

# Supplementary Information: Ticks on the Run: A Mathematical Model of Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)—Key Factors for Transmission

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## S1 Behaviour of solution

**Theorem S1** *All the solution trajectories of the model system (mentioned in the manuscript) initiating inside  $\Gamma$ , will remain within the interior of  $\Gamma$ .*

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_T \times \Gamma_L \times \Gamma_H$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_T &= \left\{ (T_S, T_E, T_I) : 0 \leq T_S, T_E, T_I \leq \frac{\pi_T}{\mu_T} \right\} \\ \Gamma_L &= \left\{ (L_S, L_E, L_I, L_R) : 0 \leq L_S, L_E, L_I, L_R \leq \frac{\pi_L}{\mu_L} \right\} \\ \Gamma_H &= \left\{ (H_S, H_E, H_I, H_R) : 0 \leq H_S, H_E, H_I, H_R \leq \frac{\pi_H}{\mu_H} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem S2** *The solution of the model system is positive,  $\forall t \geq 0$ .*

## S2 Model Parameters

Parameter	Value	Reference
$n_{Ro}$	0.013	Bolzoni <i>et al.</i> (2012)
$l_{Ro}$	0.013	Bolzoni <i>et al.</i> (2012)
$\theta$	0.55	Bolzoni <i>et al.</i> (2012)
$\sigma_{Ro}$	0.003676	Bolzoni <i>et al.</i> (2012)
$\sigma_L$	0.127	Bolzoni <i>et al.</i> (2012)
$f_S$	0.1	Matser <i>et al.</i> (2009)
$d_{feed_L}$	5	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$d_{feed_N}$	8	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$d_{feed_A}$	14	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$p_{T_i}$	0.45-0.8	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$N_{Ro}$	2.5-8.8	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$L_{Ro}$	2.5-8.8	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$\varepsilon$	0-0.2	Rosà and Pugliese (2007)
$A_L$	10	Bolzoni <i>et al.</i> (2012)
$\beta_H$	[0.5, 0.75]	Mondal <i>et al.</i> (2017)
$\eta_H$	[0.0005, 0.0075]	Mondal <i>et al.</i> (2017)
$\lambda_H$	0.85	Mondal <i>et al.</i> (2017)
$\tau_H$	0.65	Mondal <i>et al.</i> (2017)
$\gamma_H$	[0, 0.075]	Mondal <i>et al.</i> (2017)
$\sigma_H$	0.90	Mondal <i>et al.</i> (2017)
$\mu_0$	0.28	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$\alpha_0$	0.1	Hoch <i>et al.</i> (2018)

Table S1: Model Parameters

## S3 Basic reproduction number

### S3.1 Tick-Human-Livestock Model

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{T_S^*\sigma_2}{T} & 0 & \frac{T_S^*\sigma_1}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{L_S^*\sigma_3}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_4}{H} & 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_5}{H} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}} = \begin{pmatrix} e_T + \mu_T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -e_T & \mu_T - \varepsilon\pi_T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_L + \mu_L & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -e_L & \alpha_L + \mu_L & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e_H + \mu_H & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -e_H & \alpha_H + \delta_H + \mu_H \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find the next generation matrix  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}}^{\mathcal{L}} = -\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}}\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}}^{-1}$ , we can further reduce  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}}^{\mathcal{L}}$  to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}}$  according to Diekmann *et al.* (2010).

### S3.2 Tick-Human-human-Livestock Model

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{T_S^*\sigma_2}{T} & 0 & \frac{T_S^*\sigma_1}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{L_S^*\sigma_3}{T} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_4}{T} & 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_5}{L} & 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_6}{H} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} e_T + \mu_T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -e_T & -\Pi_T\epsilon + \mu_T & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_L + \mu_L & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -e_L & \alpha_L + \mu_L & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e_H + \mu_H & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -e_H & \alpha_H + \delta_H + \mu_H \end{pmatrix}$$

To find the next generation matrix  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{L}} = -\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}}^{-1}$ , we can further reduce  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{L}}$  to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{H}}$  according to Diekmann *et al.* (2010).

### S3.3 Tick-Human Model

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{T_S^*\sigma_2}{T} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_4}{T} & 0 & \frac{H_S^*\sigma_6}{H} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} e_T + \mu_T & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -e_T & -\pi_T\epsilon + \mu_T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_H + \mu_H & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -e_H & \alpha_H + \delta_H + \mu_H \end{pmatrix}.$$

To find the next generation matrix  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{L}} = -\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}} \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}}^{-1}$ , we can further reduce  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}}^{\mathcal{L}}$  to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{T}\mathcal{H}}$  according to Diekmann *et al.* (2010).

## S4 Mathematical properties of DFE

### S4.1 Jacobian stability analysis

To perform the stability analysis, we discard the expressions containing  $R$  in the model system because its value can be determined if we know the values of  $S_i, E_i, I_i$ , where  $i = T, L, H$  respectively. Therefore, we have the following reduced system,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dT_S}{dt} &= \pi_T - \frac{\sigma_1 T_S L_I}{L} - \frac{\sigma_2 T_S T_I}{T} - \mu_T T_S + (1 - \varepsilon) \pi_T T_I & (S1) \\
\frac{dT_E}{dt} &= \frac{\sigma_1 T_S L_I}{L} + \frac{\sigma_2 T_S T_I}{T} - \mu_T T_E - e_T T_E \\
\frac{dT_I}{dt} &= e_T T_E - \mu_T T_I + \varepsilon \pi_T T_I \\
\frac{dL_S}{dt} &= \pi_L - \frac{\sigma_3 L_S T_I}{T} - \mu_L L_S \\
\frac{dL_E}{dt} &= \frac{\sigma_3 L_S T_I}{T} - e_L L_E - \mu_L L_E \\
\frac{dL_I}{dt} &= e_L L_E - \alpha_L L_I - \mu_L L_I \\
\frac{dH_S}{dt} &= \pi_H - \frac{\sigma_4 H_S T_I}{T} - \frac{\sigma_5 H_S L_I}{L} - \mu_H H_S \\
\frac{dH_E}{dt} &= \frac{\sigma_4 H_S T_I}{H} + \frac{\sigma_5 H_S L_I}{H} - e_H H_E - \mu_H H_E \\
\frac{dH_I}{dt} &= e_H H_E - \alpha_H H_I - \mu_H H_I - \delta_H H_I
\end{aligned}$$

To analyse the local stability at  $E_0$ , we found the Jacobian of the reduced system (S1)

$$\mathcal{J} = \begin{pmatrix} -a_{11} & 0 & a_{13} & 0 & 0 & -a_{16} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & -a_{22} & a_{23} & 0 & 0 & a_{26} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32} & -a_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{43} & -a_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{53} & a_{54} & -a_{55} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{65} & -a_{66} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{73} & 0 & 0 & -a_{76} & -a_{77} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{83} & 0 & 0 & a_{86} & a_{87} & -a_{88} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{98} & -a_{99} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{11} &= 1 - \varepsilon - \mu_T - \frac{L_I \sigma_1}{L} - \frac{T_I \sigma_2}{T} a_{13} &= \frac{T_S \sigma_2}{T} a_{16} &= \frac{T_S \sigma_1}{L} \\
a_{21} &= \frac{L_I \sigma_1}{L} + \frac{T_I \sigma_2}{T} a_{22} &= e_T + \mu_T a_{23} &= \frac{T_S \sigma_2}{T} a_{26} = \frac{T_S \sigma_1}{L} \\
a_{32} &= e_T a_{33} &= \varepsilon \pi_T - \mu_T \\
a_{43} &= \frac{L_S \sigma_3}{L} a_{44} &= \mu_T + \frac{T_I \sigma_3}{L} \\
a_{53} &= \frac{L_S \sigma_3}{L} a_{54} &= \frac{T_I \sigma_3}{L} a_{55} &= e_L + \mu_L \\
a_{65} &= e_L a_{66} &= \alpha_L + \mu_L \\
a_{73} &= \frac{H_S \sigma_4}{L} a_{76} &= \frac{H_S \sigma_5}{H} a_{77} &= \mu_H + \frac{T_I \sigma_4}{L} + \frac{L_I \sigma_5}{H} \\
a_{83} &= \frac{H_S \sigma_4}{L} a_{86} &= \frac{H_S \sigma_5}{H} a_{87} &= \frac{T_I \sigma_4}{L} + \frac{L_I \sigma_5}{H} a_{88} = e_H + \mu_H \\
a_{98} &= e_H a_{99} &= \alpha_H + \delta_H + \mu_H
\end{aligned}$$

At the DFE ( $E_0$ ), the Jacobian  $\mathcal{J}(E_0)$  is

$$\mathcal{J}(E_0) = \begin{pmatrix} -a_{11}^0 & 0 & a_{13}^0 & 0 & 0 & -a_{16}^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -a_{21}^0 & a_{23}^0 & 0 & 0 & a_{26}^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{32}^0 & -a_{33}^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{43}^0 & -a_{44}^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{53}^0 & 0 & -a_{55}^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{65}^0 & -a_{66}^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{73}^0 & 0 & 0 & -a_{76}^0 & -a_{77}^0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{83}^0 & 0 & 0 & a_{86}^0 & 0 & -a_{88}^0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{98}^0 & 0 & -a_{99}^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{11}^0 &= 1 - \varepsilon - \mu_T & a_{13}^0 &= \frac{\pi_T^\theta \sigma_2}{T} & a_{16}^0 &= \frac{\pi_T^\theta \sigma_1}{L} \\
a_{22}^0 &= e_T + \mu_T & a_{23}^0 &= \frac{\pi_T^\theta \sigma_2}{T} & a_{26}^0 &= \frac{\pi_T^\theta \sigma_1}{L} \\
a_{32}^0 &= e_T & a_{33}^0 &= \varepsilon \pi_T^\theta - \mu_T \\
a_{43}^0 &= \frac{L_S^* \sigma_3}{L} & a_{44}^0 &= \mu_T \\
a_{53}^0 &= \frac{L_S^* \sigma_3}{L} & a_{55}^0 &= e_L + \mu_L \\
a_{65}^0 &= e_L & a_{66}^0 &= \alpha_L + \mu_L \\
a_{73}^0 &= \frac{H_S^* \sigma_4}{L} & a_{76}^0 &= \frac{H_S^* \sigma_5}{H} & a_{77}^0 &= \mu_H \\
a_{83}^0 &= \frac{H_S^* \sigma_4}{L} & a_{86}^0 &= \frac{H_S^* \sigma_5}{H} & a_{88}^0 &= e_H + \mu_H \\
a_{98}^0 &= e_H & a_{99}^0 &= \alpha_H + \delta_H + \mu_H
\end{aligned}$$

After finding the characteristic polynomial of  $\mathcal{J}(E_0)$  and applying *Routh-Hurwitz* criterion, we can claim following Mpeshe *et al.* (2011) that the model system S.1 has a unique DFE( $E_0$ ) which is locally asymptotically stable.

## S5 Tick Parameters and transmission parameters

According to Hoch *et al.* (2018)

$$\mu_T = \mu_0 + \alpha_0 \ln(1 + \frac{T_i}{L}) \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $i$  stands for  $S, E, I$ .

## S6 Expression of $R_T$

If we exclude the CCHFV transmission through co-feeding, we have the basic reproduction number as follows:

$$R_{LA}^W = \sqrt{R_{LA}} \text{ where } W \text{ stands for without co-feeding} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$R_T = \left[ R_{LA} \left( 1 + \frac{R_{LA}^W}{R_{LA}} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{R_{LA}^W}{R_{LA}} \right) \right] \quad (S4)$$

## S7 Impact of seasonally varying rodent density

Seasonal fluctuations in rodent density have a positive influence in driving the variation in the prevalence of CCHF in the ticks. Additionally, we set up a simulation to understand the influence of seasonally varying density of the rodents on the prevalence of CCHF in the ticks. We therefore modified the rodents density  $\varrho(t) \mapsto \varrho^{In} + \delta F(t)$ , where  $\varrho^{In}$  is the initial density,  $\delta$  is the strength of the changes, i.e. positive  $\delta$  leads to an increasing  $\varrho$  with time, while negative  $\delta$  leads to a decreasing  $\varrho$  with time and  $F(t)$  is a generic trigonometric function. We explored the influence of seasonally varying the density of the rodents on the prevalence of CCHF in the ticks. The equation of the birth term of the ticks is as follows:  $\pi_T = \sigma_T \omega_T \exp \left( -\gamma_T \frac{T_S + T_E + T_I}{\varrho(t)\omega_1 + L\omega_2} \right)$ . To incorporate the seasonality in the easiest way, we set  $\varrho(t) = \varrho_1 + \varrho \cos(\delta t)$ . Due to the lack of information about the seasonally varying density of the rodents, we have chosen  $\delta = 1$ , then after running the simulation, we have the following, when  $\varrho_1$  is 100 and  $\varrho$  is as mentioned in the main-text. Figure S1 reveals that the impact of seasonally varying carrying capacity of Rodent ( $\varrho$ )

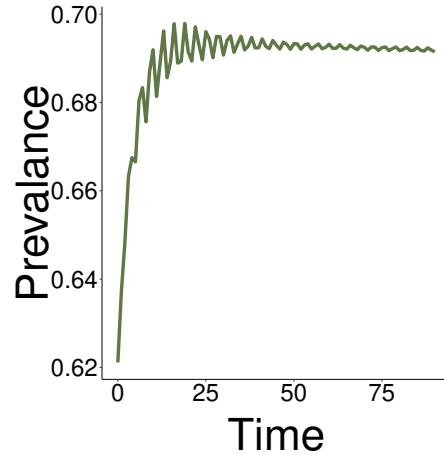


Figure S1: Relationship between seasonally varying density of rodents and the CCHFV prevalence in the adult ticks. The values of the parameters are taken from the Table 2 in the main text.

## S8 Impact of contact rates

With the purpose to understand the influence of the contact rates, we introduce a scaling factor  $\eta$  on the host-specific infection rates  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$  following Nguyen *et al.* (2019). After using the scaling factor  $\eta$ , the host-specific infection rates change to  $\sigma_1 \rightarrow \eta\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3 \rightarrow \eta\sigma_3$ . Now, we compute the values of basic reproduction number ( $R_{LA}$ ) for the values of  $\eta \in [0, 1]$ . Figure S2 represents the graphical representation of the relationship between  $\eta$  and  $R_{LA}$ .

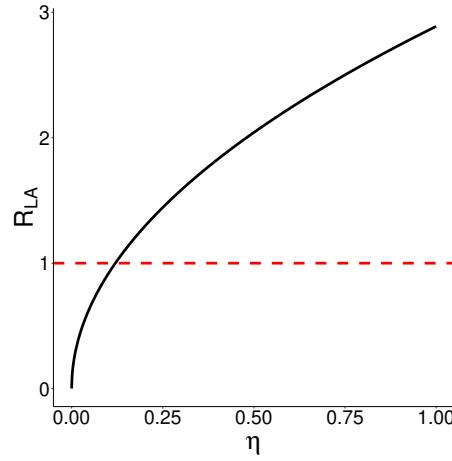


Figure S2: Relationship between basic reproduction number ( $R_{LA}$ ) and the scaling factor ( $\eta$ ). The values of the parameters are taken from the Table 2 in the manuscript.

Figure S2 reveals that the value of  $R_{LA}$  is less than unity, when  $\eta \approx 0.18$ . This simulation suggests that curbing the contact of adult ticks and livestock to less than 18% may help to reduce the number of CCHF cases.

## S9 Human-to-human transmission term

According to Mondal *et al.* (2017), the human to transmission has been modelled as

$$\sigma_6 = \beta_H(1 - \eta_H \lambda_H \tau_H)(1 - \gamma_H \lambda_H \sigma_H) \quad (\text{S5})$$

## S10 Initial condition and variables

Variable	Description of Model Variables
$T_S$	Susceptible ticks
$T_E$	Exposed ticks
$T_I$	Infected ticks
$L_S$	Susceptible livestock
$L_E$	Exposed livestock
$L_I$	Infected livestock
$L_R$	Recovered livestock
$H_S$	Susceptible humans
$H_E$	Exposed humans
$H_I$	Infected humans
$H_R$	Recovered humans
$T$	Total tick population
$L$	Total livestock population
$\varrho$	Total rodent population
$H$	Total human population

Table S2: Variables used in the model as described in the main text.

Variable	Initial Value
$T_S$	30
$T_E$	10
$T_I$	10
$L_S$	970
$L_E$	20
$L_I$	10
$L_R$	0
$H_S$	99
$H_E$	0
$H_I$	1
$H_R$	0

Table S3: Initial values for the simulations.

## S11 Control strategies in different geographic locations

*Combined Control* If we combine both the control options then our target set is  $\mathcal{S} = \{(1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\}$ . Target reproduction number  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{S}}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{S}$  is

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} 0 & K_{12} & 0 \\ \frac{K_{21}}{1-K_{11}} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{K_{31}}{1-K_{11}} & K_{32} & K_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \max \left\{ K_{33}, \sqrt{\frac{K_{12}K_{21}}{1-K_{11}}} \right\} \quad (\text{S6})$$

*Isolation:* It is difficult to prevent or control the CCHFV infection cycle in livestock and ticks, as the tick–animal–tick cycle usually goes unnoticed, and CCHFV infection in livestock is not evident due to the lack of clinical symptoms in animals. Moreover, the abundance of tick vectors is widespread and large in numbers, which requires an efficient tick control strategy. This may be possible mainly in structured livestock farms. In farms, where tick control may not be possible due to economic or other constraints Atif *et al.* (2017); only isolation could be a realistic option. In this situation the target set is  $\mathcal{S} = \{(3, 3)\}$ .

$$\rho \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{33} \left( \frac{K_{21} \left( \frac{K_{12}K_{31}}{K_{11}-1} - K_{32} \right)}{(K_{11}-1) \left( \frac{K_{12}K_{21}}{k_{11}-1} + 1 \right)} - \frac{k_{31}}{k_{11}-1} \right) & -\frac{\left( \frac{K_{12}K_{31}}{K_{11}-1} - K_{32} \right) K_{33}}{\frac{K_{12}K_{21}}{K_{11}-1} + 1} & K_{33} \end{pmatrix} = K_{33} \quad (\text{S7})$$

It is interesting to note from the mathematical perspective that the efforts required to eradicate the disease are same for both *Human Sanitation & Isolation* and only for *Isolation*. This can be attributed to the fact that the latter case is a subset of the former control method.

## S12 Summary of sensitivity analysis

	original	bias	std. error	min. c.i.	max. c.i.
$\pi_T$	0.37	0.001	0.04	0.25	0.50
$\sigma_1$	0.40	-0.004	0.04	0.28	0.53
$\sigma_2$	0.40	0.002	0.04	0.28	0.54
$\mu_T$	-0.89	0.002	0.01	-0.92	-0.86
$e_T$	0.35	-0.009	0.04	0.24	0.51
$\pi_L$	0.23	-0.008	0.05	0.08	0.38
$\sigma_3$	0.52	0.005	0.04	0.42	0.63
$\mu_L$	-0.22	0.001	0.05	-0.38	-0.08
$e_L$	0.27	-0.009	0.05	0.13	0.45
$\alpha_L$	0.09	-0.003	0.05	-0.05	0.23
$\pi_H$	0.20	0.002	0.04	0.06	0.34
$\sigma_4$	0.29	0.004	0.05	0.14	0.45
$\sigma_5$	0.18	-0.003	0.05	0.04	0.34
$\mu_H$	0.19	0.002	0.05	0.05	0.37
$e_H$	0.22	0.003	0.05	0.08	0.38
$\alpha_H$	0.22	-0.009	0.05	0.06	0.38
$\delta_H$	0.26	-0.006	0.05	0.12	0.41

## S13 Initial conditions for estimation

Different initial conditions (IC) are used for the data fitting. Here, first we list the ICs for the human population of the concerned countries. For Iran it is (487, 2, 1, 2900, 29, 20, 23), Afghanistan it is (370, 3, 8, 1208, 29, 38, 4), Bulgaria it is (241, 23, 4, 1278, 3, 3, 2), Turkey it is (569, 23, 29, 1589, 68, 198, 8), Pakistan it is (444, 25, 3, 897, 30, 35, 6), and for Kosovo it is (200, 9, 2, 238, 23, 9, 2). We have used Hegde (2019) for the ICs.

### S13.1 Fitted transmission parameters

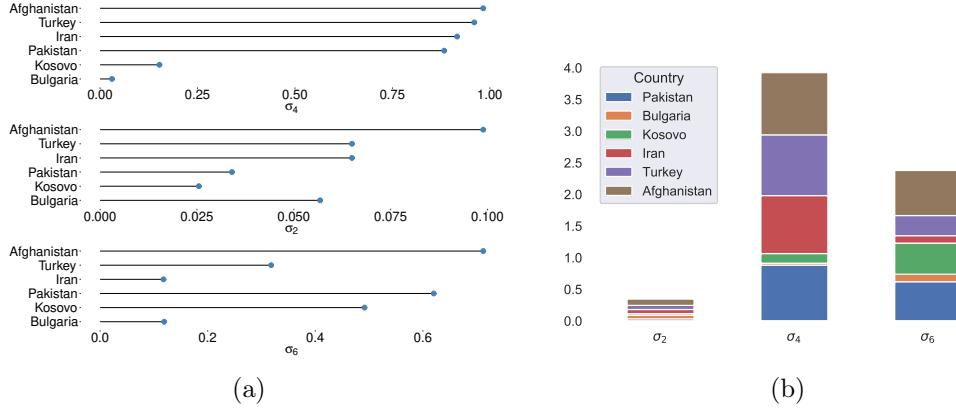
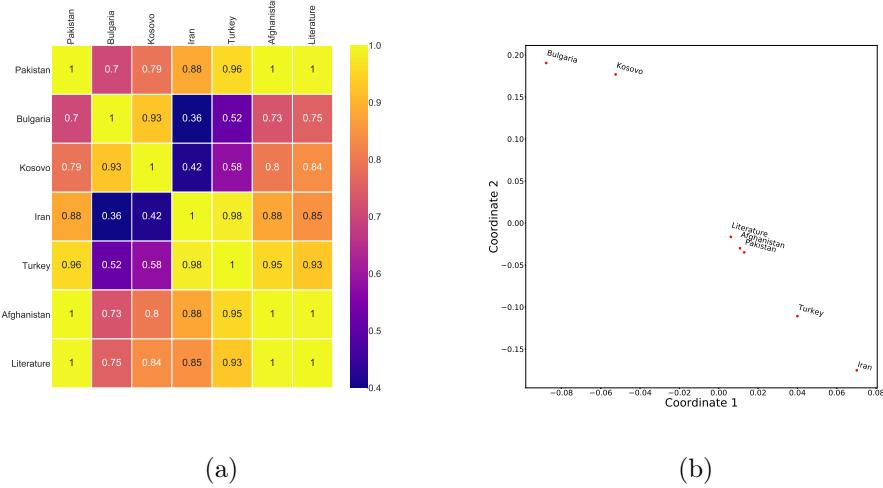


Figure S3: Differences among the parameter sets of the considered countries.  
(a) List of fitted transmission parameters (b) Stack-bar plot of the fitted transmission parameters of different countries from the model fitting.

Parameter	Pakistan	Bulgaria	Kosovo	Iran	Turkey	Afghanistan
$\sigma_2$	0.03403	0.0568	0.0255	0.06502	0.06502	0.0989
$\sigma_4$	0.883	0.03046	0.15219	0.9160	0.960	0.983
$\sigma_6$	0.6200	0.1191	0.4914	0.1179	0.3179	0.712

The values of the fixed parameters such as  $\pi_T$ ,  $\pi_H$  etc are mentioned in the main text.



(a)

(b)

Figure S4: Differences in the parameter sets of the considered countries. (a) Cosine similarity matrix of the fitted transmission parameters and the values from the literatures Mondal *et al.* (2017); Bolzoni *et al.* (2012); Rosà and Pugliese (2007); Hoch *et al.* (2016) (b) Generalised spatial embedding of the cosine distances amongst the estimated infection parameters and literature values.

## S13.2 Parameter estimation statistics

Calculated Parameter Values

Country	Parameter	Initial guess	Final estimate	Standard error	t	Prob(t)
Pakistan	$\sigma_2$	0.0056	0.03403	16.5969	1.51	0.06502
	$\sigma_4$	0.00288	0.883	14.9690	2.18	0.960
	$\sigma_6$	0.0007	0.6200	11.9148	7.01	0.3179

Country	Parameter	Initial guess	Final estimate	Standard error	t	Prob(t)
Bulgaria	$\sigma_2$	0.0036	0.0568	1.5969	1.51	0.0542
	$\sigma_4$	0.0068	0.03046	4.9690	2.18	0.1867
	$\sigma_6$	0.0001	0.1191	11.9148	4.18	0.1999

Country	Parameter	Initial guess	Final estimate	Standard error	t	Prob(t)
Kosovo	$\sigma_2$	0.0021	0.0255	1.5969	0.51	0.472
	$\sigma_4$	0.0095	0.15219	4.9690	0.18	0.867
	$\sigma_6$	0.0001	0.4914	11.9148	0.88	0.32

Country	Parameter	Initial guess	Final estimate	Standard error	t	Prob(t)
Iran	$\sigma_2$	0.0047	0.06502	1.5969	7.91	0.472
	$\sigma_4$	0.0055	0.9160	15.9942	5.18	0.0571
	$\sigma_6$	0.0041	0.1179	1.9918	6.88	0.0826

Country	Parameter	Initial guess	Final estimate	Standard error	t	Prob(t)
Turkey	$\sigma_2$	0.0061	0.06502	0.8591	17.18	0.672
	$\sigma_4$	0.0063	0.960	15.9942	1.897	0.5871
	$\sigma_6$	0.0076	0.3179	1.9918	6.014	0.526

Country	Parameter	Initial guess	Final estimate	Standard error	t	Prob(t)
Afghanistan	$\sigma_2$	0.0061	0.0989	0.8591	47.98	0.0907
	$\sigma_4$	0.0063	0.9830	45.0993	16.805	0.01819
	$\sigma_6$	0.0076	0.7120	31.0907	12.784	0.0781

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