



Round Table Report 13 January 2021

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This report summarizes the ECDC daily roundtable discussion and provides update on threats detected and monitored by Epidemic Intelligence.

Active threat

COVID-19 associated with SARS-CoV-2 – multi-country (world) – 2021

Other news:

[EMA](#) has received an application for conditional marketing authorisation for a COVID-19 vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University. An opinion on the marketing authorisation could be issued by 29 January.

Other news

Lyssavirus infection – France – 2019

Source: [media](#), Santé Publique France

Summary: France reported a human case of lyssavirus infection with the European Bat Lyssavirus type 1 (EBLV-1). The case was a man in his fifties who died in August 2019 from an encephalitis of unknown etiology. Post-mortem metagenomics analysis as part of a research study identified EBLV-1 infection.

A bat colony was living in the house; the case had likely been in contact with the bats although no report of scratches or bites were reported.

Background: Two human cases of EBLV-1 infection were [reported](#) so far, in Ukraine (1977) and Russia (1985). This is therefore the first case of human EBLV-1 infection reported in France despite EBLV-1 having previously been isolated in [bats](#) and in [cats](#) in France.

Assessment: The bats were no longer living in the house, hence it is not possible to investigate further the colony. Bat lyssaviruses represent a potential emerging threat in the EU/EEA. As a general precaution, it is recommended to avoid handling bats and their excreta and seek medical attention in case of accidental exposure (i.e. bite or scratch).

ECDC recently published a [summary review](#) in Eurosurveillance on the risk related to rabies, including EBLV-1 and 2 and the other divergent lyssaviruses.

Action: No action taken.

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Risk assessment under production

Joint ECDC and EFSA rapid outbreak assessment to be produced on Salmonella Enteritidis contamination in poultry products from Poland to be published in week 03-2021.

Rapid Risk Assessment: Risk related to spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA - first update, to be circulated on 20 January 2021.

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