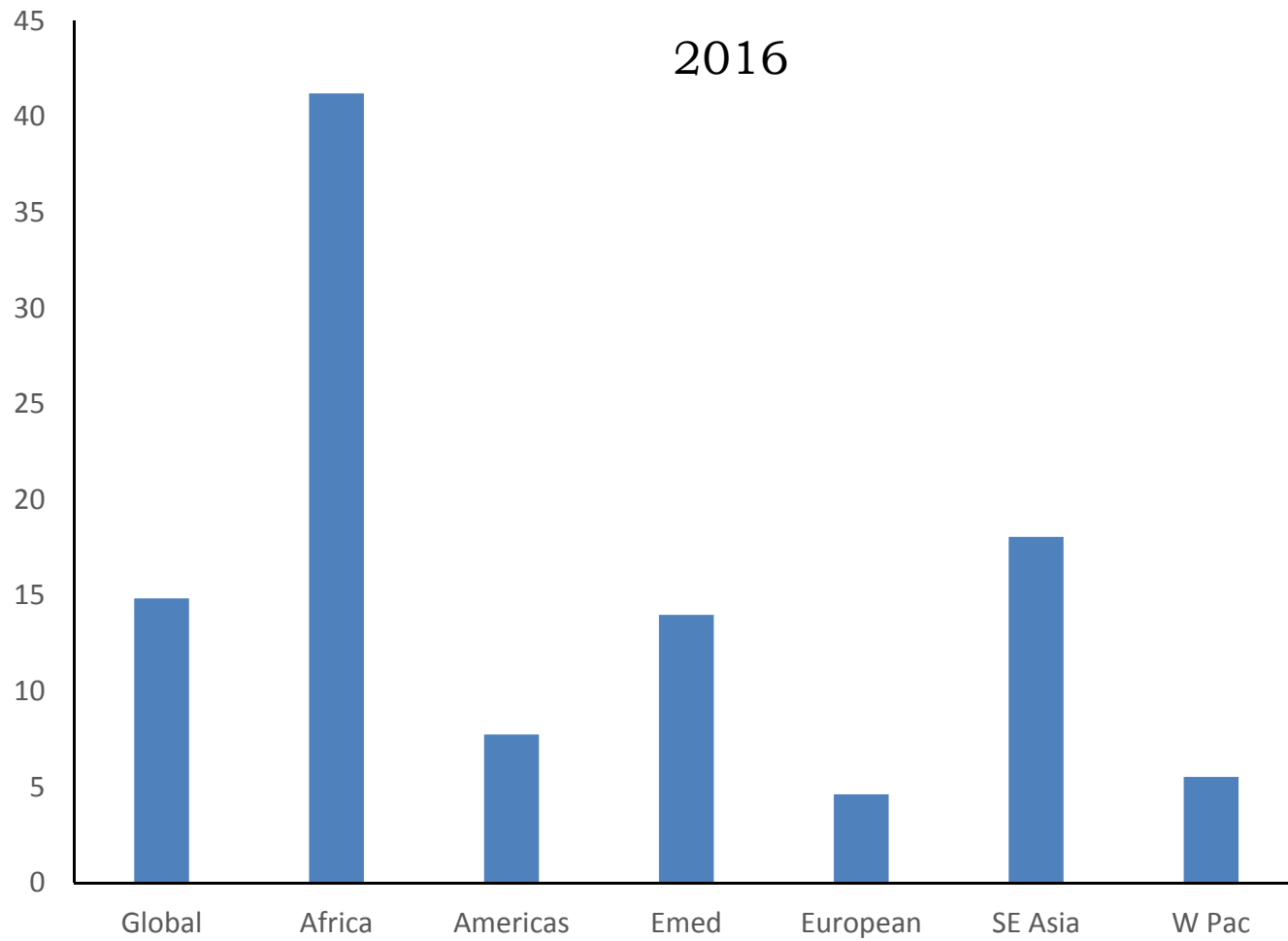
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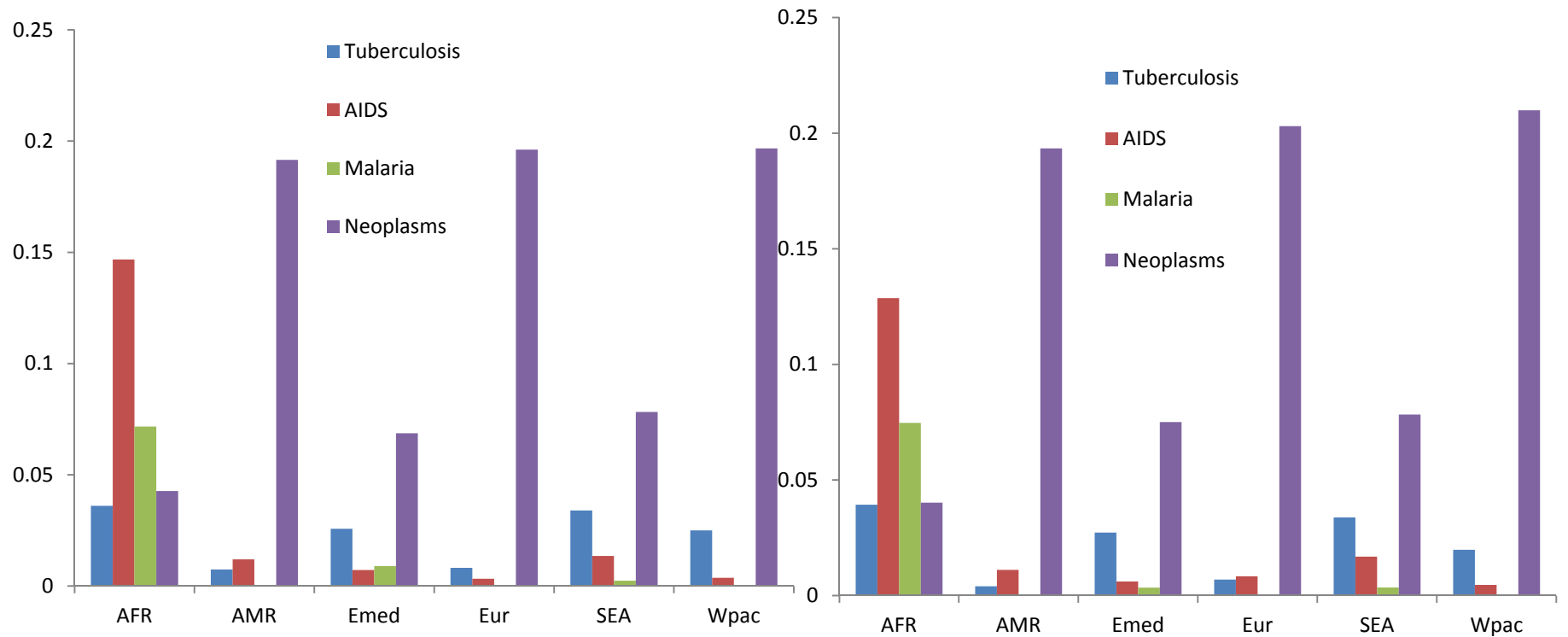
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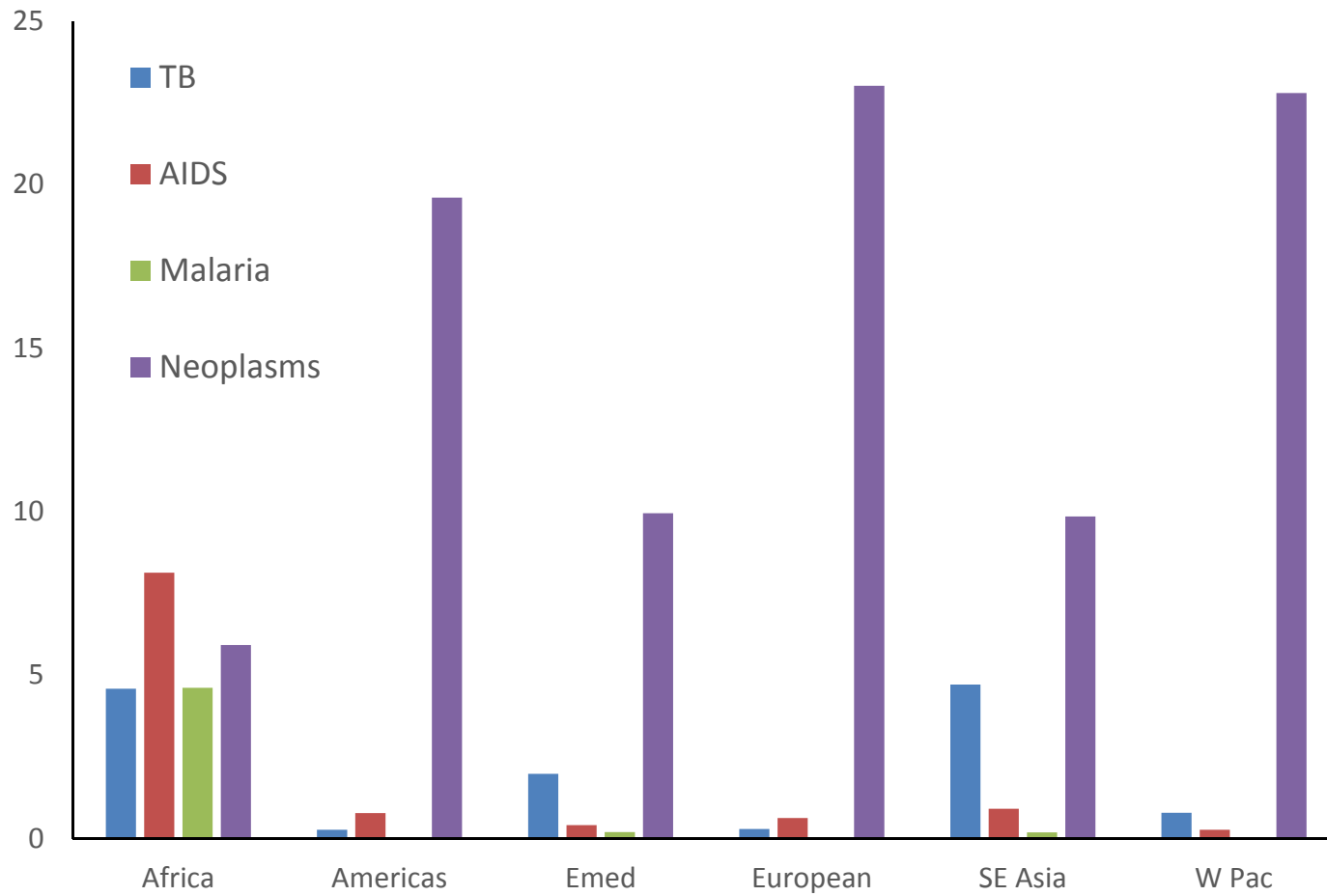
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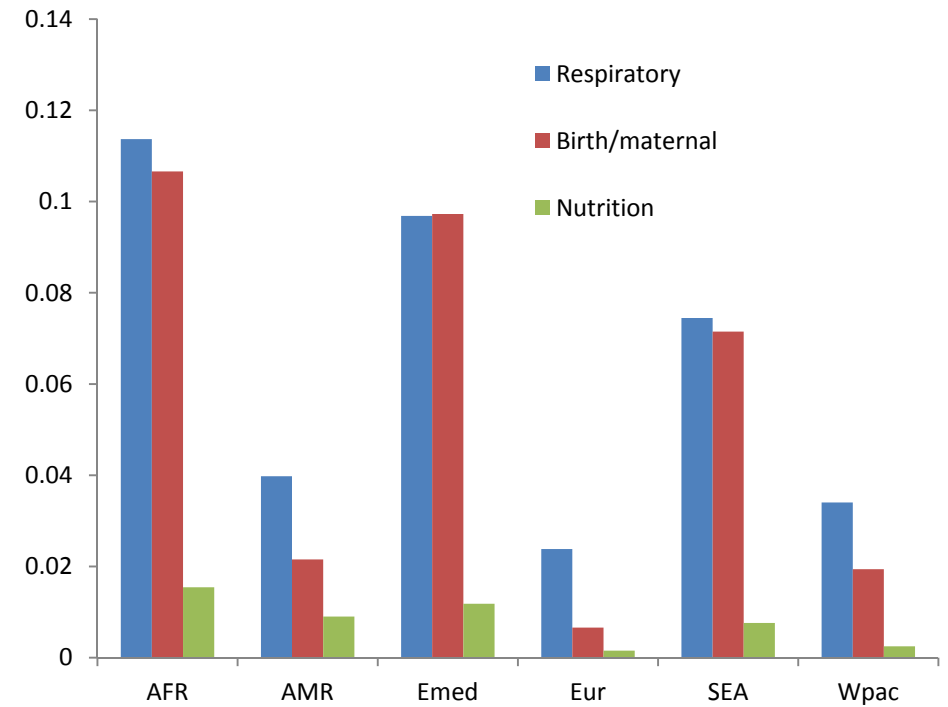
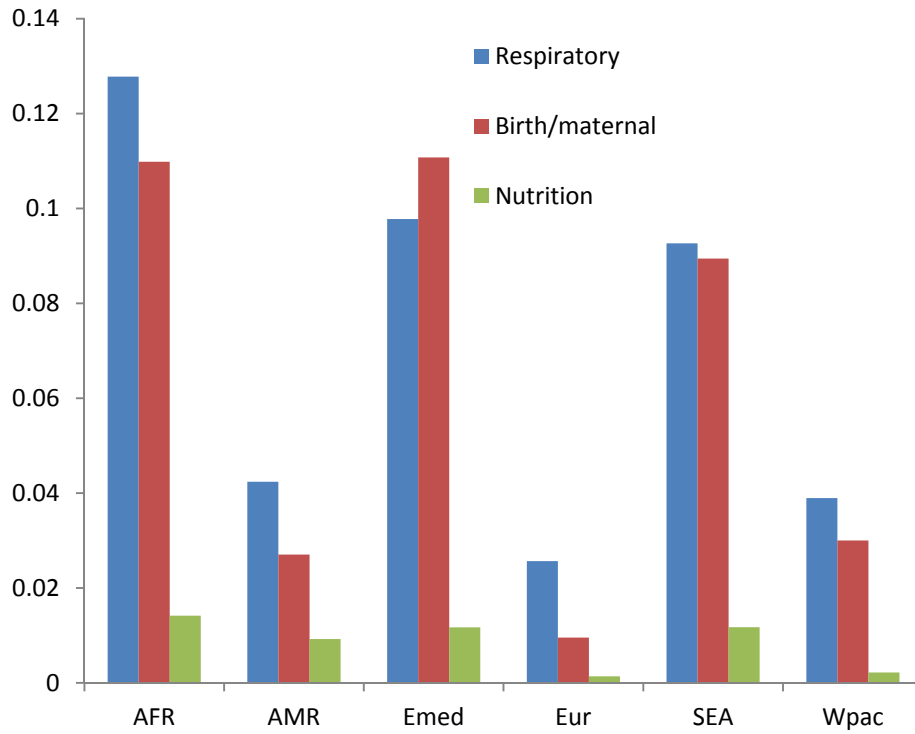
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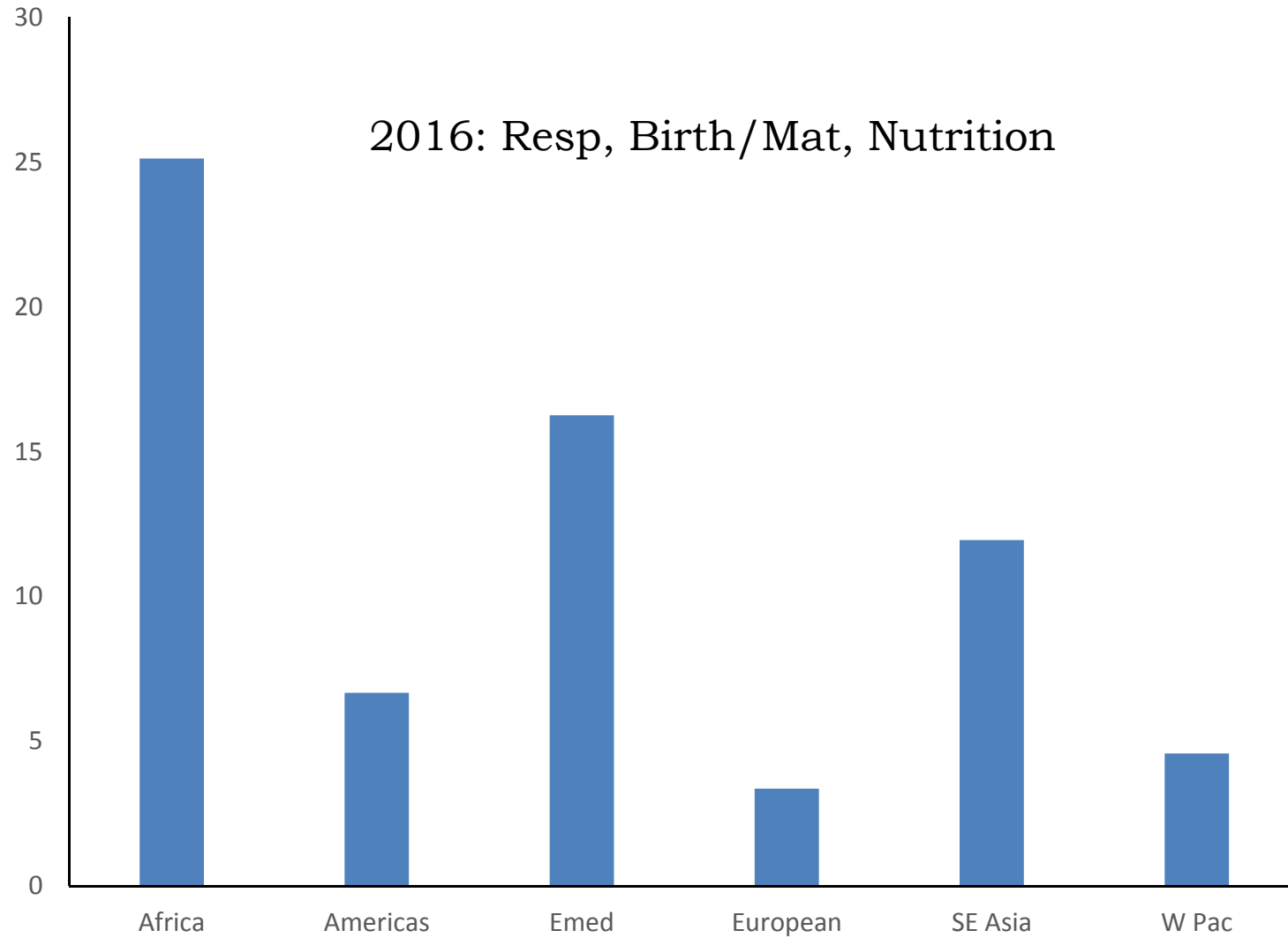
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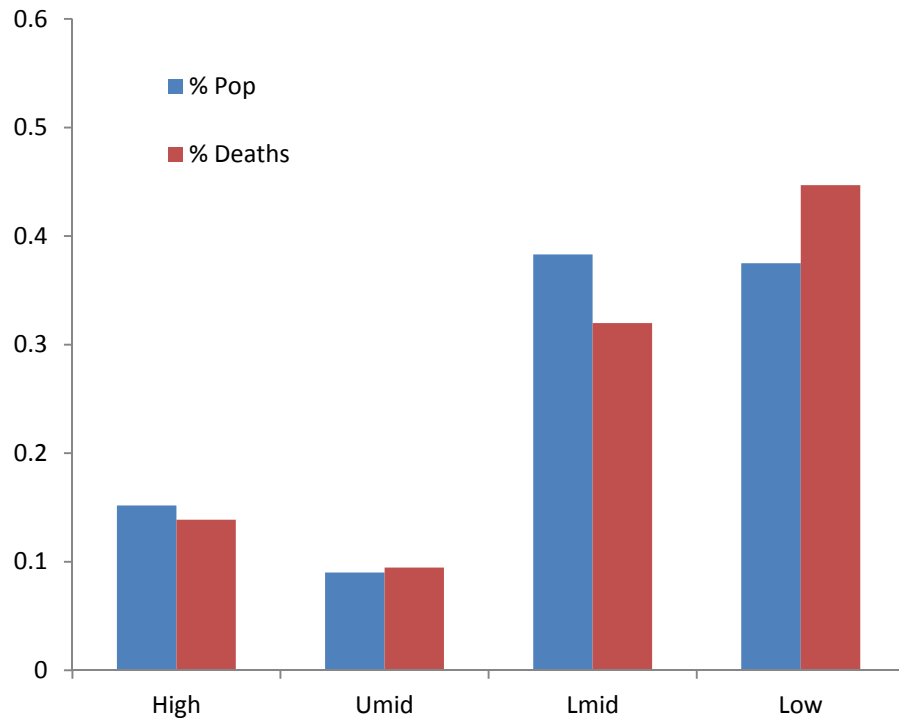


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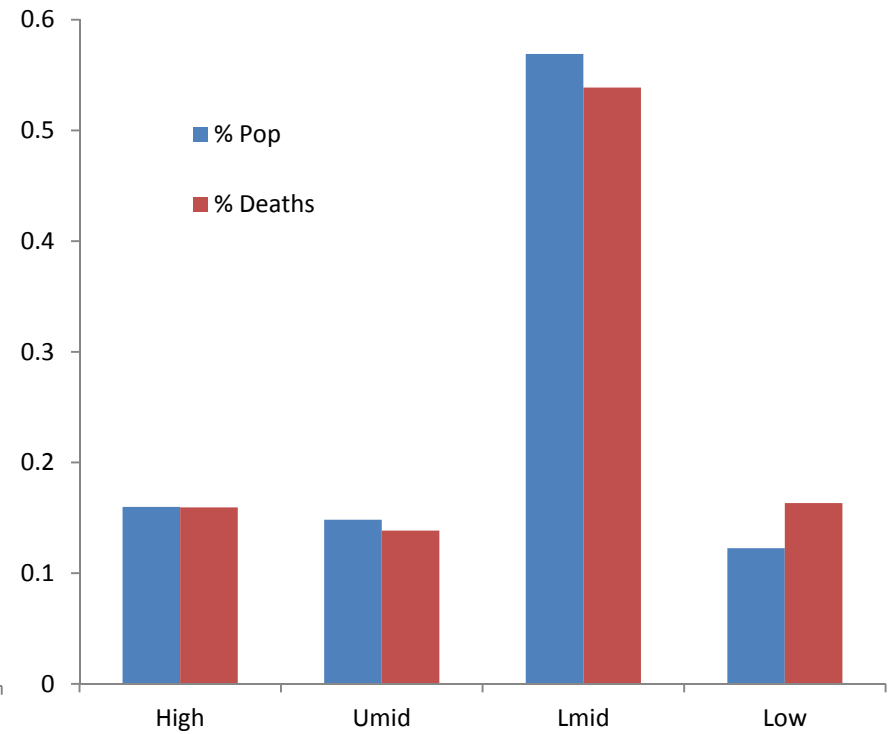


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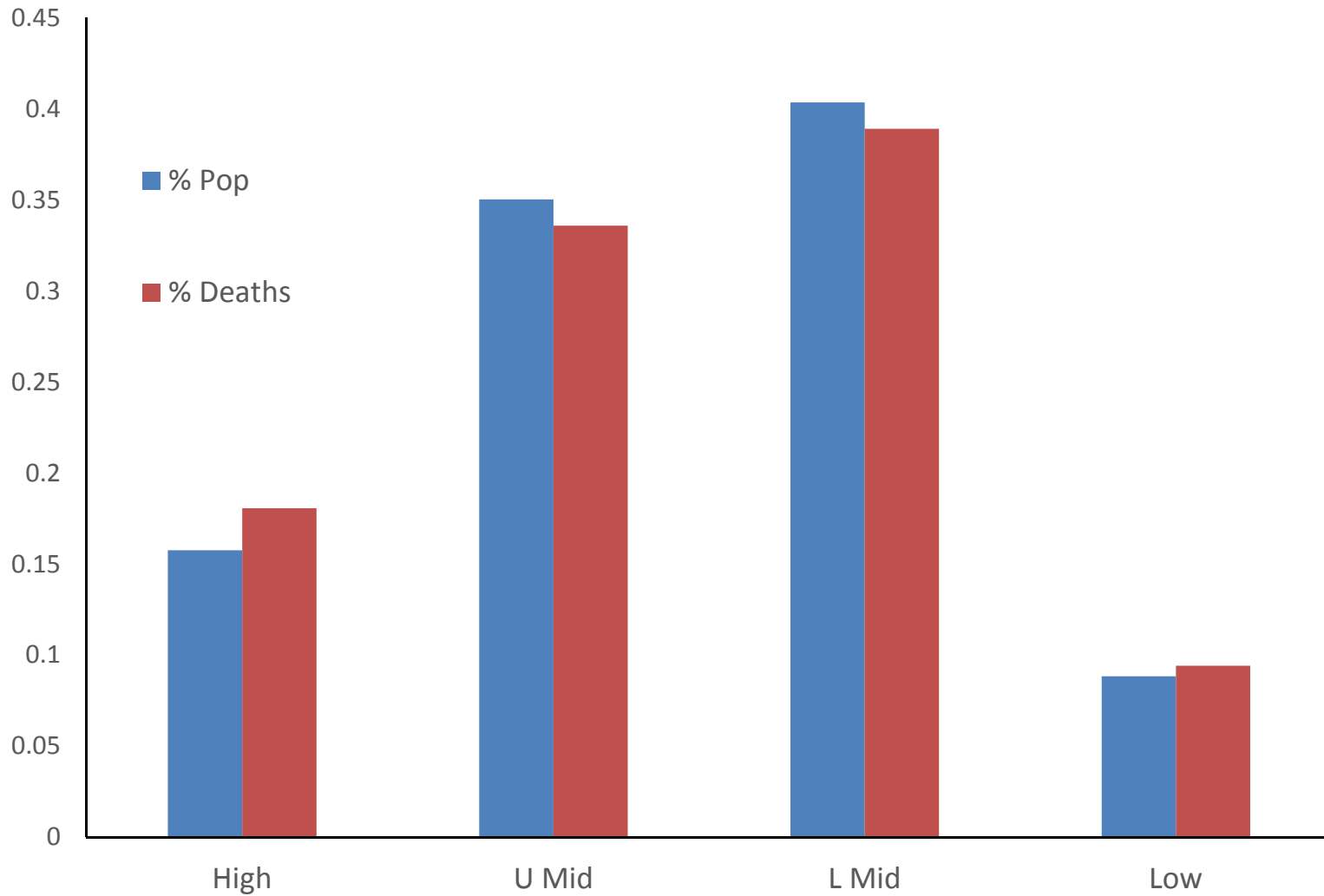


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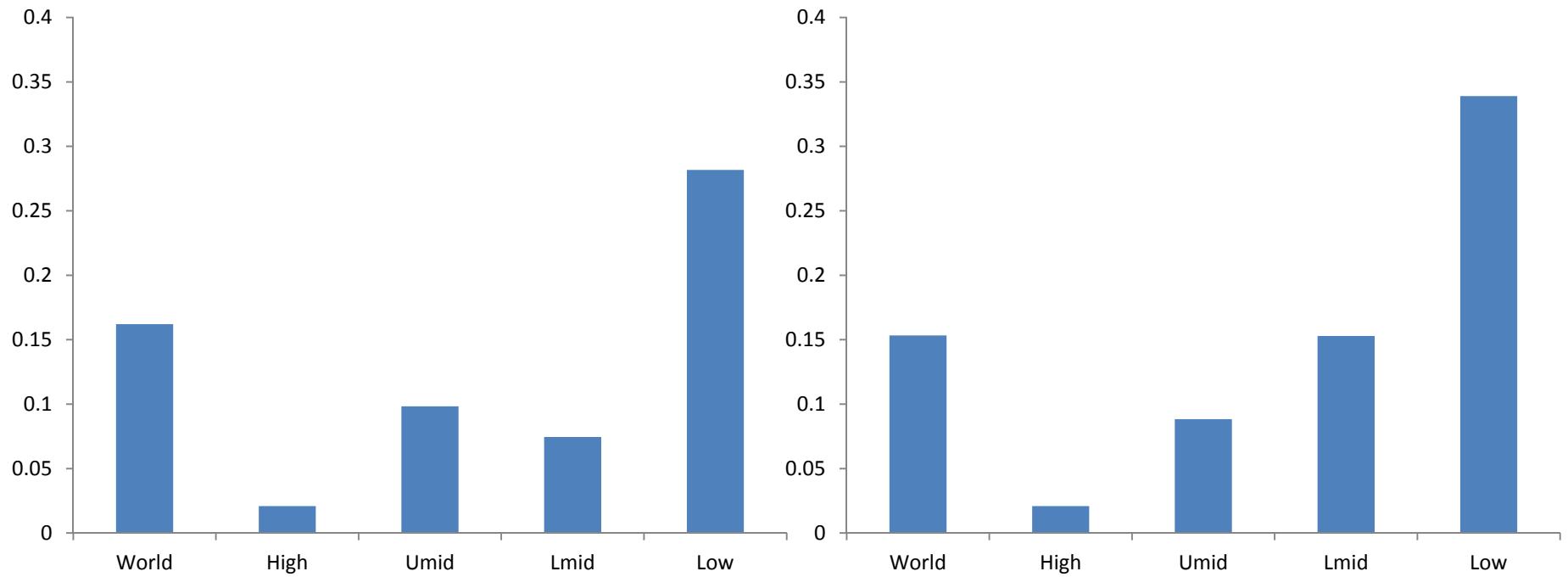
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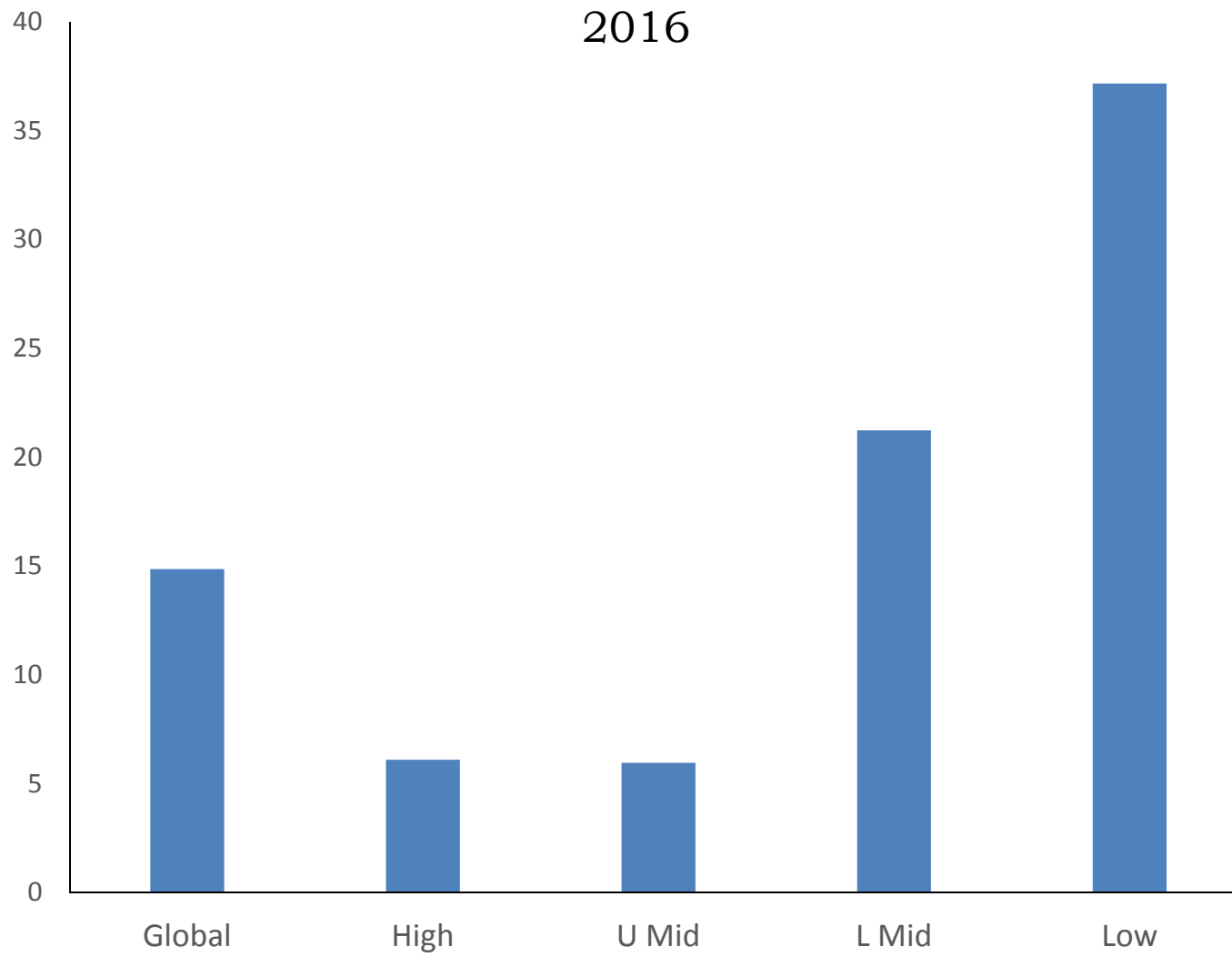
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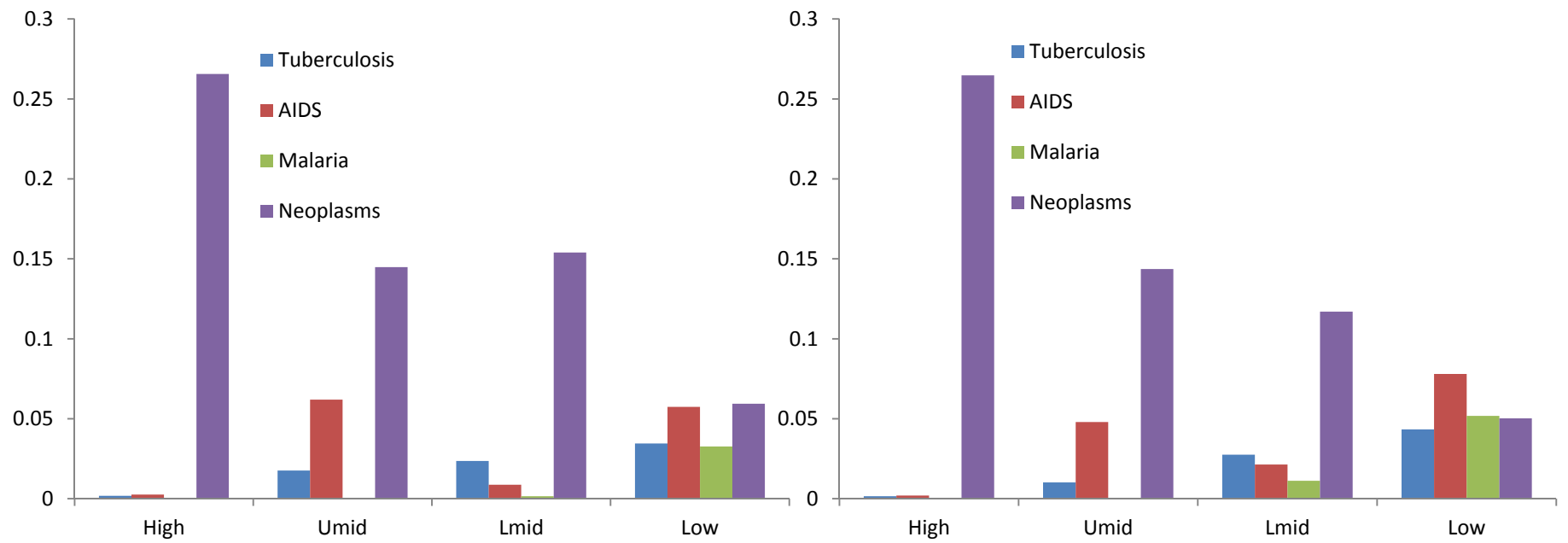
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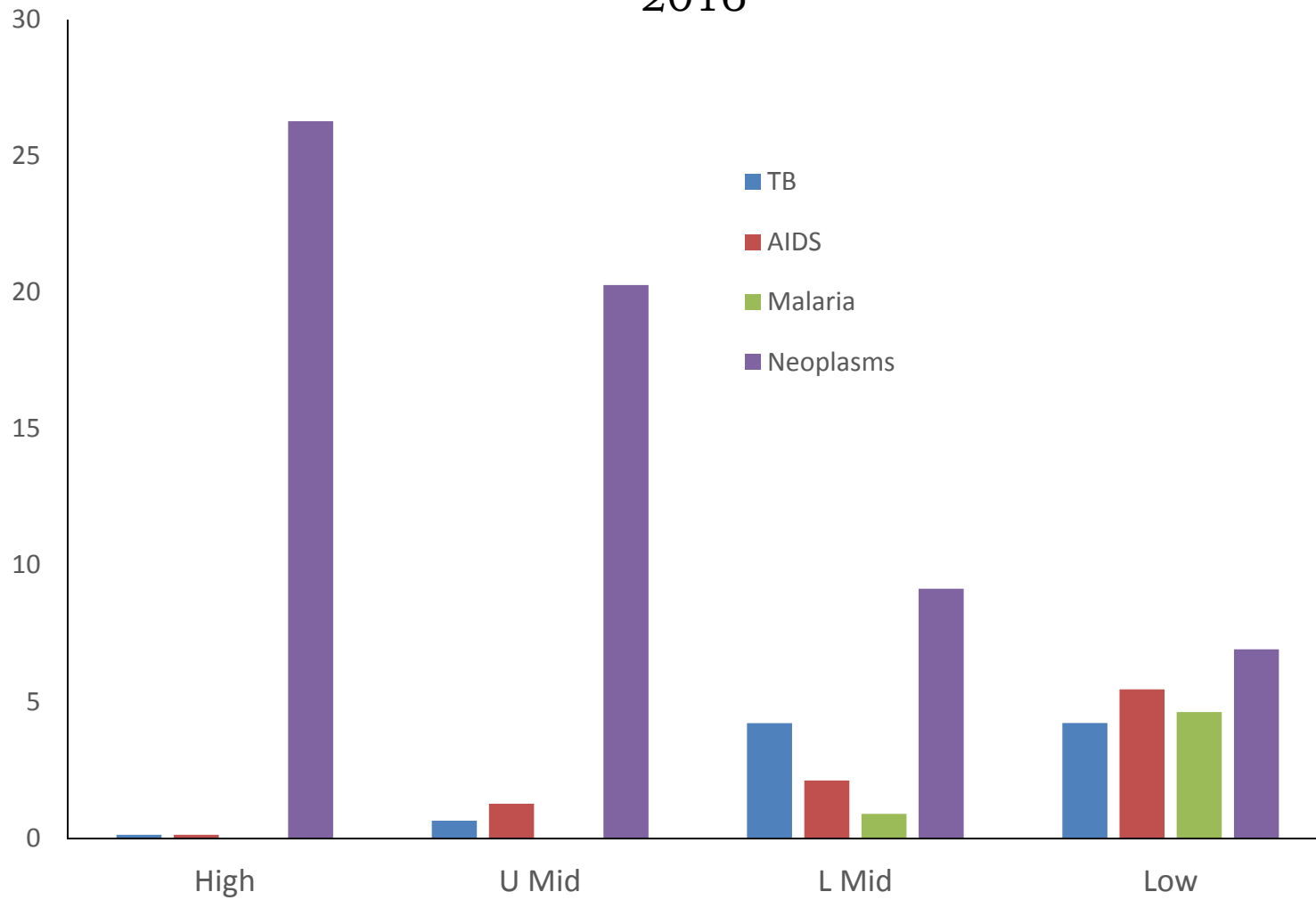
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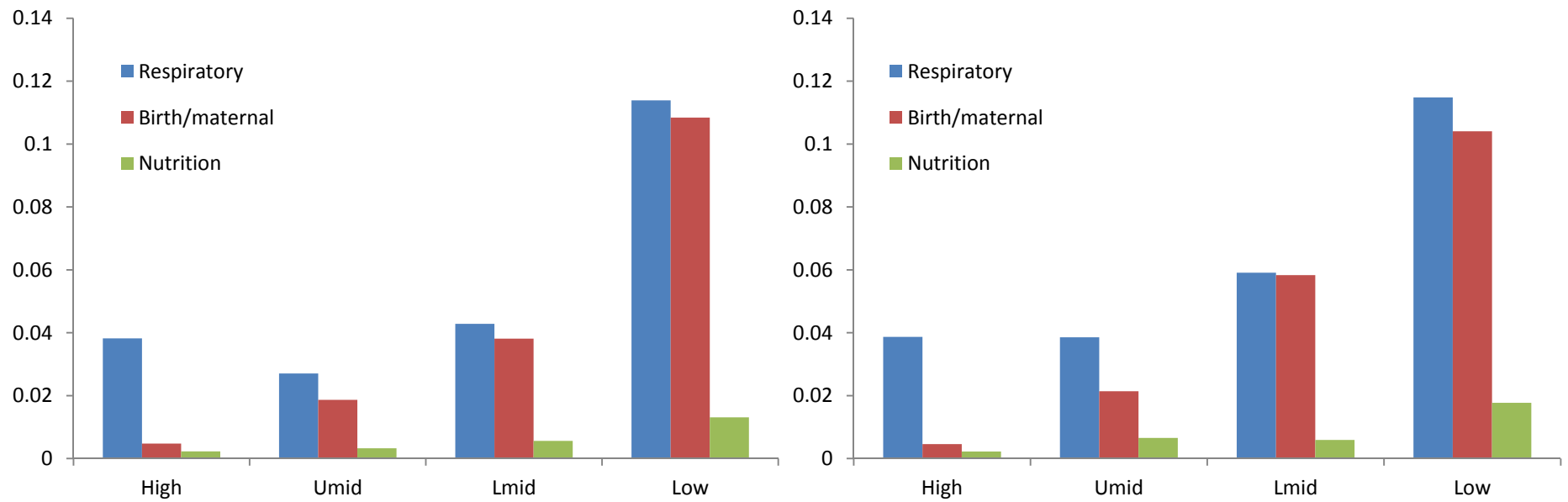
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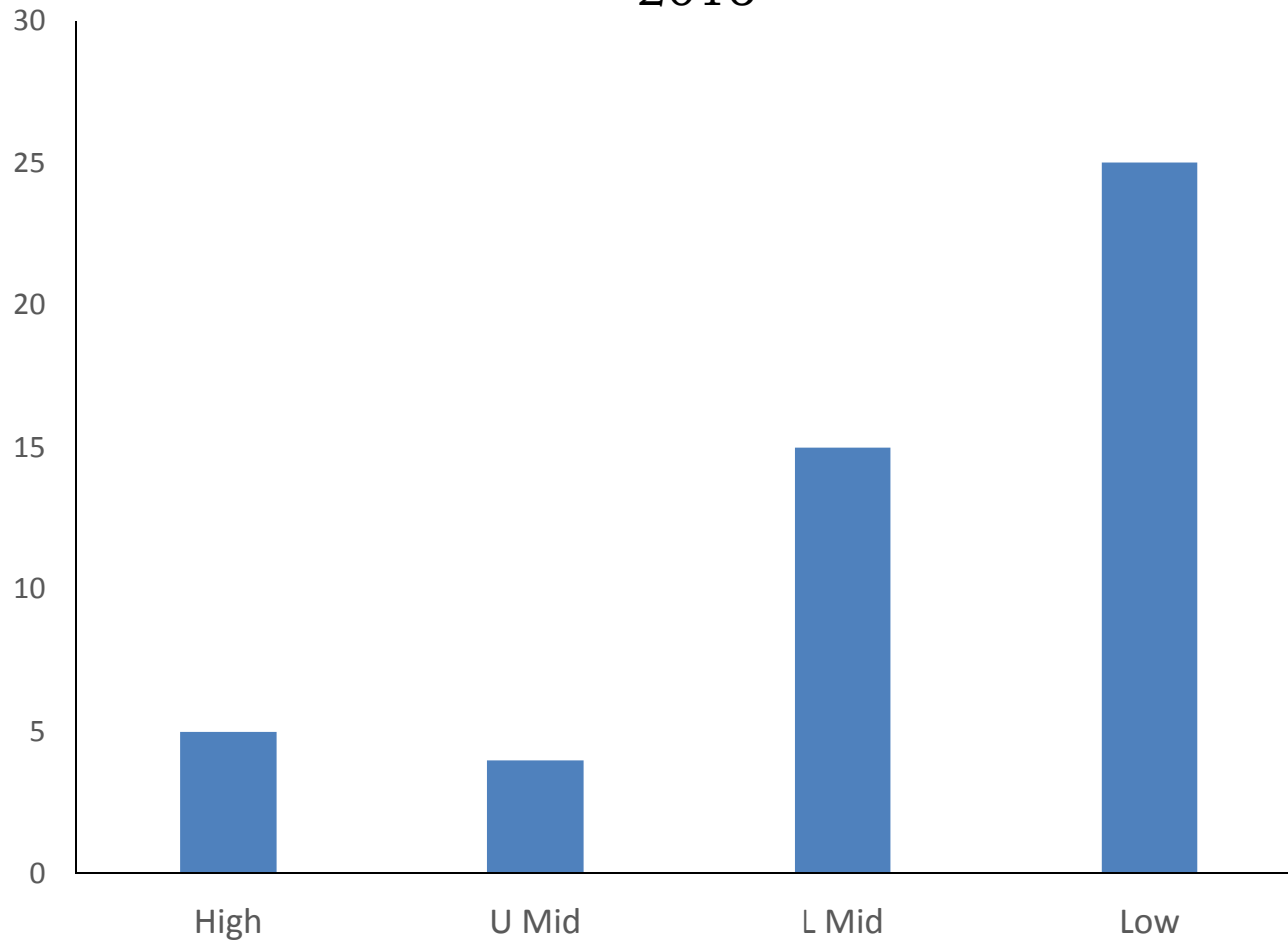
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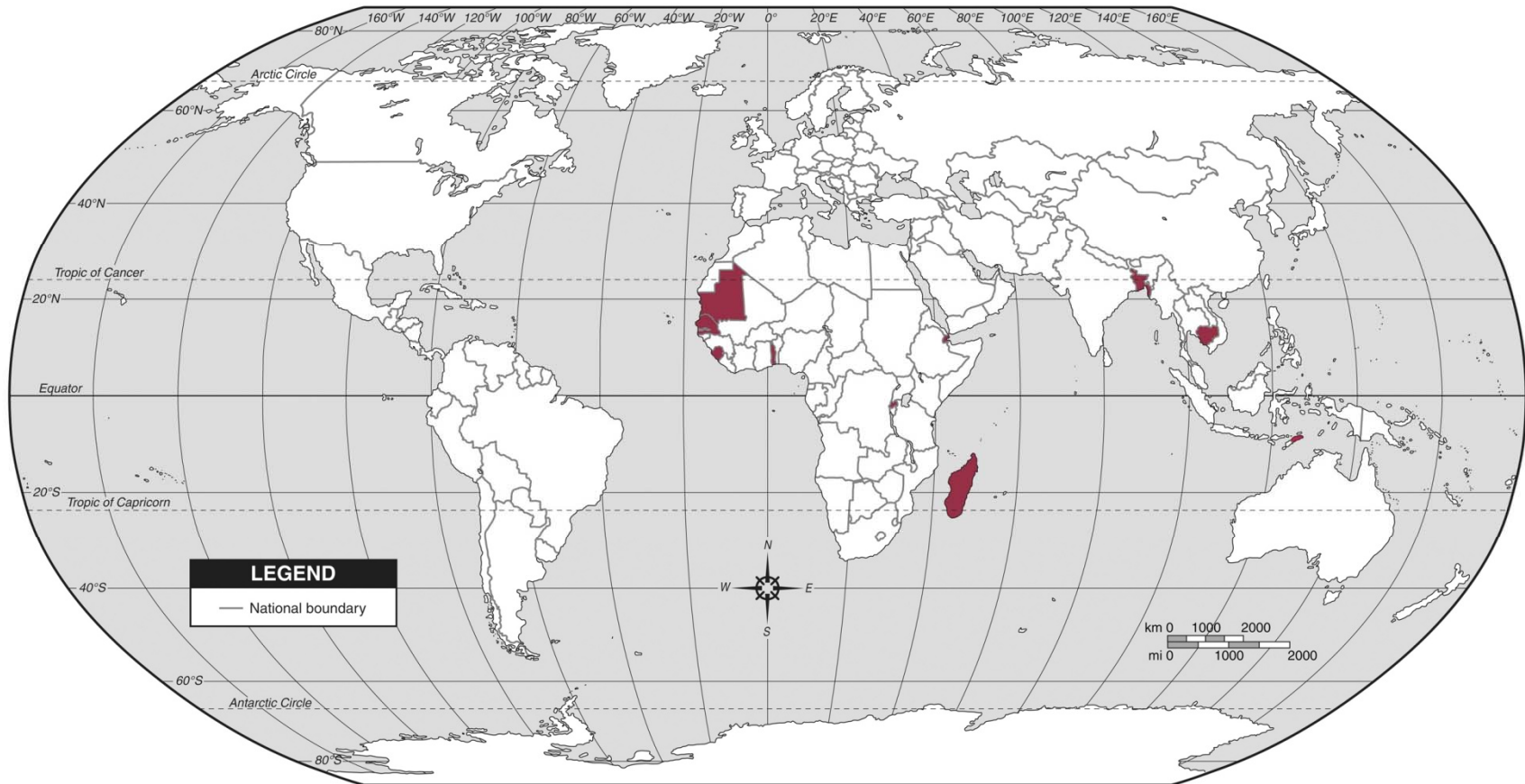
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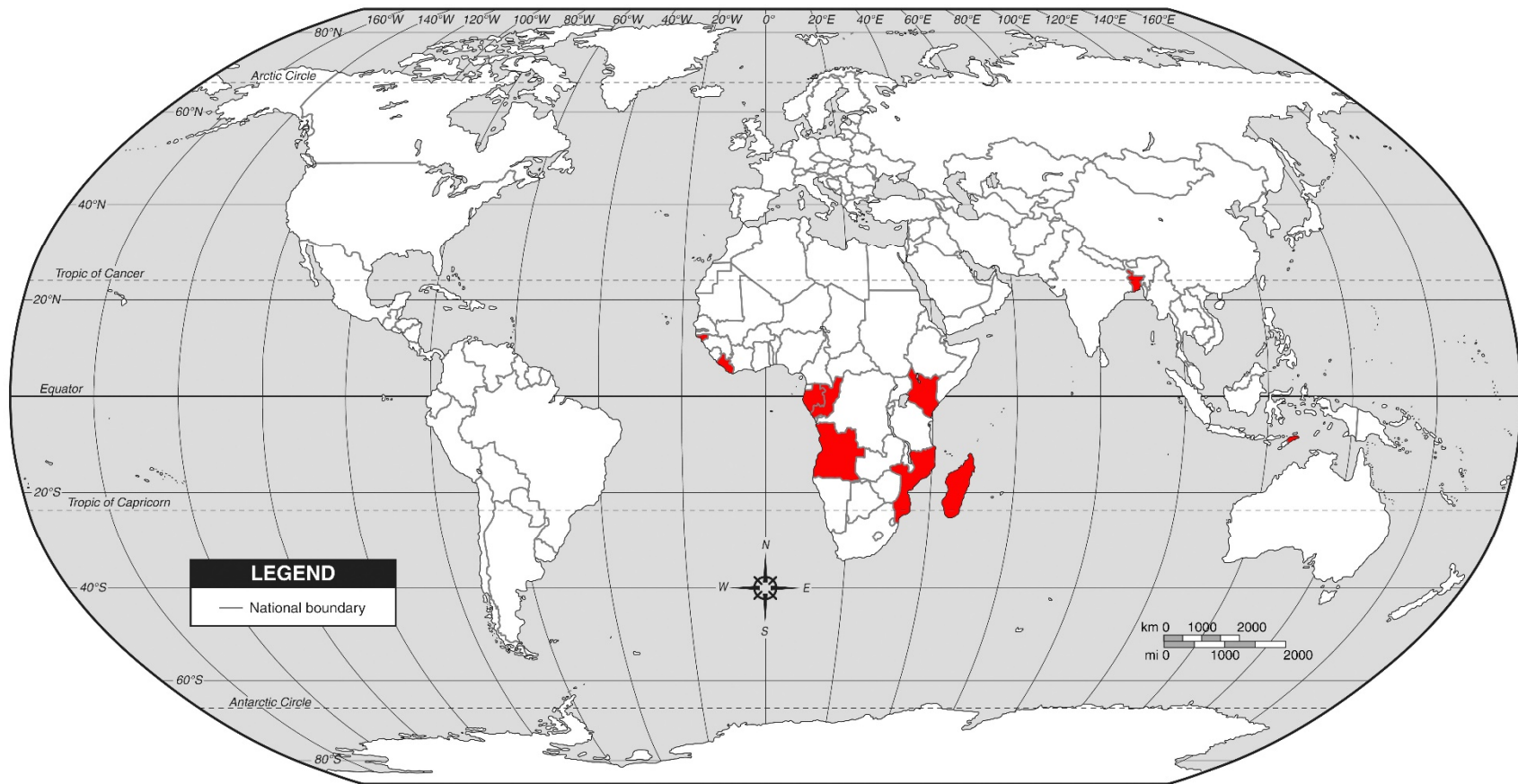
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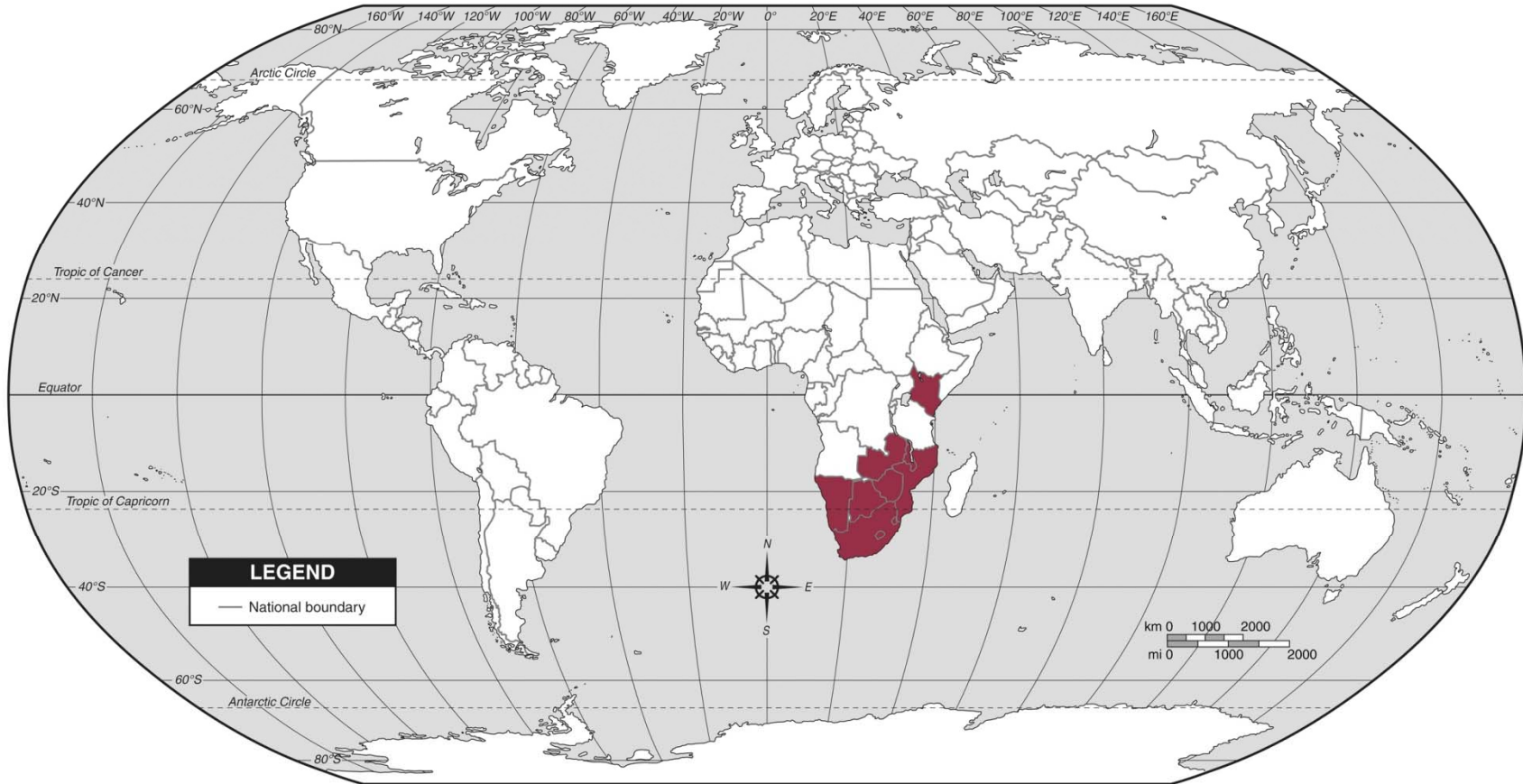
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Zimbabwe: 50.5%

Mozambique: 20.6%



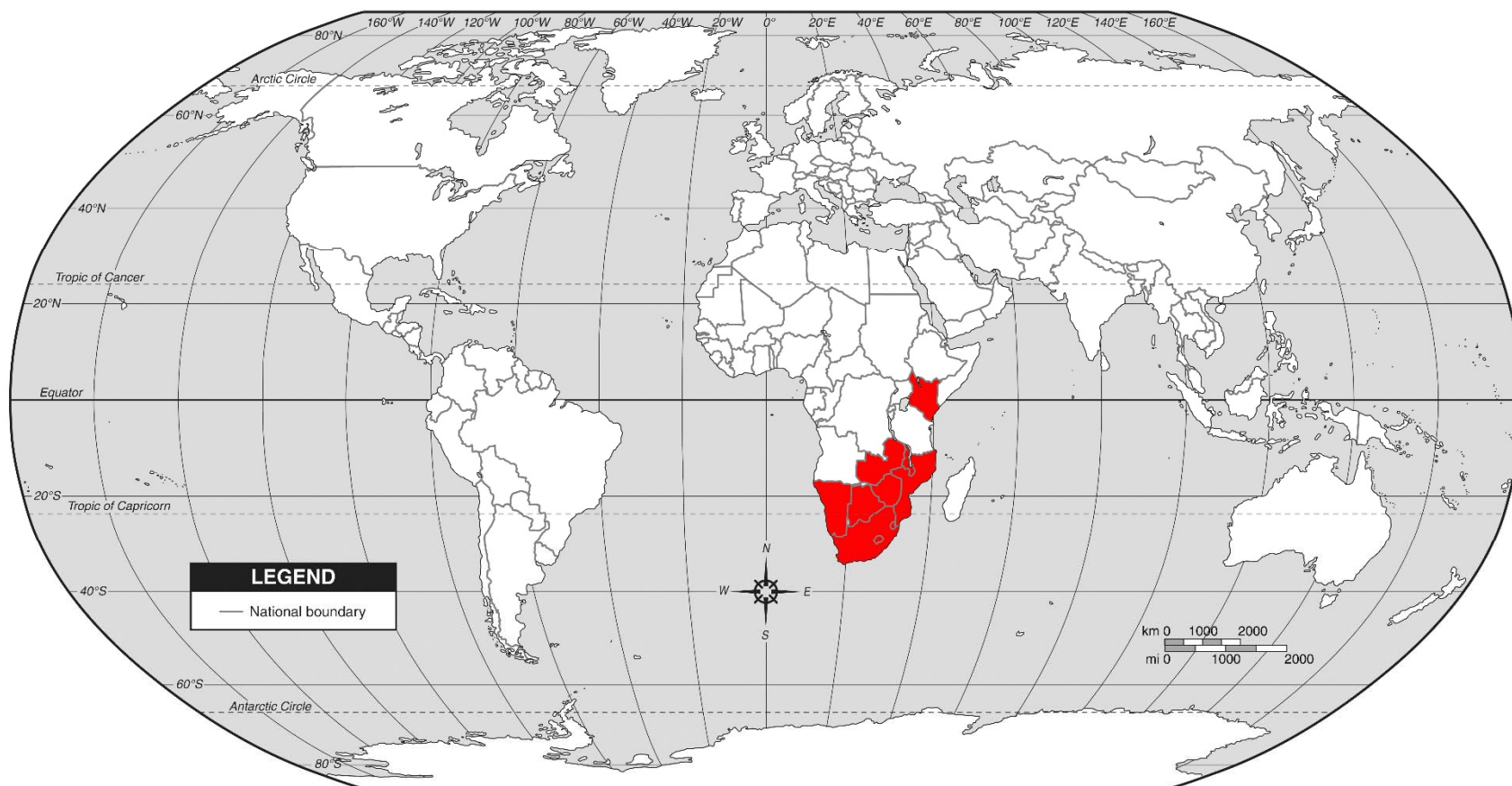
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Lesotho

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Kenya

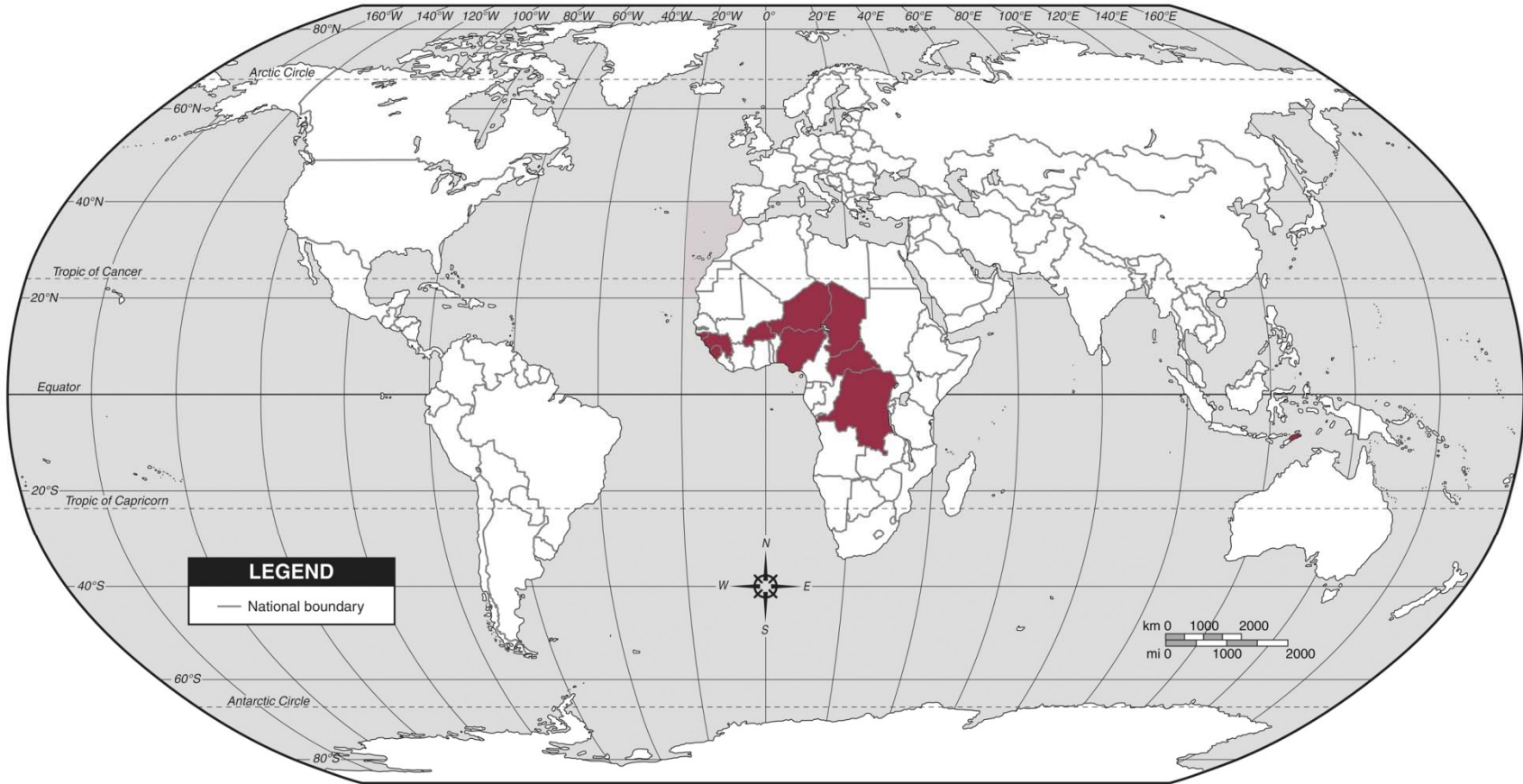
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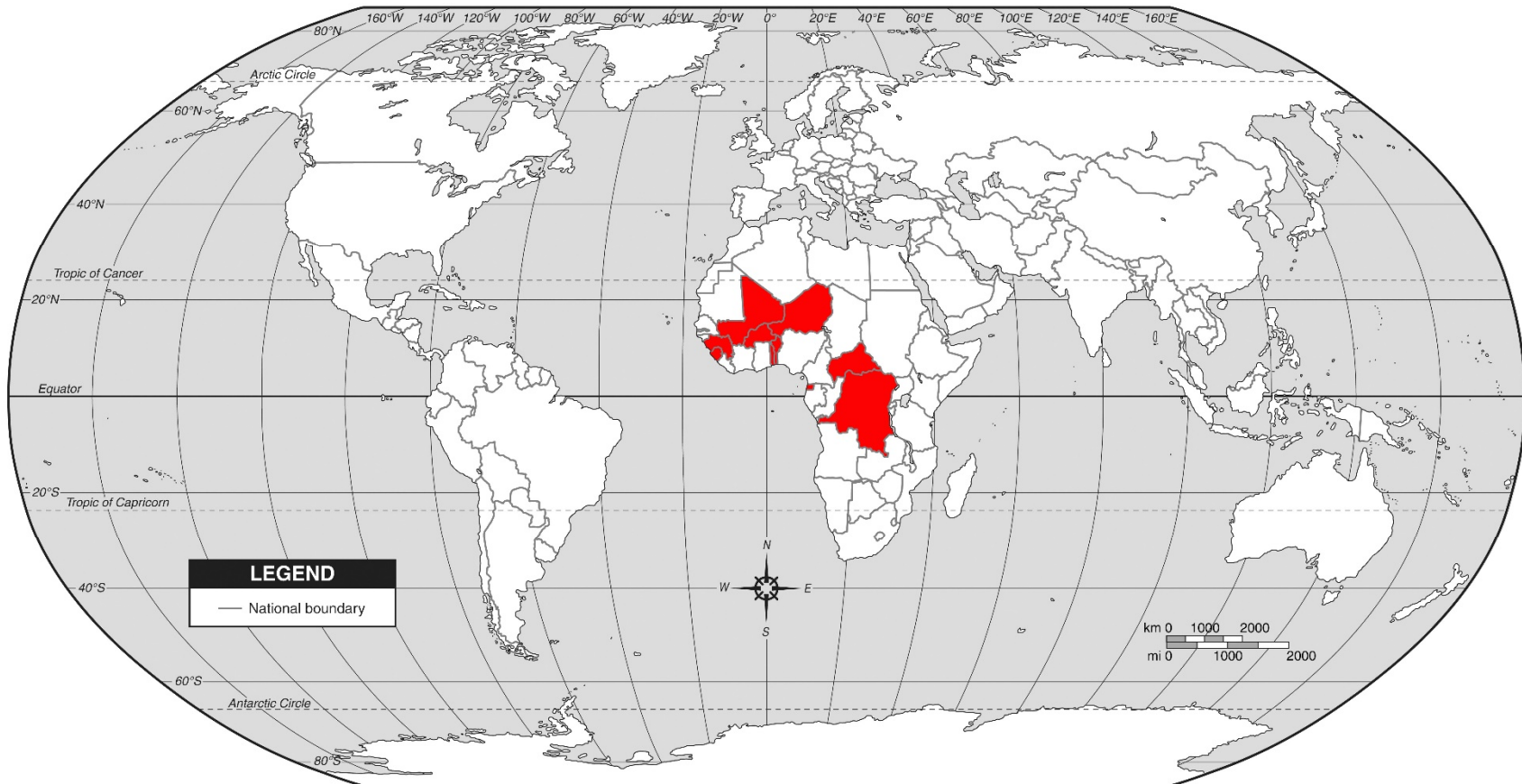
Burkina Faso: 16.1%

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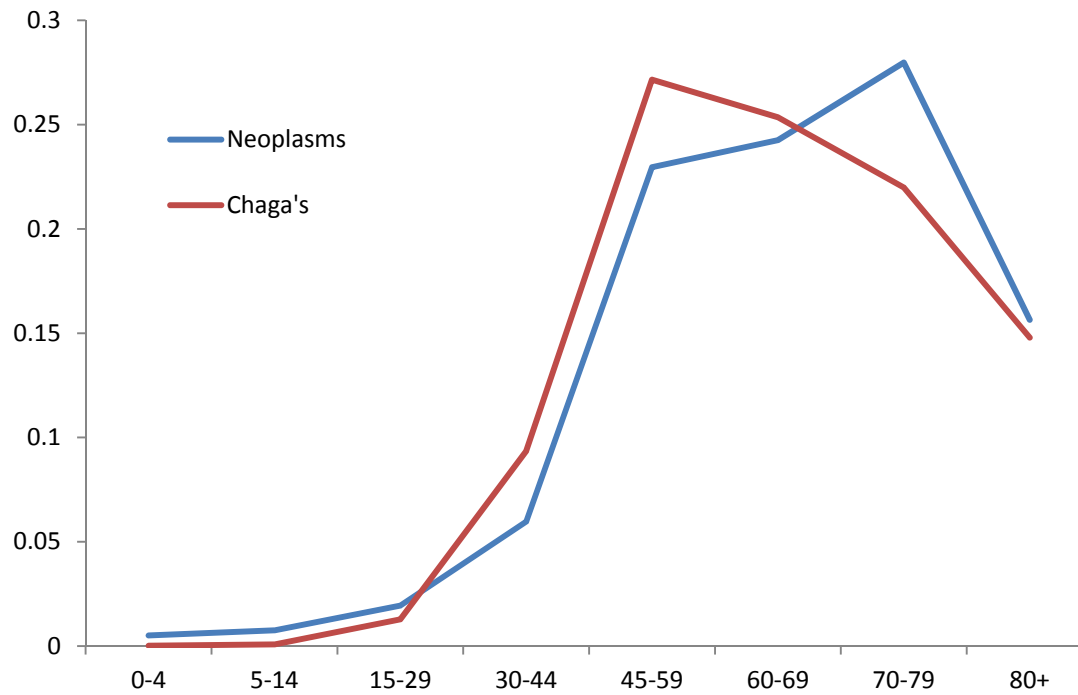
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Burkina Faso	13.4%
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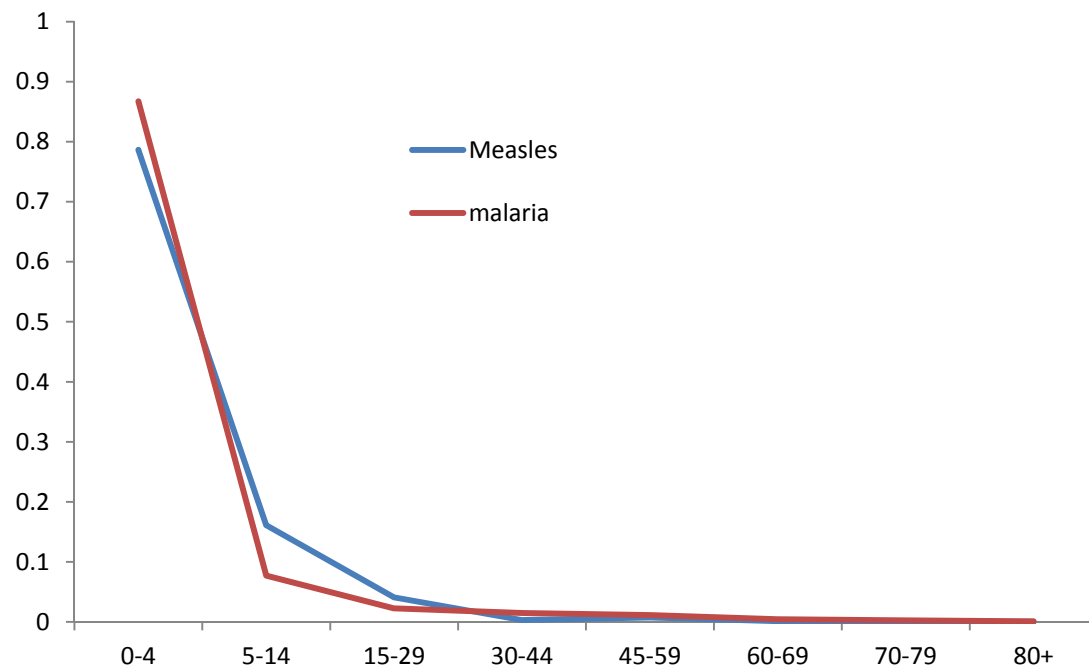
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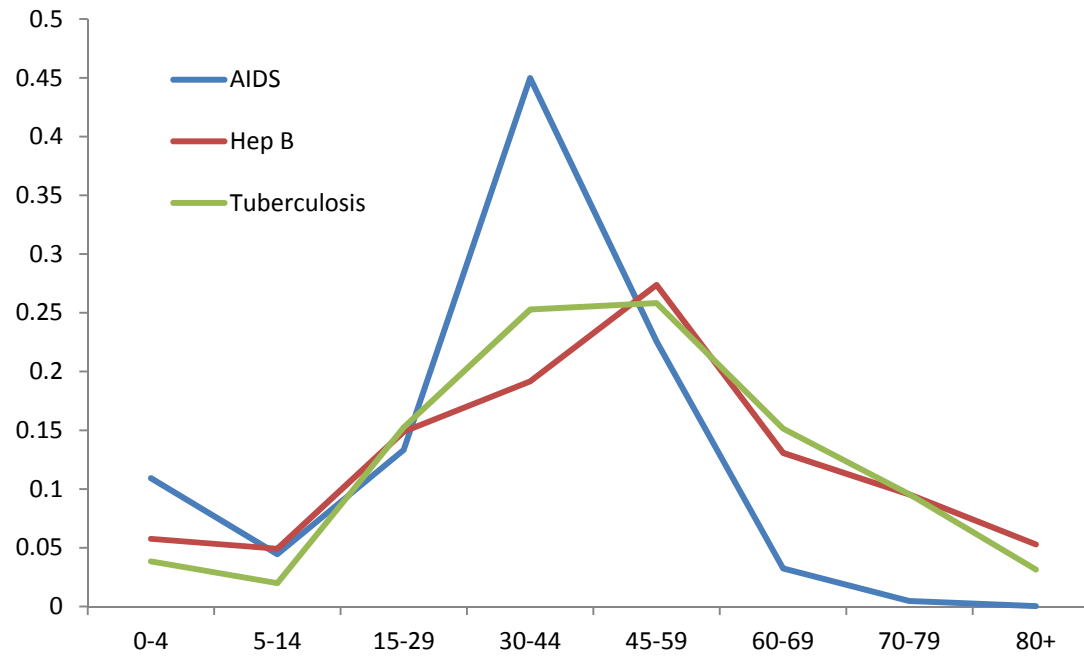
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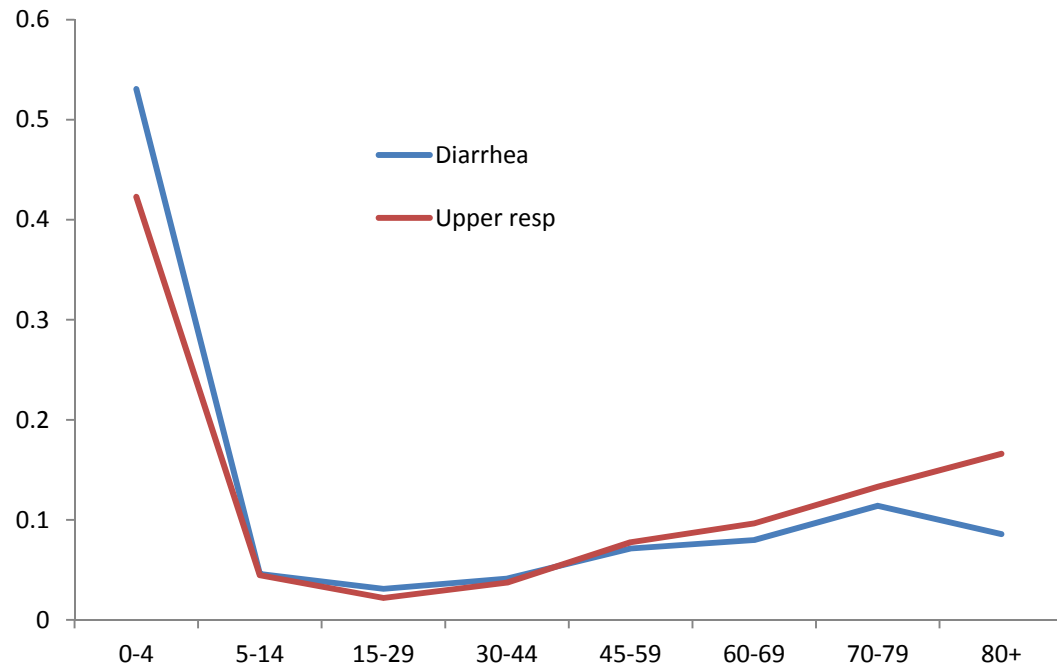
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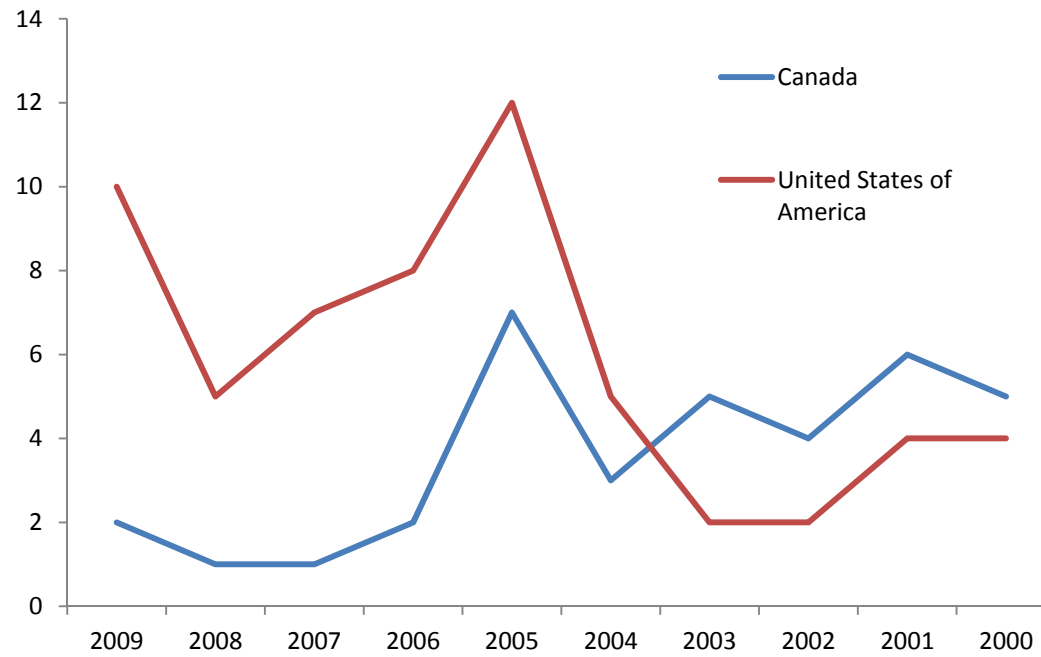
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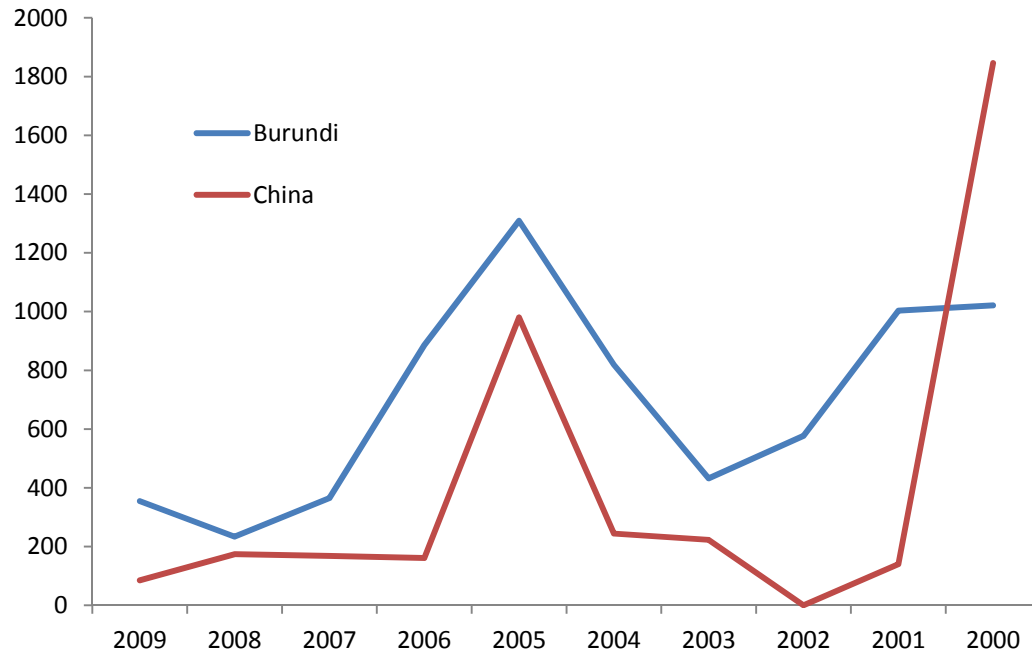
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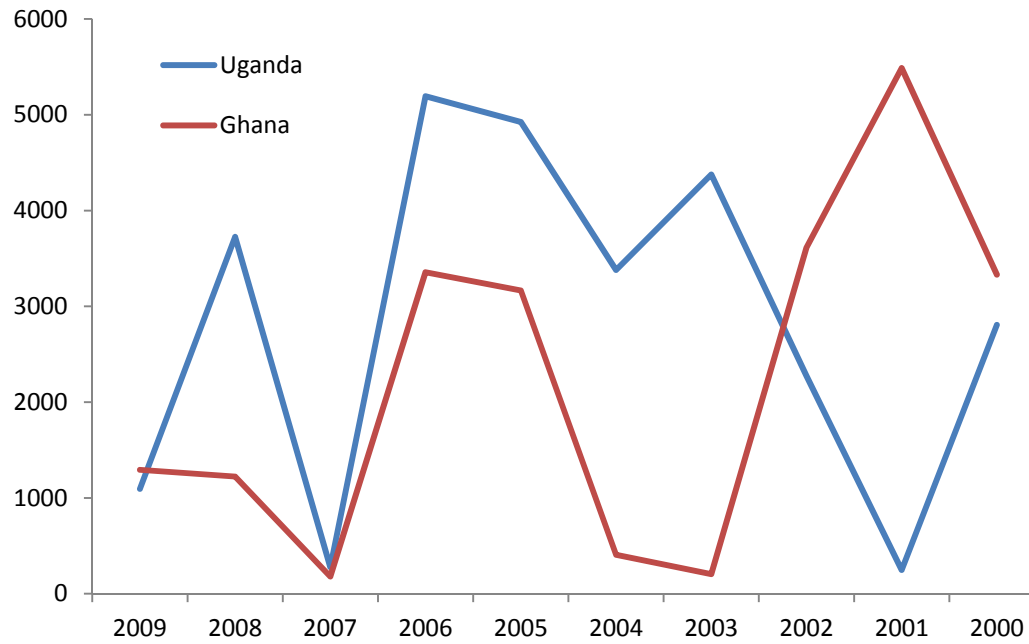
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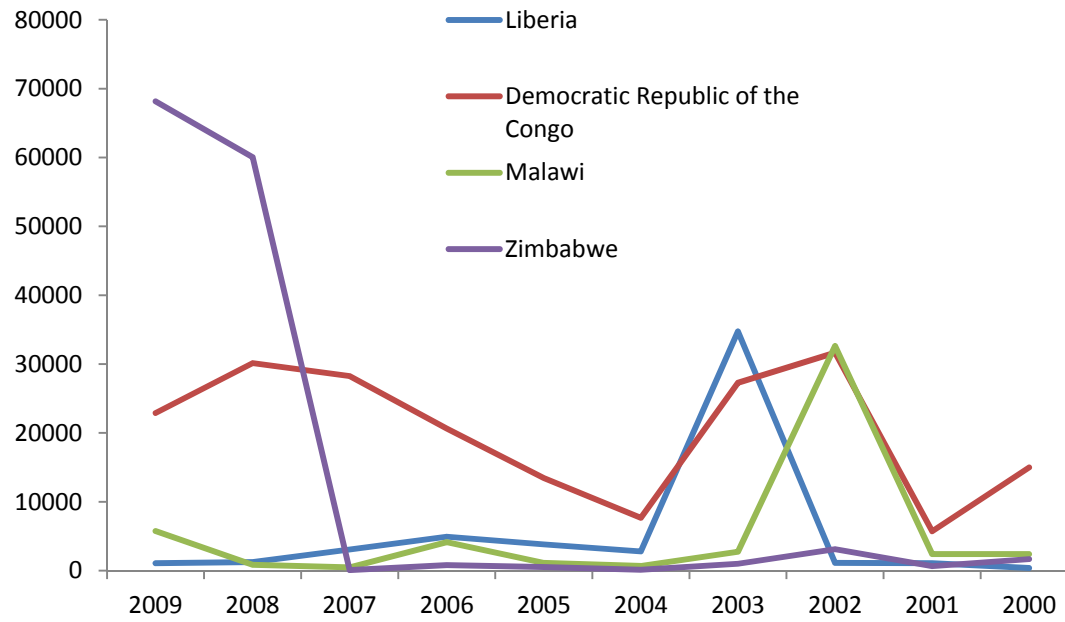
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Epidemic



Life expectancy at birth

Zimbabwe

1990: 60.8
2009: 49.0

Canada

1990: 77.1
2009: 81.2

Lesotho

1990: 60.1
2009: 48.2

United States

1990: 75.3
2009: 78.5

Disease Name	Etiological Agent	Mode of Transmission to Humans	Life Cycle	Geographical Distribution	Pathology and Mortality
Yellow Fever	RNA virus	Bite of mosquito	Coincident with mosquito vector; can be epidemic	Tropical and subtropical Africa and South America	Liver damage and bleeding
Smallpox	<i>Variola</i> spp. (virus)	Airborne and fluid-borne	N/A	Worldwide	Skin lesions; invasion of visceral organs
Influenza	Influenza viruses	Airborne and fluid-borne	Seasonal outbreaks, usually most intense in winter	Worldwide	Cellular destruction in respiratory tract
AIDS	Human immunodeficiency Virus	Sexual intercourse; exchange of fluids	N/A	Worldwide	Destruction of T-cells of immune system leading to immunodeficiency
Plague	<i>Yersinia pestis</i> (bacterium)	Bite of flea associated with plague-infested rodents	Coincident with rodent-human interactions; can be epidemic	Worldwide	Destruction of cells of lymph and other areas
Cholera	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> (bacterium)	Ingestion of bacteria in contaminated water or food	Seasonal epidemics, with semi-global pandemics yearly	Worldwide	Destruction of intestinal lining.
Tuberculosis	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (bacterium)	Airborne and fluid-borne	N/A	Worldwide, with epidemics in poor countries, especially in Africa and Asia	Destruction of lung tissue; tubercle formation; blood involvement
Leprosy	<i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> (bacterium)	Airborne in droplets of fluid	N/A	Worldwide, with epidemics in Africa, Asia, and S. America	Destruction of nerve cells and surrounding tissues
Syphilis	<i>Treponema pallidum</i> (bacterium)	Sexual intercourse	N/A	Worldwide	Chancres and sores externally; neurological damage

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Malaria	<i>Plasmodium</i> species (protozoa)	Bite of female anopheline mosquito infected with <i>Plasmodium</i> spp.	Coincident with life cycle of local mosquitoes; can be epidemic	Mostly tropical and subtropical Africa, S. America, Asia, and Atl./Pac. Islands	RBC destruction (anemia); neurological damage; kidney damage
Kala azar	<i>Leishmania donovani</i> (protozoa)	Bite of sandfly, <i>Phlebotomus</i>	Coincident with life cycle of local sandflies; can be epidemic	Mostly tropical and subtropical, esp. India, S. America, and Middle East	Destruction of cells in liver and spleen causing eventual rupture of these organs
African Sleeping Sickness	<i>Trypanosoma</i> species (protozoa)	Bite of tsetse fly, <i>Glossina</i>	Coincident with life cycle of tsetse flies; can be epidemic	Limited to African continent by range of tsetse fly vectors	Destruction of neurological and lymph tissues
Schistosomiasis	<i>Schistosoma</i> species (trematodes)	Invasion of skin by cercariae shed from snail	Eggs passed via feces/urine; snail infected; cercariae released from snail	Mostly tropical and subtropical, with foci in Africa, S. America, and SE Asia	Destruction of intestinal and urinary tissues; other tissues may be destroyed
Hookworm disease	<i>Necator americanus</i> or <i>Ancylostoma duodenale</i> (nematode)	Invasion of skin by larvae in soil	Eggs passed via feces in soil; juveniles develop in soil	Worldwide, but abundant only in warm, moist areas	Anemia due to ingestion of blood; tissue damage of intestine