Figures and figure supplements

Quantifying the contribution of *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria to febrile illness amongst African children

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Year 2014
All-cause fever prevalence
Children <5 years

>50%

0%

Water

No transmission

Unstable transmission

**Figure 1.** Predicted all-cause fever prevalence within limits of stable *P. falciparum* transmission in children under 5 years of age in 2014.

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Figure 1—figure supplement 1. The histogram of the probability integral transform diagnostic. The uniform shape of the histogram shows that predictions at sites held out from the initial model drawn from the predicted posterior distribution for the prevalence of febrile illness matched well.

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Year 2014
Malaria-attributable fever as a proportion of malaria-positive fevers
Children under 5 years

> 60%
< 10%

Water
No transmission
Unstable transmission

Figure 2. Predicted malaria-attributable fevers as a proportion of malaria-positive fevers (children under 5 years of age, 2014). Predictions are shown within the limits of stable *P. falciparum* transmission.
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Figure 3. Malaria-attributable fevers as a proportion of malaria-positive fevers (children < 5 years of age). Plotted values are the population-weighted mean for 43 sub-Saharan African countries over the study period, 2006–2014. Countries have been grouped by region to improve clarity.

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Figure 4. Final fitted relationship between PfPR<sub>0-5</sub> and probability of a malaria-attributable fever (MAF) in the past two weeks. (a) shows this relationship in children under five years of age, and (b) disaggregated into children under 2 years of age, and children aged 2–4 years. The probability of MAF in the past two weeks is greater for children under 2 years of age than for children above 2 years of age in areas with a PfPR<sub>0-5</sub> higher than approximately 0.3. Median values of the posterior distribution are shown, with shaded 95% credible intervals.

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Figure 5. (a) Predicted malaria-positive fevers as a proportion of all fevers; (b) predicted malaria attributable fevers (MAF) as a proportion of all fevers. Both maps are shown for the year 2014, for children under 5 years of age and bounded by the limits of stable *P. falciparum* transmission. DOI: https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.29198.007
Figure 5—figure supplement 1.  (a) Response data relationship between all-cause fever (black line) and malaria-positive fevers (blue line), and predicted incidence (symptomatic illness) for the duration of the past two to four weeks (grey dashed line) and past zero to two weeks (grey dotted line)* with PfPR0-5 from household survey datasets; and (b) the modelled relationship between all-cause fever (black line), malaria-positive fevers (blue line), and malaria attributable fevers (red line), and predicted incidence in the past two to four weeks (grey dashed line) and past zero to two weeks (grey dotted line)* with PfPR0-5 sampled from 10,000 pixels in predicted raster layers. Mean lines were fitted using locally-weighted regression, and shaded with 95% confidence intervals. *In both plots, the predicted incidence lines are generated from an ensemble of transmission models estimating the relationship between P. falciparum prevalence and incidence, standardised to ages 0 to 4 years old (Cameron et al., 2015). The grey dashed line depicts the estimated proportion of children in the past two to four weeks who had a clinical episode of malaria, and the grey dotted line depicts the estimated proportion of children in the past zero to two weeks who had a clinical episode of malaria, each with increasing P. falciparum malaria prevalence. A good fit between predicted MAF and transmission model estimations of clinical incidence indicates our model has strong predictive performance.

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Figure 6. Predicted non-malarial febrile illness (NMFI) prevalence in children under 5 years of age. NMFI prevalence is defined as the sum of the prevalence of febrile illness without a *P. falciparum* malaria infection and the prevalence of febrile illness coincident with, but not caused by, a *P. falciparum* malaria infection (MCF), for children under 5 years of age and bounded within the spatial limits of stable *P. falciparum* transmission in 2014. DOI: https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.29198.009