

## HEPATITIS E IN HUMANS AND WILD BOAR FOOD CHAIN - SECTION A

### SURVEILLANCE OF DISEASE IN HUMANS

Dear participant,  
in the context of the OHEJP Matrix, Work-Package 2 (Best-practices and multi-sectorial collaboration) implemented this online questionnaire to collect information about the surveillance of **Hepatitis E** in the **wild boar food chain**, in three sectors: public health, animal health, and food safety.

We would like to thank you for your willingness to fill in the questionnaire for the **public health** sector.

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#### \* 1. Country

#### \* 2. Contact info of the person replying to the questionnaire

Name and Surname

Institution

E-mail address

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### OFFICIAL SURVEILLANCE

3. Is Hepatitis E infection a notifiable disease\* in your country?

\* "A disease that, by law, must be reported to public health authorities upon diagnosis." (EJP ORION Glossary)

☐ YES

☐ NO

4. Is there any legal (official) "case definition" and/or "outbreak definition" in your country?

☐ YES

☐ NO

5. If yes, please specify the case-definition both for "probable" and/or "confirmed" case:

6. What kind of HEV clinical cases are notified?

☐ Acute cases

☐ Chronic cases

☐ Acute and chronic cases

7. Please provide the case-definition for acute and chronic HEV cases in place in your country:

8. Which is the source of information for the reported data on confirmed human cases?

☐ Hospital/clinical Laboratory

☐ Local Laboratory

☐ Reference Laboratory

☐ General Practitioner

☐ Hospital physicians

☐ Other (please specify)

9. Is the data collection for human cases performed for:

	Case based	Aggregated
Probable case	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirmed case	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outbreak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

10. Please indicate the types of information routinely collected by official surveillance [1].

**Demographic data:**

*\*Surveillance understood as "Hazard-specific (Targeted) Surveillance: The planned collection of precise data on the presence of a specific disease or pathogen (hazard) within a defined population." (EJP ORION Glossary)*

- ☐ Age (or date of birth)
- ☐ Gender
- ☐ Potential risk factors  
(e.g. transplantation, chronic liver diseases etc.)
- ☐ Profession
- ☐ Occupational exposure
- ☐ Place of residence\*
- ☐ Travel history
- ☐ Other information (please specify)

11. \* Please specify the level of detail (address, city, municipality, etc.)

12. Please indicate the types of information routinely collected by official surveillance.

**Epidemiological data:**

- ☐ Case status (probable or confirmed)
- ☐ Date of notification
- ☐ Source of notification
- ☐ Probable or confirmed place of exposure\* - Restaurant
- ☐ Probable or confirmed place of exposure\* - Home
- ☐ Probable or confirmed place of exposure\* - Hunt
- ☐ Probable or confirmed place of exposure\* - Travel related
- ☐ Probable or confirmed type of exposure - Food
- ☐ Probable or confirmed type of exposure - Contact with animals
- ☐ Probable or confirmed type of exposure - Link with other cases
- ☐ Probable or confirmed type of exposure - Occupational exposure
- ☐ Probable or confirmed date of exposure \*\*
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. \* If this information is collected please specify the geographical detail at which information is recorded:

14. \*\* If this information is collected please specify what kind of information is recorded:

15. Please indicate the types of information routinely collected by official surveillance.

**Clinical data:**

- ☐ Date of clinical onset
- ☐ Date of recovery\*  
(e.g. date of the resolution of symptoms, date of discharge from the hospital, etc.)
- ☐ Fatal (yes / no)
- ☐ Date of death
- ☐ Hospitalized (yes / no)
- ☐ Symptoms  
(e.g. asymptomatic, fever, jaundice, fatigue, asthenia, nausea, other, unknown)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. \* If this information is collected please specify:

17. Please indicate the types of information routinely collected by official surveillance.

**Laboratory data:**

- ☐ Type of specimen  
(stool, serum, etc.)
- ☐ Sampler  
(institution that collects clinical specimen e.g. hospital, local laboratory etc.)
- ☐ Date of sample collection
- ☐ Date of sample receipt
- ☐ Date of laboratory results
- ☐ Laboratory results - Detection
- ☐ Laboratory results - Serology
- ☐ Laboratory results - Characterization
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18. How often are the data collected by official surveillance?

- ☐ Ongoing
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ As required
- ☐ Other (please specify)

19. If the data collection is “ongoing”, what is the required notification time period?

- ☐ 24 hours
- ☐ 48 hours
- ☐ one week
- ☐ two weeks
- ☐ Other (please specify)

20. Does screening for Hepatitis E infections of blood and organ donations occur in your country?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

21. Are data on confirmed human cases coming from the local level transmitted to the national level?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

22. Are data on confirmed human cases collected and stored in electronic data collection systems at the national level?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

23. Please, provide the name and contact details of the institution in charge of collecting and storing data coming from official surveillance on human cases at the national level.

Institution

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### AD HOC DATA COLLECTION

24. Has been/Is in place any ad hoc data collection\* of HEV infection in humans in your country?

If yes, when were/are the data collected?

*\*Data collection carried out to supplement information from the surveillance system.*

	On going	Monthly	Quarterly	As required (E.g. as a part of a defined study or during a defined period)	No
Outbreak investigation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinical study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Epidemiological study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital data collection system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

25. What data fields are available in the case of ad hoc data collection?

- ☐ Number of human cases
- ☐ Number of hospitalizations
- ☐ Number of deaths
- ☐ Source identified as probable or confirmed
- ☐ Link with other cases
- ☐ Level of evidence
- ☐ Laboratory results
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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### LABORATORY BASED SURVEILLANCE

26. Please specify the laboratory test used routinely to detect HEV for each type of sample:

	Stool	Serum/Plasma
Real time RT-PCR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LAMP (loop-mediated isothermal amplification) techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RT- LAMP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Western blot (WB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enzyme immunoassays (EIA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

27. Are the HEV strains usually genotyped?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

28. If yes, which laboratory methods are used routinely to classify HEV strains?

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Nested RT- PCR + sequencing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whole genome sequencing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)



29. How do you share the results of laboratory methods? Please check for each diagnostic test one or more possibilities

	National level	Sub-national / Regional level	Local level	Intersectorial: human, animal, food	Not shared
Real time RT-PCR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RT-LAMP (loop-mediated isothermal amplification) techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nested RT PCR + sequencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whole genome sequencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Western blot (WB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enzyme immunoassays (EIA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

30. Are data on HEV diagnostic results from local laboratories shared at:

	National level	Sub-national / Regional level	Local level	Intersectorial: human, animal, food	Not shared
Type of specimen (stool, serum, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sampler (institution that collect clinical specimen e.g. hospital, local laboratory etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of sample collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place of sample collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of sample receipt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of laboratory result	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

31. Are laboratory data stored in databases at the national level?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

32. If yes who is in charge to add data into the database?

- ☐ Hospital/clinical Laboratory  
☐ Local Laboratory  
☐ Reference Laboratory  
☐ Other (please specify)

33. Is there any interaction between laboratory and human cases databases at national level?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

34. If yes, when data is updated or available on the database, is there any communication system available to immediately inform the organizations involved?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, please specify

35. Is there any interaction between human cases and food databases (common ID) at the national level?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

36. Please, provide name and contact details of the National Reference Laboratory in charge for HEV diagnosis in humans.

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### SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM EVALUATION

37. Has the surveillance system been evaluated?

*Please, consider any known evaluations of functioning, performance, organizational aspects, and/or cost-effectiveness.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

38. Which method of evaluation has been used?

☐ Auto-evaluation

☐ OASIS method

☐ SERVAL method

☐ Other (please specify)

39. Please, provide contact details of the institution that conducted the surveillance system evaluation.

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